

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, April 26, 1999, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following members were present: James Walker, Vice Chairman, David E. Ebron, Linda Parker, Fife Whiteside, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Barbara Pierce.

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

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Georgetown Elementary School students. Janet Maple from Fort Middle School and middle school students of the MCSD All State Chorus performed for the Board.

Mr. Walker recognized visitors and the following recognitions: Educator of the Year Award presented to Mr. Sims from the Georgia Retired Teachers Association, Pioneer Student of the Year Award from Keep Georgia Beautiful presented to Chance Ruder a student at Hannan, Kimberly Kump a Shaw High School student read her essay to the Board as VFW 3<sup>rd</sup> District Essay contest winner, Columbus High Literary Meet Team who won First Place in the region, Vocational Education students who won first place in State competition, Carver High magnet students who won first place in State competition, Annette Walters award recipient from Georgia Council International Reading Association and recognition of work by Art Teachers. Mr. Walker then called on Owen Ditchfield who offered a resolution from the South Columbus group not to change the name of the Baker Middle School replacement.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted unanimously to approve official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on March 15, 1999 and a called meeting on March 29, 1999.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Carmel Biggers for the position of principal at Cusseta Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Michael Johnson for the position of principal at Richards Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Carol Hutcheson for the position of Principal at the new Georgetown Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Denise Perryman for the position of Principal at Dawson Elementary School.

It was noted for the record that the appointment of Karen Leifeld as Manager at the North Columbus Branch Library was not being recommended because she withdrew her application for the position.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a request for Carver High students to travel to Huntsville, Alabama and the Tennessee Aquarium on May 14, 1999.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board voted unanimously to excuse from this regular meeting of the Board, Mrs. Polleys for illness and Dr. Schley for travel.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the plan for elementary academic summer school pending appropriation from the State.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the tactical plans to address the Board's five-year strategic plan.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the five elementary magnet academies to implement behavioral and academic standards for students enrolled in their magnet programs.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved an alternative graduation program designed to assist "at risk" students.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Block Scheduling changes to include the nine-week grading system and ten point grading scale, (retroactive for this year), eight-semester graduation rule and ninth-grade skill-based course.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for eight months ending February 28, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved plans and specifications as prepared by the architectural firm of R. L. Brown & Associates, Inc. for construction work at St. Mary's Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved plans and specifications as prepared by R. L. Brown and Associates, Inc., architects. for the construction of New Middle School No. 4 to be built on property adjacent to Georgetown Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the relocation of four portable classrooms from Rothschild Middle and relocate two at Columbus Roberts for Special Education and two at Transportation.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the transportation of (32) Georgia PTA Board of Directors from the Hilton to the Columbus Museum on May 13, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,165,390.00 to Holbrook Service Company, Inc., low bidder for the HVAC and related modifications at Spencer High and approved an immediate order to proceed.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously approved conduct summer school for 1999. The cost of the program for students is: \$150-high school (1/2 credit); \$100-middle school; \$50-elementary school.

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Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the elementary alternative school for the 1999-2000 school year.

Mr. Walker informed the Board that Mrs. Polleys had received a request from Girls, Inc. to purchase the property on the backside of Baker Middle School. Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to maintain the property at this time.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session to hear a student discipline appeal. The student did not show up for the student discipline appeal. Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to come out of executive session. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn their regular meeting.

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James E. Humes, Legal Counsel