MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1999, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, October 18, 1999, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following members ere present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James, Walker, Vice Chairman, David E. Ebron, Philip 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 Mathews Elementary students. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, Owen Ditchfield, Concerned Citizens of Southeast Columbus, Reverend Joe Robertson, South Columbus United Methodist Church, Doris Halouska, League of Women Voters and Friends of the Libraries, and a PAGE Representative. Mr. Sims introduced Tina Cross, a teacher at Carver High and Dee Shores, a teacher at Clubview who won USA Today's 1999 All USA Teacher First Team. Mr. Sims also introduced the Shaw High School Girls Softball team who won the region tournament.

Mrs. Polleys introduced Sara Ruth Carroll, a retired principal who has agreed to serve as chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee of the Muscogee County School District along with the following other members: Juanita Booker, retired Coordinator of Guidance, Carolyn Baggett, former PTA Council President, Donald Caldwell, retired principal, Helen Freeman, former PTA Council President, Jim Helms, Georgia PTA Secretary, Veola Hymes, retired Director of Title I, Hazel Lewis, former School Board Member, Carol Ragsdale, retired teacher, Edna Shoemaker, former PTA Council President, Tom Walters, Muscogee County School District and Mrs. Parker will serve as liaison for the committee.

There was no one who had asked to speak on the public forum tonight.

Mrs. Polleys informed the Board that Mr. Ebron had to leave at this point to attend a forum in his district regarding the library project and he would be excused if he could not return.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on September 20.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the use of Kinnett Stadium by the March of Dimes for their annual WalkAmerica 2000 on April 14, 15, 2000.

Mrs. Polleys directed the Boards attention to the one addendum item. Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, the Board unanimously approved for 30 special education students to travel to Augusta, Georgia on November 12-14 to participate in the 1999 Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the members to serve on the Proposed Library Project Development Committee.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved local curriculum guides for Technology/Career Education and State Curriculum Guides, as updated.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously approved the endorsement of standards established by the National PTA for parents/family involvement programs and their relationship between the schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 1999 and six-year trend information. Mrs. Storey commended Mr. Jones and his staff for their hard work with this project. Mr. Wells commented that he has a concern in that the days of operation is down to ten days and in this past six years this is the lowest number of days that has been drawn to since 1994 and there needs to be a check and balance regarding expenditures of the budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a scope change/budget adjustment in the amount of $9,813.98 from the FY2000 Capital Projects Fund Budget to the Eddy Middle School additions SPLOST Fund Budget to cover the purchase of computers and a printer for the technology lab.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the plans and specifications for the construction of additions, renovations and modifications at Gentian Elementary School as prepared by Stotser & Associates, Architects.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 5 in the amount of $13,331.00 to be added to the original contract for construction at Fort Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 2 in the amount of $53,916.00 to be added to the original contract for the construction at Eddy Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a change order no. 2 in the amount of $12,199.00 to be added to the original contract for plumbing renovations at Jordan High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the amount of $26,034.00 to be added to the original contract for plumbing renovations at Jordan High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved for South Columbus Methodist Church to use a small portion of the new Baker Middle School site for parking purposes.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of $11,164.00 to the Jaeger Company for fees due for the documentation of the North Highland/Teen Tavern park Conversion Project – Memorandum of Agreement for Fox School Land Swap.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the relocation of one portable classroom from Eddy Middle School to the warehouse. The estimated cost for the move is $10,000.00.

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

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- Approved orchestra students at Hardaway and Richards to travel to Orlando on April 29th to perform.
- Approved Hardaway High Choral students to travel to Gatlinburg, TN, May 4-8, 2000.
- Approved Kendrick High students to travel to Clarksville, TN, to observe production of yearbooks on December 9-11, 1999.
- Approved Kendrick High marching band to travel to Orlando, Florida on April 1-3, 2000.
- Approved Columbus High Beta Club to travel to Atlanta, for a convention on January 21,22, 2000.
- Approved resolution to purchase reading materials for Rothschild Middle School library from the Rothschild Library Trust Fund in the amount of $3,997.00.
- Approved resolution to purchase reading materials for Rothschild Middle School orchestra program from the Rothschild Cultural Arts Trust Fund in the amount of $473.00.
- Approved new budget for Carver High ($37,950.00) Georgia Learn and Serve Grant.
- Approved new budget Region 9 Drug Free Program ($21,000.00).
- Approved new budget School Improvement ($65,955.00) Georgia Department of Education.
- Approved purchase order to Port-A-Pit in the amount of $13,971.00 for high jump pole vault landing pads at Kinnett Stadium.
- Approved purchase order to Inacom in the amount of $2,995.00 for a computer in Programs for Exceptional Children.
- Approved purchase order to Computer Curriculum Corporation in the amount of $54,423.28 for computer maintenance in CAI labs at (13) schools.
- Approved five applications for financial assistance and awarded a total of $4,177.42.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to excuse Mr. Ebron from this regular board meeting because of his attendance at a public forum regarding the library vote.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear three student discipline appeals.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular October meeting of the Board.

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James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel