

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2000, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, December 11, 2000, 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, Philip Schley, John Wells, Barbara Pierce, and Brenda Storey.

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

Mrs. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by students from Blanchard Elementary School. Mrs. Polleys called on Mr. Ebron who recognized Mrs. Pierce who is serving her last month on the school Board after seven years of service. Mr. Ebron presented Mrs. Pierce with a certificate of appreciation and a gift from the School District. Dr. Kendall presented Mrs. Pierce with a gift and plaque from the Board of Trustees and staff at the Columbus Museum and the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library staff. Mrs. Pierce thanked the Board, Museum and Library. Mrs. Polleys introduced the Shaw High School Show Choir under the direction of Mrs. McElrath. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience; Mr. Ditchfield, Board member-elect, Mr. & Mrs. Halouska representing the League of Women Voters and Friends of the Libraries, Dr. Alice Budge from Friends of the Libraries, Mrs. Annie Askew representing various PTA's. Mrs. Polleys and the Board recognized Mr. Sims as the second recipient of the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals Achievement Award; Dr. Carolyn Gates recognized those counselors who won awards at the Georgia School Counselors Association, Joann Wells, Georgia Middle School Counselor of the year; Maxine West, Region 5 Secondary School Counselor of the Year and Beatrice Allen, Region 5 Elementary School Counselor of the Year; Mrs. Dozier recognized Columbus High School as the Knox Culpepper Sportsmanship Trophy; Mrs. Sonja Boyd, teacher at Shaw High School recognized Candice Garcia, a student who has made achievements with the Stop Teen Violence program; Dr. VanderGheynst recognized Mr. Saulsbury and Dr. Tina Cross at Carver High School for writing various grants that have been awarded to the school; Dr. Alice Budge presented a check for \$1,000.00 for two branches of the library (South Branch \$500 and \$500 to the North Branch) from Friends of the Libraries. Mrs. Polleys informed the Board that Shaw High School would be playing in the State football playoffs on Friday at Kinnett Stadium.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on November 20, 2000.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a list of legislative issues and requests to be presented to the Legislative Delegation during the 2001 legislative session. It was the consensus of the Board to include Driver's Education as an additional item #10 on the list of priorities.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James Livingston for the position of Preparator at the Columbus Museum.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a proposed DUI re-enactment to be presented at the Columbus Civic Center.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the travel of Columbus High's French Exchange Program to Nice, France, April 5 through April 21, 2001. The students will miss seven school days.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a resolution extending the existence of the Columbus Library Project Development Committee and the tenure of its members until the library project is completed. The resolution has been revised by Mr. Humes. (Appendix A)

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved proposed tactical plans for year 2 of the strategic planning process as presented.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved videos to be used in Sex Education classes at the high school level.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for three months ending September 30, 2000.

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

- I. Confirmation purchase order to Horizon Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$13,500.00 for flagging of clearing limits for mass grading at North site for New High School No. 1.
- J. Revision to change order no. 8 in the amount of \$15,672.00 to be added to the original contract for the construction at the Fox/Bibb replacement facility.
- K. Approved the redirection including change order for SPLOST fund budget in order to add four additional classrooms at new elementary school no. 2 the Fox/Bibb replacement facility.
- L. Solicitation of bids for the Phase I mass grading of the North Site property project. This work is necessary in order for construction to begin March 2001 on the new high school.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the change in the date of the January board meeting due to the Martin Luther King holiday. The new date would be Tuesday, January 16, 2001. Mrs. Storey asked to amend the motion to include the February meeting due to President's Day. The new date for the February meeting would be Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

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

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix B).
- Purchase order to Bill Hard Chevrolet \$39,900.00 for van in Plant Services Department.
- Purchase order to Southern Scenic Equipment Company \$17,800.00 for stage curtains at five schools.
- Purchase order to ALC Controls, Inc., \$65,143.00 to upgrade Energy Management control system at Brewer Elementary School.
- New budget Technology/Career Education; \$50,000.00 for Capital Outlay Grant funds at Marshall.

- New budget Goals 2000: Educate America Act School Improvement Implementation Grant; \$150,000.00 from Georgia Department of Education.
- New budget Reading First Program; \$229,119.00 budgets for nine elementary schools.
- New budget Martin Luther King, Jr. Grant; \$39,000.00 for Carver High School.
- New budget Learn and Serve Grant; \$50,000.00 for Carver High School
- New budget 21st Century Leaders Grant; \$10,000.00 for Carver High School.
- Budget adjustment in the amount of \$32,145.00 transferring funds from Claflin Technology/Career account to Shaw High Technology/Career account.
- Financial Assistance grant of \$2,456.00.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved to go into executive session to hear two student discipline appeals.

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

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

Mr. James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel