

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1999, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, September 20, 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, Barbara Pierce and Brenda Storey.

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

Mrs. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag, which was led by Key Elementary Students. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, Mr. & Mrs. Halouska representing Friends of the Libraries, Mr. Ditchfield representing the South Columbus Concerned Citizens, Mr. Olson representing the anti-tax group and teacher cadets from Columbus High and Hardaway High. Hardaway High School was recognized for placing first at Georgia's Problem Solving Bowl and a teacher (Gayla Childs) at Blanchard Elementary was recognized for winning the Reading Renaissance Award. Mrs. Polleys next called on Paul Olson who wanted to speak regarding the Friends of Library, city manager, mayor, city council or any city employee or school employee using public facilities that the opposing views also be presented regarding taxes.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on August 16 and a called meeting on August 20.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the extension of Superintendent's Sims contract for an additional year which would extend his contract from July 30, 2001 to June 30, 2002 and increase the superintendent's salary to an annual increase of \$5,000 retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year of July 1.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the new policy regarding Instructional Arrangements (IE) for an alternative education program.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved revisions to policies, EBB-School Safety Plans; JGF-Eye Protection; JGFA-Student Safety and JGFF-E Student Safety.

Mrs. Parker made a motion seconded by Dr. Schley to approve the revision as presented for policy JGFF-E-Student Driving and Parking. Mr. Ebron made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the policy revision to JGFF-E-Student Driving and Parking to include both items that of: The student must have passed 2 of 4 courses during the previous semester and The student must have valid insurance. The vote was (7) affirming, (1) opposing and (1) abstaining.

Mrs. Pierce made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey to approve Columbus Square as the site for the proposed new library headquarters. Mr. Whiteside asked Mrs. Pierce if she would amend her motion to approve the site but that certain aspects of the deal be clarified. Mrs. Pierce yielded to Mr. Whiteside to make the amended motion. Mr. Whiteside made an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Wells that the Board approve Columbus Square Mall as the site for the proposed new library headquarters to include asking the City to re-negotiate certain issues, such as the entrance to the theatre and the size of the Firestone lot. The consensus of the Board was that Mr. Sims go back to the Mayor, City Manager or their negotiating team and discuss these issues with them and inform the Board. The vote on the amended motion was (5) affirming, (3) opposing and (1) abstaining.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the establishment of a Foundation/Endowment for the Bradley Library to be set up through the Chattahoochee Valley Community Foundation, Inc.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a resolution establishing a Proposed Library Project Development Committee and recommends the appointment of Pete Robinson as chairman.

Mrs. Polleys informed the Board of an addendum item. Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a request from Columbus High School for the debate team to travel on five overnight trips.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Financial Statements for twelve months ending June 30, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved an extended warranty and support services agreement for the Financial Package software provided by KPMG Peat Marwick.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing an account with Synovus Securities, Inc. to receive and sell stock donated to the school district.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the publishing of a statement of actual financial operations in the local newspaper.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved that the administration comply with income tax withholding laws regarding the compensation of board members.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Ikon Office Solutions in the amount of \$5,880.00 for two copy machines at Midland Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$8,306.00 for a copy machine at Midland Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the plans and specifications as prepared by Hecht, Burdeshaw, Johnson, Kidd and Clark, Inc., Architects for the construction of a new gymnasium at Jordan High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the plans and specifications for the construction at Dawson Elementary School as prepared by Neal, Kendust & Murray, P.C.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 4 in the amount of \$21, 511.69 to be added to the original contract for construction at Arnold Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 4 in the amount of \$56,545.00 to be added to the original contract for construction of the New Daniel Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the amount of \$80,000.00 to be added to the original contract for the construction of New Elementary School No. 3 the Winterfield/30th Avenue replacement facility.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 6 in the amount of \$21,833.00 to be added to the original contract for the construction of New Middle School No. 2, Midland Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 7 in the amount of \$57,878.00 to be added to the original contract for the construction of New Middle School No. 2, Midland Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 2 in the amount of \$78,686.00 to be added to the original contract for the early site package to cover items to complete the site work at St. Mary's Elementary and New Middle School No. 4, Georgetown site.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the amount of \$20,672.00 to be added to the original contract for construction at Dimon Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a bronze plaque to be installed at Midland Middle School that will list the school board members who awarded the construction contract.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$4,316,592.00 to DE/TE Builders, Inc., low bidder for the construction of New Elementary School No. 2 Fox/Bibb Facility and approved the total budget of \$5,545,910.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$4,714,787.00 to DE/TE Builder, Inc., low bidder for the construction of New Elementary No. 4 on the Psalmond Road site and approved the total budget of \$6,062,117.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$27,126.00 to Grant Environmental Contractors, Inc., for landscape improvement at Midland Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$2,866.00 to Bell South to re-route cable to new power pole at Dimon Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the FY2000 Sales Tax Construction Program budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the revised Capital Projects Fund Budget for FY 2000.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the school districts group insurance plans as presented by the administration.

In regards to a consent agenda item, Mrs. Pierce asked concerning the high school magnet allotment for Carver and Columbus High School as to how the money amount given to each school is determined. Mr. Sims commented that it is based upon the enrollment of students. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- Awarded contract to Direct Equipment Company for \$2,878.90, low bidder for an auto lift at Jordan High and \$7,813.38 for an auto lift and a brake lathe at Spencer High.
- Awarded contracts to various vendors for food and supplies in School Nutrition Program.
- Approved purchase order to Inacom for \$7,599.00 for file server at Tillinghurst Adult Education.
- Approved purchase order to Spitz, Inc. for \$4,290.00 for maintenance of model 512 equipment.
- Approved purchase order to Computer Curriculum Corporation for \$13,717.50 for maintenance of software at Britt David.
- Approved purchase order to Dell Marketing for \$3,495.00 for file server at Forrest Road Elementary.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Medley Hotel and Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$7,828.43 for a cutter mixer at South Columbus Elementary School.
- Approved confirmation purchase order to Hughes Supply Company in the amount of \$3,188.00 for a hot water heater at Blanchard Elementary.
- Approved local purchase order in the amount of \$8,315.00 to Belco Athletic Laundry Equipment Company to purchase washer/dryer at Shaw High School.
- Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for Plant Services Department.
- Approved budget adjustment Research and Evaluation for \$25,000.
- Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for the construction class at Academic Success Center.
- Approved budget adjustment for full time teacher salary in Adult Education.
- Approved new budget high school magnet allotment for Carver (\$40,000) and Columbus (\$60,000).
- Approved new budget Teenage Parenting Program (\$10,000).
- Approved new budget GLRS new budget for FY2000.
- Approved new budget (\$7,900) Office of Volunteer Services, One-At-A-time Middle School Mentoring Grant.
- Approved new budget (\$1,905,626) Reading Recovery FY2000.
- Approved financial assistance grant of \$2,140 for one employee.

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

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

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



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