

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, March 20, 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, 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, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, 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 students from St. Mary's Elementary School. A musical selection was given to the Board by Dimon Elementary School band under the direction of Bill Frye and the Dawson Sliders performed for the Board supervised by their teachers, Paula Dukes, Cindy Rankin and a parent volunteer Michael Clarke. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience; Leadership Columbus participants, PTA representatives from Dawson, Double Churches, Brewer and J. D. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Halouska representing the League of Women Voters and Friends of the Libraries, Owen Ditchfield, South Columbus Concerned Citizens group. Mr. Sims recognized Carol Vander Gheynst and Irma Works who won Women of Achievement awards; Mr. Stallings recognized Dr. Tina Cross, teacher at Carver High Magnet who won the TBS Superstation, Super Teacher award and it was noted that she is Teacher of the Year at Carver this year; Faye McCollum introduced for the first time District Kindergarten Science Fair winners, and Mrs. Dozier introduced the Spencer Basketball team who won in the district. Mrs. Polleys called on L. W. Myers who wanted to speak on the public forum regarding Forrest Road property on Courtland Avenue. Mrs. Polleys then called on Lula Bass who spoke on the same issue. Mr. Wells asked what is the disposition of the property. Mr. Sims commented that as of now this piece of property is not declared surplus.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on February 22, 2000.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Raymond Carrion for the position of Construction Coordinator.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved attendance zone changes at Arnold and Mathews for the 2000-2001 school year. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) abstaining.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a request for Hardaway and Columbus High JROTC students to travel to Pine Mountain, Georgia to participate in field activities.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a request for two Muscogee County special education students and their teacher chaperones to travel to New York City. The students won an international poetry contest and will be awarded at the United Nations on April 4-6, 2000.

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Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board approved a request from New Horizons Community Service Board to service students who are experiencing behavioral difficulties. Mr. Wells asked what is the total cost of the program? Mr. Sims said that for the remainder of the year it would cost approximately six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and this would be for transportation only. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) abstaining.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the textbook adoption for Technology/Career Education.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved adding a new program to the curriculum at Carver High School, a course in PC Systems/Technology provided funds are available.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved enrollment procedures for admitting students to elementary and future middle school magnet academies.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Pierce, the Board unanimously approved a Touring Program Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts in the amount of \$3,673.00 and approved a budget.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Georgia Challenge Program Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 and approved a budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved to declare a small piece of property located at 13th and Pou Street as surplus property and advertise for sale to the highest bidder. Mr. Walker asked that other properties be considered in this process during the appraisal. Mr. Wells asked that the Administration make a recommendation to the Board as to what property can be declared as surplus.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for seven months ending January 31, 2000.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing accounts with Regions Bank.

Mr. Wells noted that Mrs. Storey has proposed that the name of the New Elementary School on Psalmound Road be Midland Academy. This recommendation is on the table for one month in accordance with the Board's new policy.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,718,872.00 to DE/TE Builders, Inc., low bidder for construction of additions, renovations and modifications to Allen Elementary and approve the budget in the amount of \$2,220,870.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,413,139.00 to Royal Builders, Inc., low bidder for construction of additions, renovations and modifications to Forrest Road Elementary and approve the budget in the amount of \$1,842,258.00.

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Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved as one motion resolutions required by the State Department of Education in order to receive final payment of State Capital Outlay Funds Entitlement set aside for additions, renovations and modifications at Richards Middle and Rothschild Middle Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved an emergency purchase order to Virtucom in the total amount of \$126,663.00 to purchase file servers at Baker, Daniel and Marshall Middle Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Ikon in the amount of \$23,825.00 to purchase a large format copy machine for the Blue Print/Plan room in the Plant Services Department. Mr. Walker asked what would happen to the old machine. Mr. Caggins said that it would be put out for auction.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved an emergency purchase order to Abney & Melton in the amount of \$36,826.00 for sanitary sewer installation at Forrest Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved two emergency purchase orders to Georgia School Equipment for bleachers at Double Churches and East Columbus Magnet Academy in the total amount of \$93,380.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved as one motion emergency purchase orders to Advanced Technologies for burglar alarm systems at Mathews Elementary (\$9,600.00) and at Georgetown, Hannan and Rigdon Road Elementary Schools (\$25,249.00).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved Georgia Power Company as the supplier of power and outdoor lighting for Double Churches Middle and approved an emergency purchase order in the amount of \$28,697.57 to Skyline Electric, Inc., to install the transformer.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved as one motion change order no. 11 in the amount of \$5,371.80 to be added to the original contract for construction at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary; change order no. 9 in the amount of \$7,584.72 to be added to the original contract for construction at Double Churches Middle School; and change order no. 6 in the amount of \$45,833.84 to be deducted from the original contract for the construction of New Elementary School No. 4.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved to change the April Board meeting date because of spring holiday vacation. The date of the meeting will be Monday, April 24, 2000. The committee meetings will remain on April 10 and 11. The Board also will make a decision regarding a date for a Board workshop.

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

Approved Personnel Report (Appendix A).

Approved Hardaway High boys' and girls' tennis teams to travel to LaGrange to compete in a tournament March 17 and 18, 2000.

Approved Hardaway High girl's golf team to participate in Georgia Peach Tournament on March 24,25 in Atlanta.

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Approved Hardaway High Vocational student organizations to travel for State Competition and Leadership Conference on various dates and locations.

Approved Hardaway High Science Olympiad team to travel to Atlanta, March 31 through April 1, 2000 to compete in State.

Approved Columbus High choral students to participate in All-State Chorus April 26-30, 2000.

Approved FBLA students to attend FBLA State Leadership Conference on March 31 through April 1, 2000.

Approved Columbus High students to travel to Rock Eagle March 31 through April 2 for state convention.

Approved Spencer High seniors to travel to Orlando, May 12 through May 14 on senior trip.

Approved Kendrick High mixed chorus and advanced women's chorus to compete in 2000 Southern Star Music Festival April 14 and 15 in Atlanta.

Approved Shaw High mixed choir to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York on April 14-17, 2000.

Approved Marshall Middle School students to Southern Star Music Festival May 19 and 20, 2000.

Approved Marshall Middle students to Atlanta to participate in college visit on April 26, 2000.

Approved Carver Chorus to participate in American Musical Salute in Washington, D.C. April 19-22.

Approved Richards Middle Mathcounts Team to compete March 24-26, 2000 in Atlanta.

Approved new budget Schools Mentoring Schools Grant, (\$20,000.00).

Approved new budget Johnson Elementary Outdoor Classroom Grant (\$750.00).

Approved new budget TANF Contract for Adult Education (\$97,305.00).

Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 to purchase computer lab at Daniel Middle School.

Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for 21st Century Community Learning Center.

Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for FY00; 15-21 Federal Special Projects in Woodall.

Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for FY00; 0-14 Stage for Woodall Program.

Approved budget adjustment over \$25,000 for Systems and Data Processing.

Approved budget adjustment revenue \$11,976.00 for bus replacement funds.

Approved budget adjustment revenue interest income on sale tax monies.

Approved budget adjustment Industry Certification Projects in the amount of \$10,000 each for Carver, Jordan, Kendrick and Shaw High Schools.

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Approved purchase orders to INACOM for laptop computers at middle and high schools in the amounts of \$27,150.00 and \$19,040.00.

Approved purchase order to Southeastern Printers for platemaker in Print and Mail Department in the amount of \$6,300.00.

Approved purchase order to Sammons Preston in the amount of \$2,917.95 to purchase a feeder in PEC.

Approved purchase order to CRS, Inc., in the amount of \$4,464.00 for software maintenance in Personnel Department.

Approved purchase order to Computer Marketing.COM in the amount of \$4,999.00 for St. Marys Elementary.

Approved purchase order to Advantage Learning Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$3,599.00 for Math Kit at Hannan Academy.

Approved purchase order to Stovall in the amount of \$24,746.00 for tractor/lawn mower.

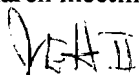
Approved emergency purchase order to MainLine Information in the amount of \$27,515.00 to supply mainframe disk storage in the Systems & Data Processing Department.

Approved Workers' Compensation claim for a classified employee in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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

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

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



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