MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2001, 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001 in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following Board members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, Linda Parker, Owen Ditchfield, Philip T. Schley, John Wells, and Fife M. Whiteside.

Others present: James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Fred M. Jones, Treasurer, Myles B. Caggins, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, and representatives from the media.

After the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag, Dr. Polleys stated that the purpose of the called meeting was to take action on the appointment of a director for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System and afterwards the Board will hold a preliminary budget workshop.

Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Sims, the Superintendent regarding the action item to appoint a director for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System. Mr. Sims stated that he has a recommendation for the director but wanted to preface his recommendation with a few comments. Mr. Sims thanked those who were involved in the process. Mr. Sims said that by involving the community and staff, it allowed him to be objective during the interview process of the three candidates. Mr. Sims informed the Board that he recommends Claudya B. Muller for the position of Director for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System. Mr. Sims stated that this candidate was very knowledgeable of technology and her background in strategic planning as it relates to the operations of a library was impressive.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board members present unanimously approved Mr. Sims' recommendation of Ms. Claudya B. Muller for the position of Director for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System.

Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Jones regarding the budget preparation and the Board's expectations for the FY02 budget. Mr. Jones said that he understood the Board's direction in regards to: maintaining the 23.37 as the operating millage rate, no levy for debt service, two days added to the fund balance, the amount of funds for the operating budget to be redirected to construction needs, capital projects fund, pay raises for teachers and other employees. It was the consensus of the Board that the required public hearings are held in conjunction with the public work sessions. It was also the consensus of the Board that the Administration proceed with preparations regarding the FY02 budget and agreement was reached to hold a called board meeting on Monday, June 4, 2001, 5:30 p.m. regarding the same.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously excused the absence of Mr. Ebron and Mrs. Storey for business reasons.

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

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel