

MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, James Walker, 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, Fred M. Jones, Brenda Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Tom Walters, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and representatives from the media.

There was a musical performance by students from Woodall. Mrs. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance led by students from South Columbus Elementary School.

Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, John Lincoln from Greater Columbus Association of Gifted Children, Mr. and Mrs. Halouska, representing Friends of the Libraries and League of Women Voters and Owen Ditchfield, South Columbus Concerned Citizens. Mrs. Polleys stated that patsy Dean from Upson County might be visiting later. The Board recognized Diana Banks a Shaw High School student who was chosen as anchor for Channel One. The student was not able to attend because she left for California today. Mrs. Polleys called on Mrs. Dozier who introduced Coach Philip Marion and Coach Pam Carter as organizers for local GHSA events held in Columbus. The Board also recognized Ricky Fowler for winning the State championship for wrestling and Coach Mike Arsenault who was not able to attend. Mrs. Polleys called on Billy Kendall who introduced members from the Exchange Club who won the National as a Partner in Education with Marshall Middle School.

On the public forum Mrs. Polleys introduced William Watt, the president of Blanchard PTA who wanted to thank the Board, Mr. Sims, the principal and staff at Blanchard for their cooperative efforts during the time of the vandalism at the school.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on January 18, 2000.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Reginald Williamson as Assistant Principal at the new East Columbus Magnet Academy.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Suzanne Barnes as Branch Manager at the South Columbus Branch Library. Mr. Walters stated that Ms. Barnes is in South Carolina but will be on the job in May.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the revision of policy ABCA, Board of Education/Election/Members/Meetings/Officers; BBBE, Board Member Compensation and policy DFA, Local Tax Revenues.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a contract with Georgia School Boards Association for a review and update of the current policy manual and accept Dr. Bhagaloo's recommendation that would include a hard copy and diskette of current policies which will allow the School District to use their own web site rather than GSBA's web site. Mr. Sims commented that he and Mr. Jones have worked it out so that this item will be included in the upcoming budget.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the school calendar for 2000-2001 and a calendar for year-round school.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved for students to participate in a DUI re-enactment at the Columbus Civic Center on April 26 and 26. Mrs. Dozier asked the Board to include the approval of three buses. The Board was concerned about the cost of including three buses. Mr. Sims commented that (1) would be an activity bus and (2) buses could be taken out of the system transportation. The participation would be limited to juniors only.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the request for Muscogee County Special Olympics to use Kinnett Stadium April 27 for Area 10 games.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the use of Kinnett Stadium by the American Cancer Society for their Relay for Life on May 19 and 20.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved a request for Columbus High School Academic Decathlon to compete at the State February 26 and 27 in Atlanta.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved a request from Hardaway High School for the Science Olympiad to travel to Tifton March 3 and 4 to compete in the Regional Science Olympiad competition.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously approved the request for the Columbus High School baseball team to travel to Crestview, Florida on February 25 and 26 to play.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the 2000 summer school schedule for middle and high school students.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved that the Administration negotiate a renewal of the audit contract with Robinson, Grimes & Company for a period not to exceed (4) years.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for six months ending December 31, 1999.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Tennant in the amount of \$2,853.81 for a scrubber at Midland Middle School

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Southlake Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$30,322.00 for two pickup trucks in the Construction Department.

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

- P. Purchase order to INFOCUS in the amount of \$9,940.00 for two data/video projectors.
- Q. Change order no. 10 in the amount of \$3,906.00 for construction at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School.
- R. Change order no. 4 in the amount of \$7,297.00 for construction at Dimon Elementary School Magnet Academy.
- S. Change order no. 5 in the amount of \$26,794.00 for re-working the existing parking lot at Dimon Elementary.

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

- Approved Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- Approved Shaw High School student to travel to Los Angeles February 22 through March 3 to serve as anchor for Channel One.
- Approved French students from Columbus and Hardaway to participate in the 14th French Immersion Camp in Eatonton, Georgia February 25 through 27.
- Approved Columbus High French students to travel to France to participate in a French Exchange Program, April 6-22.
- Approved Columbus High students to travel to England and Scotland for foreign travel, April 13-22.
- Approved drama students from Jordan High to travel to Walt Disney World April 19-24 to attend the Disney Youth Education series.

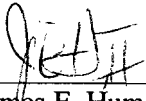
- Approved Richards Middle School band students to travel to Atlanta, May 5-9 to compete in Music in the Park Festival.
- Approved Dawson Elementary sliders to perform at Savannah the first week of March at Council for Exceptional Students.
- Approved transfer of \$5,000 from Rothschild Scholarship Trust Fund to the Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation to be used for classroom teacher mini grants.
- Awarded contract for food and supplies in School Nutrition Program.
- Awarded contract for venetian blinds at Baker, Dimon, Double Churches, MLK Elementary.
- Awarded contract for schools buses for 2000-2001 school year.
- Approved purchase order to Lucent Corporation in the amount of \$9,260.00 for WAN connection at Midland Middle, Martin Luther King, Jr., Baker and Double Churches Middle.
- Approved purchase order to 3Com Corporation in the amount of \$183,736.00 for cabling in ten schools funded partially by e-rate.
- Approved purchase order to Dell Computer Corporation in the amount of \$2,612.00 for a PowerEdge 1300 server.
- Approved purchase order to Learning Company in the amount of \$4,980.00 for SkillsBank4 software package at Eddy Middle.
- Approved new budget Columbus High math Development Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- Approved new budget Outdoor Classroom Grant for Carver High and Edgewood Elementary in the amount of \$750.00 each.
- Approved new budget Georgia's School Improvement Grant Program in the amount of \$49,500.00.
- Approved budget adjustment for PTA donation to Midland Middle School in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a Dell File Server.
- Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for FY00 State Preschool.
- Approved budget adjustment Relations with Other Agencies Budget with additional funds for FY00 Rule 10.
- Approved budget adjustment Bradley Library for donations received in the amount of \$3,812.23.

Mr. Wells and Mr. Walker asked that the Administration and the schools concern themselves with all safety factors in traveling to foreign countries.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear (2) student discipline appeals and to discuss a property matter.

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

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



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