



Huey Appointed To TPSD Board, Replacing Wheeler

TUPELO, Miss. — Following the nomination by Mayor Todd Jordan, the city council unanimously approved the appointment of Hope Huey on Tuesday night as the newest member of the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees.

“It is with sincere gratitude that I accept the appointment to TPSD’s Board of Trustees,” the native of Minter City, Miss., said. “I have always been an advocate and proponent of K12 education as a parent and participant in many facets of Tupelo Public Schools. My endearment to K12 education is due to my sons who are graduates of TPSD and my daughter, who is a current student at Tupelo High School.

As a child who grew up in a home with two educators, my focus on education was influenced by my parents and developed my passion for education and community development,” she added. “My passion has led me to the belief no matter the socio-economic background, two parent or single parent, and the educational foundation of the parents, ALL children should have the opportunity to receive a quality, rigorous education.”

Huey, a member of the Tupelo community since 2004 following her family’s relocation from Greenwood, replaces Ken Wheeler, who stepped down after 10 years.

She joins Joe Babb, Sherry Davis, Paul Mize III and Eddie Prather to complete the five-member board. She’ll be sworn in on March 22 to begin her five-year term.

“We are very excited to have Mrs. Huey join the Board, and I look forward to working with her,” Babb said. “I have long admired Hope and her outstanding family, who have been leaders in this community. She will be a fantastic addition to a great team.”

After attending Amanda Elzy High School, Huey continued her education at Tougaloo College, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Biology prior to obtaining a degree in Nursing from Ole Miss.

Following college, she worked as a nurse coordinator for the University of Mississippi of Medical Center’s Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplant Program.

“I am excited to nominate Hope Huey to the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees,” Jordan said. “Mrs. Huey will be an asset to the board and a strong advocate for the students, teachers and administrators of Tupelo schools.”

A long-time strong advocate for children and the public school system, Huey has been active in various PTO's as her children matriculated through TPSD. She has also worked with groups such as AEE, the Antione Tannehill Good Samaritan Free Clinic and Tupelo Academy of Dance Arts.

She and her husband, Dr. Roger Huey, a gastroenterology specialist, have three children — sons Ashton (THS '13) and Eric (THS '19) and daughter, Elise, a 9th-grader.

“We are very excited about the future with Mrs. Hope Huey as our newest school board member,” superintendent Dr. Rob Picou said. “We are also thankful for Mayor Jordan and the City Council for their thoughtful deliberation. We welcome Mrs. Huey to the TPSD school board. One single heartbeat.”

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