

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 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, 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, 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 a student from Muscogee Elementary School. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, Mrs. Askew representing Brewer PTA, and a representative from St. Elmo Gifted Program. Mrs. Polleys then recognized the following people who volunteered for the Yes/Yes Campaign: Mayor Bobby Peters, Carmen Cavezza, City Manager, Sharon Douglas, chairperson of the campaign, Dave Wilkins, also chairman of the campaign, Harold Bryant, treasurer, Bobby Ledford, Lynda Johnson, Caty Vaughn, Marquette McKnight, Alice Budge, Carole Rutland, Pete Robinson, Ted Edgar, Bunky McClung Clark, Murray Solomon, Russell Funk, Morgan and Evelyn Medlin, Arthur and Doris Halouska, Myretta Holden, Jan Carter, Connie Heller, Ann Blalock. Dr. Joann Brown gave a vocal tribute to the volunteer group. Mayor Bobby Peters spoke on the public forum to thank the Board, Mr. Sims and volunteers for their efforts in the success of the library project. Mrs. Dozier introduced Richard Carnie, a Jordan High Schoolteacher and his wife who received the Aaron Cohen Community Award, which recognizes his efforts in volunteering time at the Youth Development Center mentoring students in the program.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on October 18, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved the absence of Dr. Schley due to being out of town. The vote was (7) affirming and (1) abstaining.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Mrs. Cenobia Moore as Assistant Principal at Jordan High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the Crossroads Grant for Alternative Education at Rose Hill and Academic Success Center.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a budget adjustment for Staff Development Funds to be reallocated to appropriate Staff Development accounts.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of Technology/Career Education Local Curriculum and State Curriculum Guides.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Georgia Challenge Grant for Arts Education Programs.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a resolution adopting a new policy "Naming New Facilities", descriptor code FDC. The policy will lay on the table for thirty days. Mrs. Pierce said that she had spoken with Mr. Humes and he said that after the policy passed, it would be proper for the Board to proceed with the proposed names of schools in accordance with the new policy in order for the schools to be named prior to January, 2000. Mr., Humes commented that within districts a member has the prerogative to propose a name with a second and without a vote, it stays on the table until the next regular Board meeting to be considered for a vote. Mrs. Pierce proposed the name for New Elementary School No. 3 seconded by Mr. Whiteside as Martin Luther King Elementary. Mr. Wells proposed the name for the Daniel Replacement Facility school on Whitesville Road seconded by Mrs. Storey as Double Churches Middle School and for later in the future name one of the new schools on the Williams Road property Roland B. Daniel School. Mrs. Parker proposed the name for New Middle School No. 4 (Georgetown site) as Eastside Magnet Academy, seconded by Mrs. Pierce. Mrs. Polleys said these items will be voted on at the December Board meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the administration to sell one hundred shares of AFLAC for use at the Teenage Parenting Center. The sale will net approximately \$5,100.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for one month ending July 31, 1999 and two months ending August 31, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for three months ending September 30, 1999.

Mr. Wells made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve action items K through V. Mr. Whiteside asked to amend the motion stipulating that item V regarding change order no. 6 for New Baker Middle School Project include a letter of agreement with the city pertaining to the project. The Board unanimously approved the amended motion including the following action items:

- Confirmation purchase order to 3COM Corporation in the amount of \$110,844.95 for cabling at Mathews Elementary.
- Awarded contract to WCCI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,732,320.00 for construction at Dawson Elementary.
- Awarded contract to Alternative General Contractors in the amount of \$175,200.00 for early site package work at Allen Elementary.
- Awarded contract to Columbus Roofing Company for roof maintenance in Muscogee County School District.
- Approved JRA Architects, Inc. for construction at Allen Elementary School.
- Approved change order no. 8 in the amount of \$22,556.00 for construction at Midland Middle.
- Approved change order no. 5 in the amount of \$40,471.10 to be added to original contract for construction at Daniel Middle School.
- Approved change order no. 1 in the amount of \$41,000.00 for construction at Reese Road.
- Approved change order no. 3 in the amount of \$24,432.75 for HVAC at Spencer High.
- Approved change order no. 4 in the amount of \$85,000.00 for construction at New Baker Middle.
- Approved change order no. 5 in the amount of \$119,548.00 for construction at New Baker Middle.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of a lease between MCSD and J.E.L. Properties for space at Cartersville Spinning Mill in the amount of \$2,666.00 per month.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a request that the legislative delegation amend the law establishing the Muscogee County School District by raising the “bid limit” to \$10,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of long-term disability insurance plan effective January 1, 2000 and approve the proposal of Cobbs, Allen & Hall, Inc, as agents for Reliastar Insurance Company be accepted which would provide for the continuation of the current coverage at a rate of .21 per \$100 of covered salary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the change of the School District’s commercial insurance coverage from Vesta Insurance Company to the Insurance Company of the West as recommended by, J. Smith Lanier & Company and approved a budget adjustment.

Mrs. Polleys informed the Board that because of the early holiday break the December board meeting needed to be changed to December 13, 1999 and this was the consensus of the Board.

Mr. Sims asked the Board to act on a request from Midland Middle School to take 135 science students on a field trip to Birmingham, Alabama on December 4 to see an exhibit, “Searching for Ancient Egypt”. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

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

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- Approved Hardaway High French students to travel to France during summer of 2000.
- Approved Carver High seniors to travel to Orlando, May 26-28, 2000.
- Approved Columbus High Drama students to travel to Morrow, Georgia for convention February 3-5, 2000.
- Approved Jordan High Chorus students to travel to Epcot December 15-19, 1999.
- Approved new budget Georgia Reading Challenge Program (\$180,000.00), \$90,000.00 for Blanchard and \$90,000.00 for J. D. Davis.
- Approved new budget Georgia Reading Challenge Grant Award (\$60,000.00) for Rothschild Middle.
- Approved new budget Homeless Grant for FY2000, (\$18,950.00).
- Approved new budget Crossroads Grant for Rose Hill and Academic Success (\$530,478.00).
- Approved new budget FY2000, Rule 10, Relations with other agencies, (\$20,000.00) for students with disabilities.
- Approved new budget D. Abbott Turner Mini Grant, (\$1,600.00), CSU for D.E.A.R. Project at 30th Avenue Elementary.
- Approved new budget USA Today Awards for two teachers (\$2,500) each.

- Approved new budget 1999 Safe & Drug Free carryover funds (\$73,596.00) added to FY2000 budget.
- Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for Staff Development funds to be disbursed to individual accounts.
- Approved purchase order to G&P Heavy Truck Body Works in the amount of \$7,912.04 for repair work to bus #425.
- Approved emergency purchase order to Dell Marketing in the amount of \$2,643 for a computer at Tillinghurst Adult Education.
- Approved purchase order to Dynavox Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$7,712.00 for assistive technology training equipment at Brewer Elementary.
- Approved Jordan Electric Company, Inc., \$23,300.00 for data cabling at various schools.
- Approved GCS, \$3,120.00 for a Cleveland pressureless steamer for South Columbus Elementary.
- Approved Medley Hotel & Restaurant Supply, \$2,699.00 for a Victory two-door reach-in freezer at Eddy Middle.
- Approved Integral Systems, Inc., \$39,000.00 for renewal of Maintenance Service Agreement for “payroll and personnel package” software.
- Approved purchase order Lucent Technologies in the amount of \$81,680.00 for WAN connection of schools not funded by E-Rate Program.
- Approved Dell Computer Corporation in the amount of \$3,495.00 for file server at Benning Hills Elementary.
- Approved workers’ compensation settlement in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a back injury accident.
- Awarded contract William Redmond & Son, Inc., low bidder in the amount of \$8,929.00 for metal lathe.
- Awarded contract Columbus Carpet Mills, in the amount of \$6,880.00 for new vinyl composition tile at River Road Elementary.
- Awarded contract Huckaby Brothers Floor Covering, low bidder in the amounts of \$24,215.00 for floor tile and \$1,684.00 for new carpet at Columbus High in selected areas; floor covering at Key Elementary in the amount of \$13,500.00.
- Awarded contract H20 Pro, Inc., low bidder in the amount of \$11,900.00 for replacement of sprinkler system on baseball field at Spencer.
- Awarded contract York International, low bidder in the amount of \$18,190.00 for a one-year service contract on HVAC chillers in Plant Services.
- Approved agreement for Board to comply with “Standards for a Local Board of Education” as recommended by GSBA.
- Approved financial assistance in the total amount of \$1,296.00 for one employee.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear student discipline appeals, a property matter and litigation.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted to approve a resolution to acquire and swap property in the vicinity of 5th and 6th Avenue and 35th Street swapping a part of the existing Fox Elementary School site with the City who in turn will swap with MCSD a portion of what has operated as a public recreation facility for years and acquire eleven different tracks of land in that area for the improvement and construction of the new Fox School the resolution will also read that the Board will take appropriate steps to condemn those properties that will not negotiate an agreement. The vote was (7) affirming (1) opposing.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular November meeting of the Board.

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel