

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1999, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, June 21, 1999, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, David E. Ebron, Philip Schley, Linda Parker, Fife Whiteside, John Wells, and Barbara Pierce.

Others present: Guy W. Sims, Superintendent of Education, James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Brenda Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Fred M. Jones, Treasurer, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Tom Walters, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, and representatives from the media.

Mrs. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, Mathews PTA and Doris Halouska, League of Women voters. Mr. Sims recognized Carver High School for being selected a National Service Learning Leader School, Mr. Hope, Dr. Cross and Ms. Reynolds represented the school, they will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to be recognized; Alison Powell, a student from Arnold Middle School was recognized for winning the Young Georgia Authors' Writing Competition. Mrs. Dozier introduced Jamaal Warner, a student in the Elementary Alternative School who recited to the Board what he has learned about attitude while attending elementary alternative school.

A public hearing was held on the budget prior to final adoption. A drama student from Shaw High School asked that the drama class at Shaw not be cut during the budget considerations. Mrs. Polleys asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak regarding the budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the FY2000 budget for General Fund and Debt Service Fund of the school district.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the absence of Mrs. Storey, due to illness.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on May 17 and a called meeting on June 7.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Susan Bryant as Principal at Columbus High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Keith Seifert as Principal at Hardaway High School.

Mrs. Parker informed the Board that Mark Marshall, a candidate for assistant principal at Columbus High has withdrew his application for the position.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Carol Bradshaw as Coordinator of Research and Evaluation.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Debbie Fish as Coordinator of Staff Development.

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Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board approved uniforms for Arnold Middle School and Forrest Road Elementary School beginning with the 1999-2000 school year. The vote was (7) affirming and (1) opposing.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the request from PAGE and MAE to use payroll deduction for membership dues.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, the Board unanimously approved two committees of the Student Discipline Tribunal for the 1999-2000 school year. This will not change the policy.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved an informational video for the Bradley Library.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously approved a grant application for the Next Generation School Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved Camp Read-A-Lot for the summer reading program at Reese Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for ten months ending April 30, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the FY2000 budget for the School Nutrition Program.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved an increase in prices for means in the School Nutrition Program for the 1999-2000 school year.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$5,600,000.00 to DE/TE Builders, Inc., low bidder for the construction of New Middle School No. 4 (Georgetown Site).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved plans and specifications for the construction of additions, renovations and modifications to Reese Road Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 1 in the amount of \$75,124.00 to be added to the original contract for the construction of the New Daniel Middle School replacement facility.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the lease of two portables for the Construction Department.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the relocation, on same site, of portable classrooms at Dimon, St. Marys and Reese Road Elementary Schools to accommodate these areas during construction.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the relocation of three portables from Arnold Middle School to Columbus Roberts and Woodall for the Special Education Department.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$88,216.00 to Hawk, Inc. for kitchen equipment at Eddy Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$74,606.00 to Cable Consultants, low bidder, for data cabling at New Middle School No. 2 (Midland Middle)

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a supplemental retirement plan for employees covered by the Public School Employees Retirement System as proposed by Aetna Retirement Services.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the procedures for the expenditure of lottery funds for FY2000.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a new budget for a special grant of \$141,969.00 from Georgia Department of Education to replace 111 computer workstations used to run OSIRIS software for administrative applications.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the FY2000 budget for the operation of the Bradley Library and all branches.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Capital Projects Fund budget for FY2000 which provides for the construction of items not included in SPLOST such as roof management, bleacher replacement at Columbus High, lights for Kinnett Stadium, Bradley Library Automation, etc., also included are funds for Scope Changes in several SPLOST Projects that have already been awarded.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved to move new Elementary School No. 4 (Midland site) up on the construction priority list in order to receive bids in August, 1999. This will accommodate those students living in the Midland area and relieve overcrowding at Mathews Elementary School. The building should be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2000.

Mr. Wells informed the Board that the legislature has provided for the Board to receive a pay increase and after talking with other Board members they asked that he bring the item up tonight. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ebron to raise the pay of Board members to \$1,000 per month effective July 1, 1999 in accordance with recent legislation. Mr. Whiteside commented that he feels the item should have been on the agenda and asked Mr. Humes if it would be proper to vote on it since the bill does not become effective until July 1. Mr. Humes said there isn't any reason not to consider the bill tonight because anything based on a legislative enactment would be effective on the date of that enactment which in this case is July 1st. Mr. Whiteside made a priority motion, seconded by Dr. Schley to table the item until the next Board meeting. The vote was (3) affirming and (5) opposing the priority motion. The Board then voted on the main motion. The vote was (6) affirming, (1) opposing and (1) abstaining on the main motion to raise the pay of Board members to \$1,000 effective July 1, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a new budget for GLRS for additional funds of \$5,000.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- Awarded contract to Georgia Printing Services, Inc., in the amount of \$12,053.10 for printing Valley Vanguard Newsletter at Library.
- Awarded contract to Consumer Products & Peripherals, Inc., in the amount of \$7,362.13 for computer stock paper in Data Processing.
- Awarded contract to Medley Hotel & Restaurant in the amount of \$30,650.15 for a soiled dish, collector, dish machine, clean dish table, pant leg duct at Columbus High and Food Service Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$6,637.00 for a double convection oven at Kendrick.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Radio Shack in the amount of \$6,830.30 for caller I.D. boxes in Safe and Drug Free Schools Program.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Davis Electrical Service in the amount of \$5,147(Shaw) and C&C Electrical Company in the amount of \$2,600(Kendrick) for electrical rewiring to install gymnasium bleachers.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Holbrook Service Company in the amount of \$9,576 for two air conditioning compressors at Bradley Library.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Deep South Compressors in the amount of \$3,690 for a replacement Trane compressor at Hardaway.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to B&B Dump Trucks, Inc., in the amount of \$3,000 to move an original donated slave cabin from Houston County to Arnold Middle School.
- Approved purchase order to Dell Marketing for \$3,770 for file server at Carver.
- Approved purchase order to A-1 Postage Meters and Mailing Systems for \$10,195 for mailing system in Print and Mail Department.
- Approved purchase order to SBC Group for \$7,319 for data/video projector and digital camera at Columbus High.
- Approved purchase order to Dell Computer for \$6,771.72 for two computers in Student Services.
- Approved purchase order to Dell Computer for \$10,157 for three computer workstations at Transportation.
- Approved purchase order to PSI for \$3,309.95 for poster printer in Teacher Resource Center.
- Approved purchase order to SBC Group for \$3,865 for video projector at Blanchard.
- Approved purchase order to Fas-Track Computer for \$2,998 for a computer projection system at South Columbus Elementary.

- Approved purchase order to Innovative Software for \$3,324.05 for software in Data Processing.
- Approved purchase order to National Computer Systems for \$8,625 for OSIRIS Package at Rose Hill Center.
- Approved new budget for Youth Risk Survey funds for Richards, Kendrick and Carver.
- Approved new budget for Elementary Academic Summer School.
- Approved new budget for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant at Baker and Daniel.
- Approved new budget for FY99 Positive Alternatives Program.
- Approved budget adjustment FY99 0-14 State budget for Woodall.
- Approved budget adjustment FY99 15-21 State budget for Woodall.
- Approved budget adjustment FY99 SIA budget.
- Approved budget adjustment Instruction Division to purchase textbooks.
- Approved budget adjustment Cultural Arts Program.
- Approved budget adjustment FY99 Rule 10 Relations with other agencies in PEC.
- Approved budget adjustment for Reading Recovery Program.
- Approved budget adjustment for budgeted reserve funds at St. Marys, River Road and 30th Avenue.
- Approved budget adjustment for Safe and Drug Free Schools.
- Approved financial assistance a total of \$1,107.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear a student discipline appeal, property and personnel matters.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board.

James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel