

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Columbus, Georgia

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRDLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1999, 8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

The Board of Education met in a called session on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman. Those in attendance were James Walker, David E. Ebron, Linda Parker, Barbara Pierce, Brenda Storey, John Wells and Fife Whiteside. Philip T. Schley was out of town. Others in attendance: Guy W. Sims, Superintendent of Education, Fred Jones, Treasurer, James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Brenda Dozier, Dr. William Hortman, Dr. William Kendall, Tom Walters, and Myreeta Holden.

Mrs. Polleys stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider two items:

1. Approving the Muscogee County School District to participate with the Columbus Consolidated Government in the construction, financing, leasing or operation of a new central library and/or branches.
2. Approval of a Resolution to ask the Legislative Delegation to amend school law to allow the Muscogee County School Board to set its own compensation subject to a cap of \$1,000 monthly.

Upon motion by Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, the Board voted unanimously to excuse Dr. Philip Schley's absence due to the fact that he is out of the city.

Under item "B" Mr. Whiteside distributed and discussed a proposed Resolution to be presented to the legislators to amend the school law to allow the Muscogee County Board of Education to set its own compensation subject to a cap of \$1,000 monthly. Mr. Whiteside made a motion that the Board approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ebron and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed items dealing with the consideration/approval for the Muscogee County School District to participate with the Columbus Consolidated Government of Muscogee County in the construction, financing, leasing and/or operation of new central library and/or branches.

Concerns and questions were expressed and discussed as follows:

1. Bond Council for the city feels that the city can put the library on their one-cent sales tax resolution if they so desire.
2. Funding for maintenance and operations after the library has been built needs to be insured.
3. Let the people decide if they want a new library and how it will be funded.
4. Does the city intend to use purely sales tax or will they rely on donations for construction?
5. Any endowment funds for library operation?
6. Plans, etc., must be approved by the State and School Board.
7. Where will the building be located?
8. Since it is legally permissible to split the items on the ballot, should the library be a separate ballot item?

Mr. Ebron made a motion that we ask the city to place the construction of a new library on their sales tax list of needs. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion on this item, Mr. Ebron and Mr. Wells withdrew their motion.

Mr. Whiteside made a motion that we commission the Superintendent of Education, the Chairman of the Board and as many delegates as she wishes, to discuss and negotiate directly with the city in terms of how the School Board and the City can fund the construction of a new library including all the issues discussed and a decision on the location of the new library and bring back to the Board a specific proposal. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Storey and approved unanimously by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel