MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1999, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, March 15, 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 T. Schley, 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.

Mrs. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Dimon Elementary Magnet School students. Melissa Hammonds and students from Hannan Academy did a musical selection to the Board.

Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors, PTA representatives, Leadership Georgia participants and welcomed them to the meeting. Mrs. Polleys then called on Gordon Stallings who introduced students who wrote poems that have been accepted for publication in the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans: Tsering Vanderkuijp, Emily Campos from Clubview and Kristy Weldon from Waddell Elementary. Mrs. DeRamus introduced Kimberly Kump a student from Shaw who won first place in the VFW essay contest. Mr. Stallings introduced Brinkley Pound a teachers at Double Churches and her students who won the Georgia Council of Economic Education's Stock Market 400 Game, Sara Dawson, Amanda Wilson and Rebecca Wright. Mrs. DeRamus introduced Suzanne Evans a teacher at Blackmon Road who won the Toyota Time grant for her project. Dr. Kendall recognized Individual Partnerships of the Year Awards to Baker Middle, Fort Middle and 30th Avenue Elementary during the Georgia Partners in Education Conference held in Columbus. John Adams was recognized for his efforts with this organization. Dr. Vander Gheynst recognized West Georgia Technology in Schools Project and St. Mary's and Mathews Elementary Schools for winners in the 1999 International Student Media Festival. Mrs. DeRamus recognized STAR students/teachers: Daniel Keen, Columbus High, 1999 Muscogee County STAR student/Carol Naszcyniec, teacher at Richards Middle School. Rebecca Allen/Mike Stephens, Shaw High; Ann Gillet/James Fletcher, Hardaway High; Ben Goins/Martine Petite, Shaw High; Charles Greer/Phil Arrington, Jordan; Kristie Wavers/Joyce Lee, Carver High; Jermaine Whitely/Lula Bass, Kendrick High. Mrs. Karon Greyer recognized Toni Webb, teacher at St. Mary's Elementary who published a book.

Mr. Wells made the motion seconded by Mrs. Storey to approve official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on February 16, 1999 and a called meeting on March 6, 1999. After some discussion, Mr. Whiteside made the motion seconded by Mrs. Storey to amend the original motion to correct the minutes of February 16, 1999 and the minutes of the called meeting on March 6, 1999. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as amended.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of William Arrington as principal at the new Psalmond Road Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Melana Watley as assistant principal at Cusseta Road Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board approved a Future Teachers Program designed to recruit eligible school district paraprofessionals into a teacher preparation program. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the revision of policy GBRE on workload for employees.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the safe schools plan.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the plan to redraw attendance zones for middle schools.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, the Board approved Georgetown as a new middle school and Arnold Middle School as sites for magnet programs. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a resolution to excuse (3) days of school for Rothschild Middle due to delayed opening.

Upon motion Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Edgewood Elementary to again conduct summer technology camp for students in grades 4 through 6.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved to add Sports Medicine to the curriculum of Health Occupations.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board approved year-round education to include Georgetown Elementary and Hannan Magnet Academy. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the K-5 Social Studies textbook adoption for the 99-00 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Social Studies textbook adoption for middle schools 6-8 and high schools 9-12 and class set of atlases.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the K-12 Fine Arts textbook adoption for art and music.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a contract in the amount of $174,501.00 to Webb Contracting, low bidder for re-roofing Rigdon Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a contract in the amount of $133,340.00 to Webb Contracting, low bidder, for partial re-roofing of South Columbus Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved plans and specifications for renovations, modifications and additions at Dimon Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved plans and specifications for the construction of New Elementary School No. 2 the Fox/Bibb replacement.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 4 in the amount of $16,775.00 for the addition project at Fort Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved Frank Cloer as facilitator in the development of educational specifications for the new high school. The proposed fee is $3,000.00 plus travel expenses and production costs.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of $5,350.00 to KAM, Inc. for the removal and disposal of underground tanks on property at Baker Middle School replacement.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board approved a contract with D&B Enterprises, to assist with the preparation of specifications and evaluation of proposals for electrical utility services at Daniel replacement school with the understanding that the consultant will resign from the Construction Committee. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) abstaining.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a sanitary sewer easement from Columbus Water Works for Veterans Parkway site.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Hay Management Consultants to assist the school district in developing a plan for supplemental retirement for school district employees covered by the Public School Employees Retirement System. The proposed fee is $20,000 plus expenses.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved budget adjustments to the General Fund budget. This will not include the production of public access TV programs as was included in the original budget request.

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

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix Consent Agenda A)
- Approved Kendrick High band to compete in Panama City, Florida.
- Approved Jordan Math/Science team to travel to Orlando, Florida.
- Approved Jordan physics students to travel to Georgia World Congress Center.
- Approved Jordan Key Club students to travel to Jekyll Island for State Convention
- Approved River Road 6th grade chorus students to travel to Six Flags Over Georgia.
- Awarded contract to Georgia School Equipment, Inc., for bleachers at Kendrick for $60,234.00 and Shaw for $64,990.00.
- Awarded contract to River City Construction, in the amount of $28,104.00 overhead doors at bus shop.
- Approved purchase order in the amount of $3,465.00 to SBC Group for a video projection system at Double Churches Elementary.
- Approved purchase order in the amount of $4,241.00 to CRS, Inc., for licensing fee of sub-finder in Personnel department.
- Approved confirmation purchase order in the amount of $3,500.00 to JRB, Inc. for concrete steps at Carver High on baseball field.
- Approved new budget for FY99 Social Studies Technology Project – Georgia's School Improvement Grant Program, Preservice Grant.
- Approved budget adjustment over $25,000 for Blanchard Elementary – Pay for Performance.
- Approved budget adjustment over $25,000 for Edgewood Elementary – Pay for Performance.
- Approved budget adjustment over $25,000 for FY99, 0-14; State budget for Woodall Program.
- Approved budget adjustment over $25,000 for FY99, 15-21; State budget for Woodall Program.
- Approved budget adjustment over $25,000 for FY99, 15-21; Federal budget; Title VI-B Woodall Program.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted to approve that the Administration advertise the date, time and location of budget hearings and preparations in the form of a legal ad in the newspaper for an amount up to $200.00. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing.

Mrs. Polleys informed the Board that Mr. Humes was recently elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the GSBA Georgia Council of School Board Attorneys.

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

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

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular March meeting of the Board.

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James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel