

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2001, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, November 19, 2001, 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, Philip T. Schley, Linda Parker, Fife Whiteside, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Owen Ditchfield.

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, Shirley Jaegar, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and representatives from the media.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by students from Mathews Elementary School. The Marshall Middle School Advanced Hand Bell Ensemble with Sue Smith performed for the Board. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience. The Board recognized the All-USA Teacher Team winners, Barbara Rouse, Debbie Rhodes, Mary Moreland and Annette Kocian; Media Festival Award winners, Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement recipient Tia Jones, a student at Carver High, and the Shaw High School Girls Softball Team. Dr. Polleys informed the Board that the request for Michelle Ortiz to appear would be scheduled at a later date.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on October 15, 2001 as amended.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James Wilson for the position of Principal at Midland Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Valerie Richardson for the position of Development Marketing Coordinator at the Bradley Library.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the request for Special Olympics of Georgia to use Kinnett Stadium on May 2, 2002 with a rain date of May 9, 2002.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved Standards for Middle Level Education in Reading and Writing.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts in the total amount of \$20,000.00 for the Arts and Humanities Program. The Georgia Challenge Program funds will be used for arts programming in dance, music, theatre and visual arts for grades K-5.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the school district's long-term disability plan with Aetna Life Insurance Company at a rate of \$.21 per month, per \$100 of covered payroll with a three-year rate guarantee.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for one month ending July 31, 2001, two months ending August 31, 2001, and three months ending September 30, 2001.

Mr. Wells asked that the Board take action on the addendum. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved an early payment of an arbitrage rebate due on 1997 General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds. This early payment will save the system about \$18,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change orders for mass rock excavation at the north site project, no. 17 in the amount of \$43,614.46, no. 18 in the amount of \$74,982.50, no. 19 in the amount of \$39,985.40 and no. 20 in the amount of \$12,376.10.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 4 in the total amount of \$7,152.88 for construction at Britt David Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 2 in the total amount of \$20,984.82 for construction at Georgetown Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 1 in the total amount of \$46,541.53 for construction at Eastway Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the total amount of \$19,346.96 for construction at South Columbus Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 5 in the total amount of \$10,925.42 for construction at Waddell Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded contracts to 3-COM Corporation in the total amount of \$1,031,590.00 for one-time structured cabling and maintenance services at Brewer, J.D. Davis, Dimon, Hannan, Jordan, Key, Kendrick, Shaw and Spencer; 3-COM Corporation, \$96,673.00 for maintenance services/switches; VirtuCom, \$7,140.00 for Routers; VirtuCom, \$26,400.00 for Proxy Servers; BellSouth, \$27,415.00 for one-time installation services; \$353,862.00 annually for recurring telecommunication services; BellSouth, \$95,508.00 annually for Internet Services; TrustedNet, \$48,840.00 for Internet Access Services annually. The local share of matching funds is \$601,446.00 for this project and will be included in the appropriate operating accounts in the FY03 budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$148,490.00 to York International Corporation for the replacement of a chiller and cooling system at the Columbus Museum.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a request from the baseball boosters at Columbus High to construct an enclosed batting cage on the baseball complex at the school. The estimated cost is \$110,000 and there will be no cost to the school district.

It was the consensus of the Board to delay taking action on securing construction management services provided by Newton Aaron & Associates.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board approved a change in agreement with Jim Anthony Productions for the broadcasting of school board meetings. The change will include a flat rate of \$500.00 per meeting and the elimination of the additional charge for meetings that last longer than an hour. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Mr. Walker).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a RFP to select a lender as authorized by the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program (QZAB) for financing the Jordan High School Construction Academy.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the proposal by D&B Enterprises, utility consultant to prepare a RFP for an electrical supplier to provide services at Northside High School at a cost of \$15,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the agreement between the Columbus Parks and Recreation and the Muscogee County School District for the joint use of the football field located at the Midland Middle School site with two changes as recommended by Mr. Humes. Mr. Humes suggested that in the motion before the agreement is finalized it should include two additions (1) reference inter-governmental contract's clause and (2) include a provision for those in charge of the activity holding them responsible for the safety and well-being of those in attendance. Mr. Humes said that since it is an inter-governmental agreement and it needs to go before the City Council for their vote and at the Board's approval he will make provisions for this. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Humes proceed.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a donation from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in the total amount of \$10,000 for a mentoring program at J.D. Davis Elementary School. The Board thanked the Sorority.

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

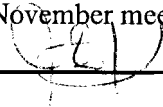
- Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- Proposal #73 WAN upgrade, \$138,531.90 for Access Technologies and \$9,995.00 for Acterna.
- Title I FY02 Accountability Grant, \$193,407.00
- Baker Middle School Evening Alternative Education Program FY02, \$37,500.00.
- Rule 10, Relations with other Agencies FY02, \$20,000.00.
- Magnet Programs at Britt David, Dimon, Downtown, Hannan and St. Mary's, \$500,000.00.
- Adult Remediation/Case Management & Youth Remediation/Case Management \$37,076.00.
- Plant Services for waste disposal, \$25,000.00.
- Even Start Program, \$500,000.00.
- Title VI-B carryover, FY01 for GLRS, \$14,083.00.
- Donation by PTA for River Road Elementary, \$3,917.25.
- FY01 funds for Double Churches Elementary, \$1,285.00.
- Technology/Career Education Extended Day \$15,986.00
- Adult Education Institutionalized Programs, \$5,940.00
- Arts & Humanities Program Grant, \$20,000.00 from Georgia Challenge Program.
- Arts & Humanities donation of \$500.00 from Mead.
- Resolution authorizing accounts with Citizens Trust Bank.
- Financial Assistance grant, \$1,381.00.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the December regular board meeting at the Columbus Museum so that the student groups that have requested to perform may be accommodated.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear two student discipline tribunal appeals.

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

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



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