

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, May 17, 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, Barbara Pierce and Brenda Storey.

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 led by Johnson Elementary students. A musical selection was presented to the Board by Debra McIlrath and students from River Road. Mr. Sims introduced officials from Fort Benning. Muscogee County School District and Fort Benning are working together to promote a smooth transition of students from military families.

Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience Bill Jarrett an instructor at Georgia Military College and his students. The Board recognized the following: Teacher of the Year – Jackie Grandy; Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award District winners; GHSA Award for Rodeo Competition; State Volunteer Award Recipient, Arlene Kitchens, 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, Arlene Kitchens and Carolyn Gates, State Championship for Columbus High Girls Golf Team, Shaw Girls Track for winning State, First Place VICA and FHA, Teaching with Technology Awards, State Social Science Fair winners, Science Fair winners, Governor's Honors, Page One Awards and Georgia Scholars.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on April 26, 1999 and a called meeting on May 10, 1999.

Mrs. Parker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ebron to approve the appointment of Myles Caggins as Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs. Mr. Wells made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside to abolish this position. The substitute motion was defeated with (1) affirming and (8) opposing. The Board voted unanimously on the original motion to appoint Myles Caggins as Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Vanessa Biggers to the position of Assistant Principal at Blackmon Road Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Willie Watts as Assistant Principal at the New Psalmound Road Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Precious Evans to the position of Assistant Principal at Double Churches Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Brenda Lewis to the position of Assistant Principal at Wesley Heights/Edgewood Elementary Schools.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to approve a new position for Coordinator of Staff Development.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted to approve graduation procedures for 1999 designed to eliminate disruption at high school graduation ceremonies. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) abstaining.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved revisions to the Student Behavior Code and Discipline Policy booklet for the 1999-2000 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to approve the policy change for Weapons and Dangerous Instruments (JDEA).

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to approve a new budget for high school remedial summer school.

Mrs. Polleys directed the Board to two addendum items.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the revision to policy JCDA Behavior Code. The revision will change the rule regarding "Verbal Assault, Physical Assault, Disrespectful Conduct of Students" and a new rule regarding "Bullying".

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Davis Electrical & Contracting Company, Inc., low bidder, in the amount of \$43,447.00 for electrical service relocation at St. Mary's Road Elementary Magnet School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for nine months ending March 31, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a resolution providing certification to the Columbus Consolidated Government of the millage rate for fiscal year ending June 30, 2000. Mr. Whiteside noted that this is the 9th consecutive year without a tax increase.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the relocation of four portable classrooms from Fort Middle to Mathews Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to JRB, Inc., low bidder in the amount of \$242,443.00 for plumbing modifications at Jordan High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the assignment of architects for the next sixteen projects under the SPLOST program. Mr. Wells stated that he approves of the assignments but will not be voting for out-of-town architects.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Argo Grading & Paving, Inc., low bidder in the amount of \$1,363,600.00 for the early site package for Middle School No. 4, St. Marys Elementary Magnet, Dawson Elementary, Dimon Elementary Magnet and Forrest Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Pellicano Company, Inc., low bidder, in the amount of \$1,539,602.00 for the construction of additions, renovations and modifications to Dimon Elementary Magnet and approved the project budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Novell, Inc. in the amount of \$96,250.00 for a district-wide software license.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the consulting services of Insurance Review & Management to prepare bid specifications and bid analysis for the renewal of the group life and dependent life; supplemental life; long-term disability; and, dental insurance plans of the school district. The proposed fee for this service is \$7,800.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Hay Management Consultants in the amount of \$6,000.00 to conduct the necessary market research and recommend appropriate adjustments to the salary schedule for administrative employees not based in schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the naming of two schools under construction. The New Middle School No. 2 will be Midland Middle School. The New Middle School No. 3 (Baker replacement) will remain Baker Middle School.

Mr. Ebron inquired as to what guidelines would be followed with regard to item E of the consent agenda, the request from the Columbus Police Department to use Kinnett Stadium. Mr. Sims commented that he would get further details of the request.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix, Consent Agenda A)
- Approved high school football schedule for 1999.
- Approved request for Hardaway students to travel to Italy during spring break.
- Approved request for Jordan students to travel to Seale, Alabama to visit the Butch Anthony Museum.
- Approved request for Columbus Police Department to use Kinnett Stadium to host track events.
- Awarded contract \$35,360 to Stevens Gymnasiums, Inc. for refinishing gym floors at various schools.
- Awarded contract \$5,553 to Southeastern Printers, Inc. for paper drill at Print and Mail Department.
- Awarded contract \$14,156 to American Canopy & Window blinds Arnold, Eddy and New Middle #2.
- Approved purchase orders to Federalgraphics for digital duplicators Hardaway, Marshall & Mathews.
- Approved purchase order to Apple Computer \$2,969 for power server at Kendrick.
- Approved purchase order to Southlake Ford \$27,000 for (2) Ford Escort sedans at Plant Services.
- Approved purchase order to Gateway 2000 \$2,812 for computer at Wynnton Elementary.
- Approved purchase order Beck & Associates \$4,182.50 for computer at Brookstone through Title VI.
- Approved purchase to Melson Tractor \$20,640 renew lease of Holland 3930(4) & 56105(2) tractors.
- Approved purchase order to PSI \$2,995 for ProImage Plus sign maker at Arnold Middle.

- Award contract to Columbus Fire & Safety Equipment \$6,750 for Plant Services Department.
- Award contract to Kleen Air Research \$79,563.80 air filter replacements Department of Plant Services.
- Award contract to Atlanta General Tires, Inc., \$21,898.60 retread tires in Transportation.
- Approved technology labs for Arnold, Eddy, Baker and New Middle School No. 2.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Jasper Engines \$8,020 for rebuilt engine at Plant Services.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Williams DDA \$8,524 for rebuilt diesel engine on bus #409.
- Approved new budget FY99; Grant for Volunteer Services Office from Office of Justice Programs.
- Approved new budget FY99; Blackmon Road; Toyota TIME National Council of Teachers of Math.
- Approved new budget FY99 High School Remedial Summer School.
- Approved new budget Career Education Grants FY00.
- Approved new budget Classroom in the Wild for Arnold Middle School.
- Approved budget adjustment for FY98 carryover funds for Even Start Family Literacy Program.
- Approved budget adjustment for FY99 Homeless Grant.
- Approved budget adjustment for FY98 Title VI-B carryover funds for GLRS.
- Approved budget adjustment for FY99 Pre-Kindergarten.
- Approved budget adjustment for Music Department over \$25,000.
- Approved budget adjustment Library Kick-off event for summer reading program.
- Approved budget adjustment non-acceptance of \$4,000 Career Connections grant Academic Success.
- Approved 5-year lease agreement on Xerox 6135 Docutech at \$134,674.08.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear a student discipline appeal.

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

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

James E. Humes, II
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