MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 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, 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 Bibb Elementary School along with Mrs. Kemp. Mrs. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience; Mr. Ditchfield, Board Member-Elect, and Mr. & Mrs. Halouska representing the League of Women Voters and Friends of the Libraries. Ms. Susan Bryant, principal at Columbus High introduced students winning awards in state competitions for cross country, one-act play, swim, math and debate team winners. Mr. Joseph Saulsbury, principal at Carver High introduced the ROTC team who won first place at the state for performance. Mr. Saulsbury also introduced Leadership Academy participants from Carver High School. Mr. Jarrett Lee, President of the PTA at Britt David Elementary Magnet spoke to the Board concerning a middle school magnet.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting on October 16, 2000.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a revision to policy GBI annual performance evaluations of school personnel.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board approved the new policy for Charter Schools. The policy has been on the table for thirty days. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, Mrs. Parker.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the implementation of a CPR training program and place Automated Electronic Defibrillator's in area high schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for two months ending August 31, 2000.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of $1,565,039.00 to Royal Builders, Inc., low bidder for construction at Wesley Heights Elementary and approved the budget for $1,977,194.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded contracts in the amount of $48,300.00 to A-Cut-Above Landscape Management, low bidder for landscaping at Midland Academy and approve the budget in the amount of $54,615.00; contract in the amount of $41,407.00 to Grant Environmental Contractors, low bidder for landscaping at Double Churches Middle and approve the budget in the amount of $47,377.35; contract in the amount of $33,806.00 to Grant Environmental Contractors, low bidder for the landscaping at East Columbus Magnet Academy and approve the budget in the amount of $39,396.30.

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

G. Change order no. 8 in the total amount of $23,470.52 to be added to the original contract for construction at Reese Road Elementary.

H. Change order no. 1 in the total amount of $49,797.74 to be added to the original contract for construction at Allen Elementary.

I. Change order no. 13 in the total amount of $16,048.24 to be added to the original contract for construction at Midland Academy.

J. Change order no. 6 in the total amount of $32,165.70 to be added to the original contract for the early site package at South Columbus Elementary.

K. Change order no. 4 in the total amount of $10,261.86 to be deducted from the original contract for construction at St. Mary's Elementary School.

L. Change order no. 2 in the total amount of $19,861.22 to be added to the original contract for construction at Forrest Road Elementary School.

M. Change order no. 1 in the total amount of $32,468.54 for construction at Jordan High School Phase I.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order in the amount of $621,650.00 to 3-Com for the cabling of thirteen schools as a part of year 3 E-rate application.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously approved a Quite Claim Deed to the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia for 0.042 acres of the East Columbus Magnet Academy site for right-of-way acquisition on Manley Drive and Buena Vista Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board approved the revised FY01 Capital Projects Fund budget to reflect adjustments in accounts that have been closed due to the completion of several construction projects and transfers to the SPLOST budget for several projects that were recently bid and awarded. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) abstaining, Mr. Ebron.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of $2,023,100.00 to Alternative General Contractors, Inc., low bidder for construction at Eastway Elementary School and approve a budget in the amount of $2,654,043.00.

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

R. Change order no. 5 in the amount of $55,162.40 for construction at St. Mary's Elementary.

S. Change order no. 6 in the amount of $55,589.10 for construction at East Columbus Magnet Academy.

T. Change order no. 7 in the amount of $36,217.65 to be added to the original contract for construction at East Columbus Magnet Academy.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the plans for construction at Clubview Elementary as prepared by Hecht, Burdeshaw, Johnson, Kidd and Clark, Inc., Architects.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved 3-Com Corporation as the vendor for the one time structured cabling, telecommunication and maintenance services for eleven schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved as one motion the following action items:

W. Innovation Development grant for Columbus High in the amount of $8,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Education and approve a budget.

X. Innovation Adoption grant for Dimon Elementary in the amount of $5,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Education with $598.00 local matching funds and approve a budget.

Y. Learn and Serve Ambassador grant for Carver High in the amount of $1,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Education with $1,000.00 in-kind training services and approve a budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the change of date for the December Board meeting to Monday, December 11, 2000 because of the holiday break.

Mr. Walker had a question of a consent agenda item; the new budget for FY01 Homeless Grant. Mr. Walker asked Mrs. Dozier if this was a new program. Mrs. Dozier commented that this grant was obtained by Dr. Hud and Muscogee County School District receives this grant each year. Mr. Walker asked if there were any homeless children being served. Mrs. Dozier commented that children are being served out of the House of Mercy, those living with relatives and other facilities.

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

- Approved Personnel Report (Appendix A).
- FY01 Homeless Grant in the amount of $24,950.00.
- FY01 Title IV Innovation Education Program in the amount of $49,000.00.
- FY01 One-at-a-Time Middle School Mentoring in the amount of $7,500.00.
- FY01 AmeriCorps in the amount of $8,750.00.
- FY01 in the amount of $6,666.00 Technology/Career Education Extended Day Grant for Kendrick and Spencer.
- FY01 in the amount of $10,000.00 for English Literacy/Civics Education Grant for Adult Literacy.
- TANF Grant extension with additional revenue of $7,408.00
- E-rate year 3 $58,076.00.

- FY01 General Fund $133,140.00.
- 21st Century Community Learning Center $309,217.00
- Title I carryover funds from FY2000 in the FY01 budget in the total amount of $7,735,869.00.
- Even Start Family Literacy Program $147,015.00.
- Purchase order to Bill Heard Chevrolet Company, $36,563.00 for one ½-ton truck in Plant Services.
- Purchase order to Bill Heard Chevrolet Company, $43,473.00 for a 2-ton truck in Plant Services.
- Financial Assistance award of $2,892.00.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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 November regular Board meeting.

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel