



### **Milstead Appointed To TPSD Board, Replacing Babb**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — On the recommendation of Mayor Todd Jordan, the city council unanimously approved the appointment of Jon Milstead as the newest member of the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees.

On Tuesday afternoon at the March board meeting at the Church Street Elementary auditorium, he was officially sworn into office.

“I understand that the Tupelo Public School District plays a critical role in the health of our community and growing our local economy,” the native of Okolona said. “I look forward to working alongside Dr. Picou and fellow board members to continue the Tupelo tradition of excellence and to leave it better than we found it. “

Milstead, a member of the Tupelo community since 2007, is currently the Vice President of Planning and Property for the Community Development Foundation (CDF).

A deacon at First Baptist Church of Tupelo and past president of the Tupelo Football Booster Club, Milstead earned his Landscape Architecture degree from Mississippi State in 2002.

After a brief stint working in the private sector in Nashville, he moved to Tupelo in 2007. With CDF, he oversees the development of property and buildings for business recruitment in Lee County. He is also the administrator of the Lee County Council of Governments, a government

relations committee of CDF, where he plays an integral role to help cultivate strong partnerships with local, state and federal elected officials representing Lee County.

“Jon Milstead will be an outstanding addition to the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees,” Jordan said. “He has worked for the betterment of the City of Tupelo and Lee County for 16 years as a part of the Community Development Foundation, and I know he is eager to continue the great tradition of the Tupelo Public School District.”

Milstead replaces Joe Babb, who stepped down after 10 years.

“We look forward to working with Mr. Milstead as TPSD continues to grow and evolve as one of the best districts in the State,” superintendent Dr. Rob Picou said. “He has been a strong supporter of TPSD with his work as the Football Booster Club president and other events throughout our district. We look forward to unlimited possibilities with him on the Board of Trustees.”

He and his wife, Alicia, a former TPSD teacher who is now the EL Director for the Union County School District, have three children — Mari Claire, a sophomore at MSU, Jake, a senior at Tupelo High School who is committed to play football at Mississippi College, and Molli Kate, a 7<sup>th</sup>-grader at TMS.

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