

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2001, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, August 20, 2001, 6:30 pm. 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 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 Johnson Elementary School. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience. Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Sims who recognized the Board for their completion of the Georgia School Board Member Professional Development program. Mrs. Dozier recognized those members of the Youth Advisory Council. Dr. Vander Gheynst recognized Downtown Elementary School for being named a Core Knowledge School.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on July 16, 2001.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Joann Wells for the position of Director of Guidance Services.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Dianne Sharpe for the position of half/time Assistant Principal at Mathews Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Betsy Tomblin for the position of Assistant Principal at Reese Road and Muscogee Elementary Schools.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Mrs. Susan Arnold for the position of Logistics Coordinator in the Construction Department.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the revision to policy IFBH as it relates to Internet/Network Acceptable Use. Mr. Whiteside added that at this time there is filtering on the computers and this action is to comply with federal law.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, the Board unanimously voted to table for one month the request to approve an updated policy manual.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved four teams of Student Discipline Tribunal members along with a group of alternates for the 2001-2002 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved Davis Broadcasting to broadcast selected area high school football games at Memorial and Kinnett Stadium.

Mr. Humes spoke with the Board concerning a letter from Mr. John McEachern who has been seeking approval for a charter school to Dr. Prince who is the mediator for this matter. Mr. Humes asked the Board's permission to write Dr. Prince and the State Board on behalf of the School District to let them know the steps that have been taken since the June 18th mediation. Mr. Humes said that at this time there is no further action that can be taken by the Board.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a State-funded Instructional Extension Proposal.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a delay for the 2000-2001 opening of Allen Elementary, Gentian Elementary, Marshall Middle and East Columbus Magnet Schools due to construction and directed Mr. Sims to request a waiver of these school days from the State Department of Education.

Dr. Polleys asked Mr. Ebron to comment on the addendum item regarding the selection process for the semi-autonomous library board.

Mr. Ebron asked Mr. Humes to speak to the changes in the resolution. Mr. Humes said there are two changes in the amendment the first being, 4(d) pertaining to the size of the library board increasing the number of members from eleven to twenty-one. The second change is (v) addressing the issue that should a member of the library board once seated miss two consecutive meetings without being excused by the library board then that person would forfeit his or her membership. The resolution contemplates that you would leave up to the library board to make the decisions as to whether or not an absence is excused or not excused. Mr. Humes commented that these are the only two changes to the resolution and the appropriate action would be for the Board to amend the June 18th resolution pertaining to the library board. Mr. Humes said that he has also prepared the process of advertisement for, seeking of and receipt of applications and resumes' for appointment to the library board. The requests would go to the Superintendent who would then go through the process of inviting Board members in to review these, the list would be narrowed down and brought back to the Board for a vote which is required by the resolution.

Mr. Ebron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker to amend the June 18th resolution as outlined by Mr. Humes to include items 4(d) and (v). Mr. Ditchfield asked if the members of the Youth Advisory Council could be considered for appointment to the Board. Mrs. Storey asked if the terms for the members of the library board are the same as Museum Board members? Mr. Ebron commented that the Museum Board's term is (3) years. Dr. Polleys commented that it would be good to have the members serve a (3) year term rather than (2) year terms but the way the resolution is drafted it allows for (2) year terms. Mr. Humes commented that if the Board wants to change the terms, the resolution would need to be amended. Mr. Ebron amended his motion seconded by Mr. Walker to include in the resolution a three-year term with 1/3rd of the Board rotating off every third year. Mr. Whiteside asked that this be included in subpart (d) which will call for staggered terms of the members. Mr. Humes will make this change to the resolution. Mr. Whiteside asked if the by-laws for the autonomous board be brought back to the school board for approval? Mr. Humes said that the School Board could direct them to do so. The vote was unanimous on the amended motion.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the selection process for the semi-autonomous library board.

Mr. Wells made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey, to approve the architect's schematic design for the new main library. Mr. Whiteside asked if it was correct in the handout that the estimate indicates the budget being over. Mr. Caggins commented that there is a total of 1,279,388.00 over the budget. Mr. Whiteside asked if this includes an increase in demolition and landscaping. Mr. Caggins said yes. Mrs. Parker asked if with the value engineering to change the copper roof system to a painted roof system, what is the longevity? Mr. Caggins commented that copper would last longer than painted. Mrs. Parker said that she does not want to vote for a flat roof. Mr. Kidd from the architect firm Hecht, Burdeshaw said that the design of the roof is the same and the areas that are flat are still flat. Mrs. Parker wanted for the record that she does not support any part of a flat roof that may eventually leak. Mr. Wells commented that he is concerned with so many of the items listed being taken away from the new library is really cutting the heart out. Mr. Wells asked if there is a way to include the site amenities, the fountain, the trees and the landscaping because these things will transform the whole area. Mr. Wells said that a 100,000 square foot library was promised and if a 108,000 square foot library is built and all the amenities have to be excluded then the public will feel that the promise hasn't been kept. Dr. Polleys asked if the decision as to whether the exterior things can be changed or the size of the library can be changed, is a decision that will be made with the vote on the schematic design tonight, locking the size in? Mr. Caggins said the Board is only voting on the design tonight. Mrs. Storey commented that she would like smaller and better quality than square footage and over-budget. Dr. Polleys commented that for the record, it is the consensus of the Board that school district funds will not be used to fund this project. Dr. Polleys commented that it is the basic footprint of the building in terms of the schematic design that the Board is voting on tonight. The vote was unanimous on the schematic design for the new main library.

Mr. Wells made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the site plan for the park behind the new main library contingent upon some other entity funding, developing and maintaining the park. Mr. Whiteside asked if the library can be built and would work in the concept that has been proposed to be both functional and aesthetically appealing if there's not green space to the rear of the library? We know there is no money in the budget for green space and is there an option to use school district funds? Mr. Sims commented that school district funds would not be involved and he feels the community will step up to the plate. Mr. Whiteside commented that he would vote for the master plan based on commitments from the Administration not coming back with a proposal which would cause school district resources to be employed on the project. Dr. Polleys called for a vote on the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Upon motion of Mr. wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the amount of \$49,670.54 for construction at Blanchard.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 1 in the amount of \$82,985.28 for construction at Georgetown Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 1 in the amount of \$140,976.82 for construction at Hardaway High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the amount of \$15,909.54 for construction at Waddell.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 2 in the amount of \$13,845.72 for construction at Britt David Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved construction needs at Double Churches Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 9 in the amount of \$1,099,635.90 for rock excavation and mass grading at the north site project and approve a budget adjustment.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the re-direction of FY02 Capital Projects Fund Budget Scope Change Funding Transfer to the SPLOST Fund in the amount of \$429,570.00 for Clubview Elementary additions and to cover several emergencies at various schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$46,000.00 to McMath-Turner Construction Company for parking lot renovations and construction at Eddy Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$43,058.00 to The Green's Keeper for landscaping at Fox Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$27,100.00 to Columbus Roofing, Inc., for canopy replacement and roof repairs at Carver High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the re-direction of SPLOST funds between (10) schools allowing the school district to take advantage of funding through the Schools & Library Division for the 4th year of E-Rate.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the year-end budget adjustments which will bring budgeted amounts into line with actual results.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved year-end adjustments to Regular Capital Projects Fund, Restricted Capital Projects (SPLOST) Fund, Debt Service Fund, School Nutrition Fund, and Bradley Library Fund budgets.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a revision to the resolutions authorizing investment of school district funds through Georgia Fund 1 of the Local Government Investment Pool.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved a resolution in support of Mr. Walker as Third District Candidate as GSBA District 3 Director.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of item B-5:

- Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- New budget for Special Education Assistive Technology Funds FY02 (\$44,412.00) from Georgia Lottery.
- New budget FY02 Technology/Career Education (\$69,816.00).
- New budget FY02 Woodall Program (\$221,601.00).
- New budget Health Literacy Project Contract (\$31,400.00).
- New budget Title I FY02 for selected schools (\$25,000.00)
- New budget Woodall Program FY02 State budget.
- Budget adjustment over \$25,000 State funds for alternative schools operations.
- Budget adjustment Budgeted Reserve Fund for Dimon Elementary School.
- Purchase order Co-Nect, Inc., \$60,000.00 for implementation services at Eddy Middle School.
- Purchase order to Southlake Ford \$11,974.00 to purchase Ford Escort for Central Office.
- Letter of agreement with Hughston Sports Medicine Center for athletic training at Kendrick, Hardaway and Columbus High Schools, \$2,000.00 per year.
- Renewal of property and casualty insurance with Georgia School Boards Association.
- New non-resident tuition fees for FY02; (\$1,709.00) for out-of-county and (\$6,286.00) for out-of-state.

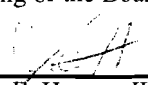
Mr. Sims asked that item B-5 be delayed until next month regarding the Mentoring Program at J. D. Davis Elementary because additional information is needed.

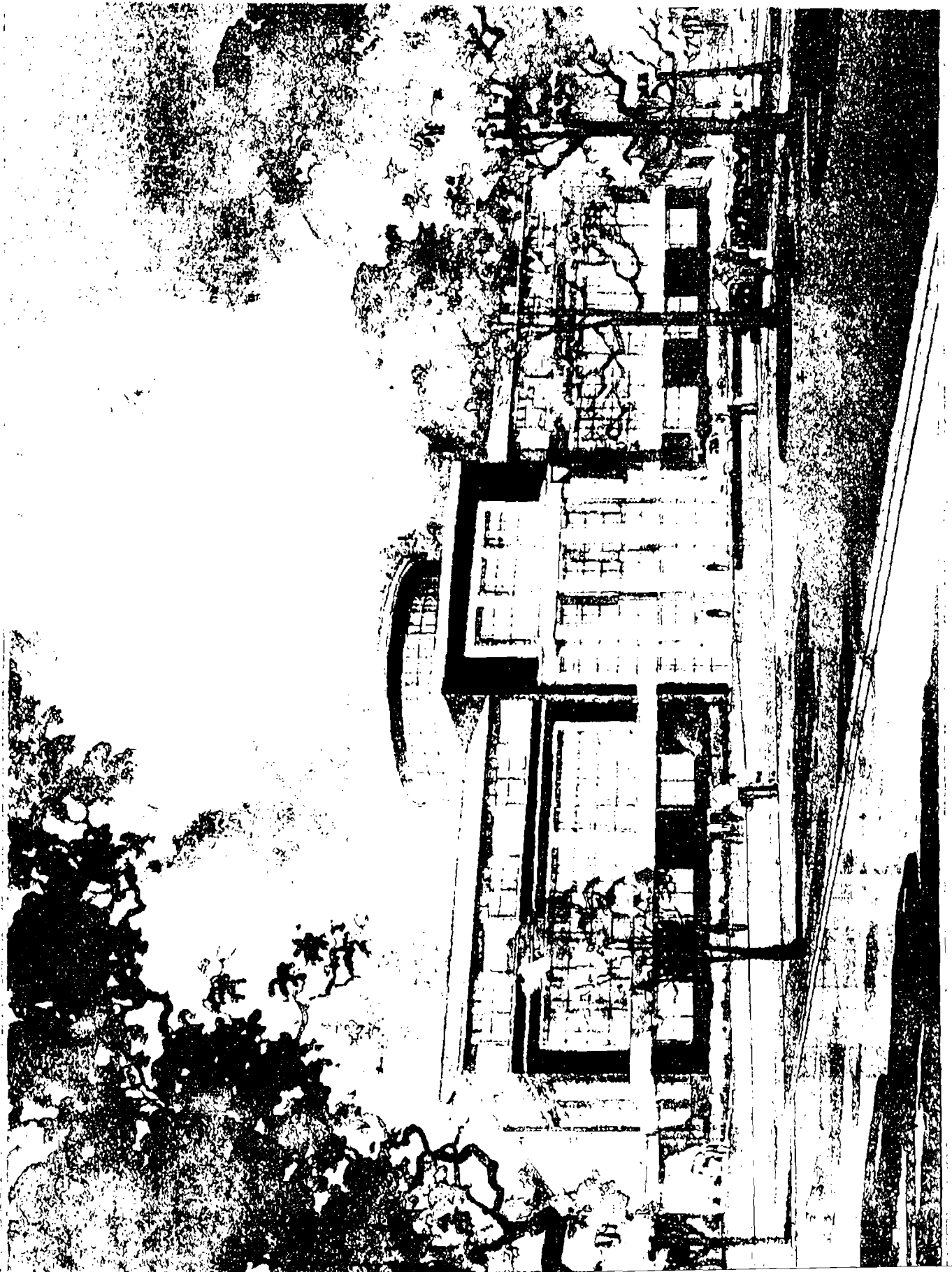
Mr. Wells asked for the Board's approval to deal with the requests for Financial Assistance separately. It was the consensus of the Board that the committee deal with these requests.

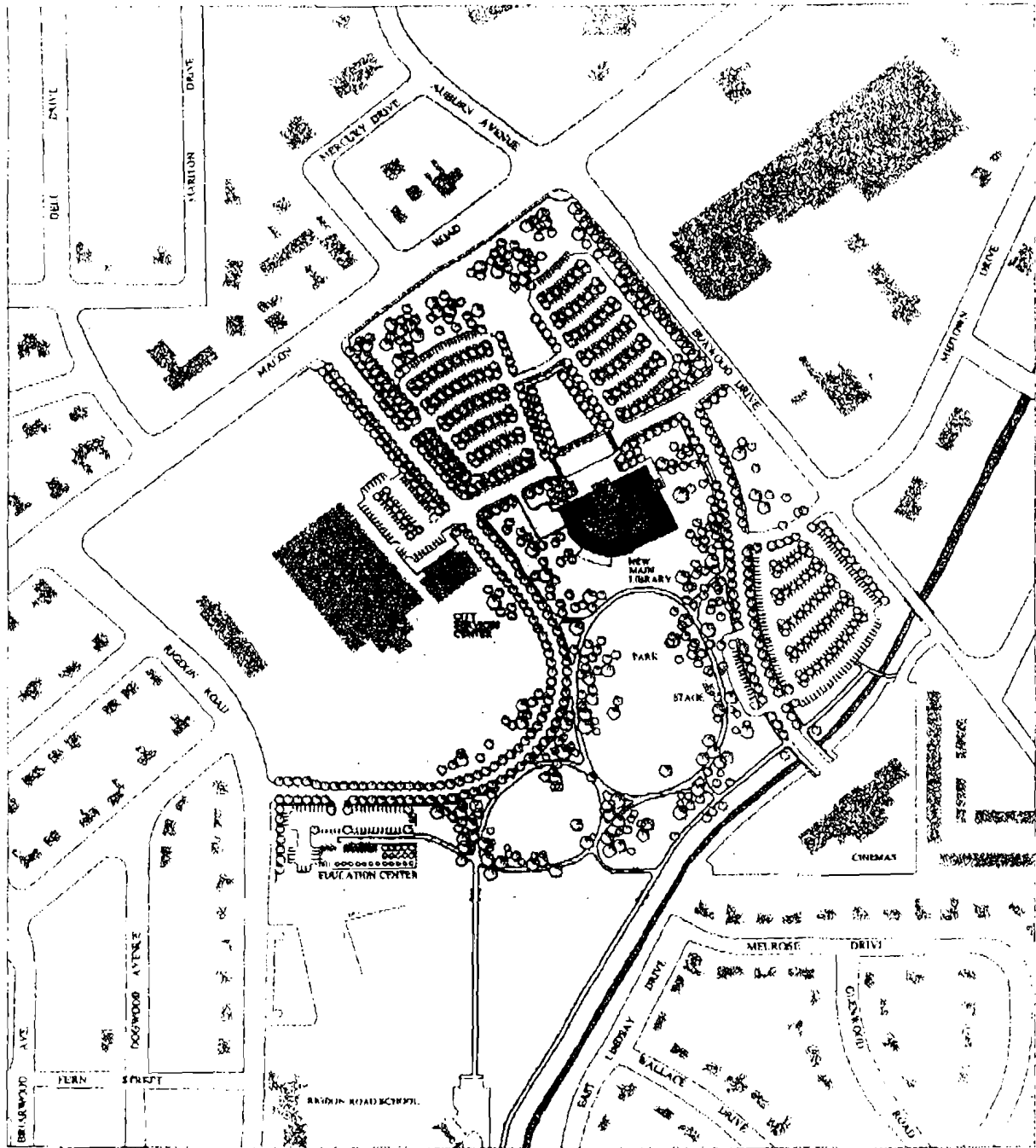
Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear (2) student discipline appeals and also a real estate matter.

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

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


James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel

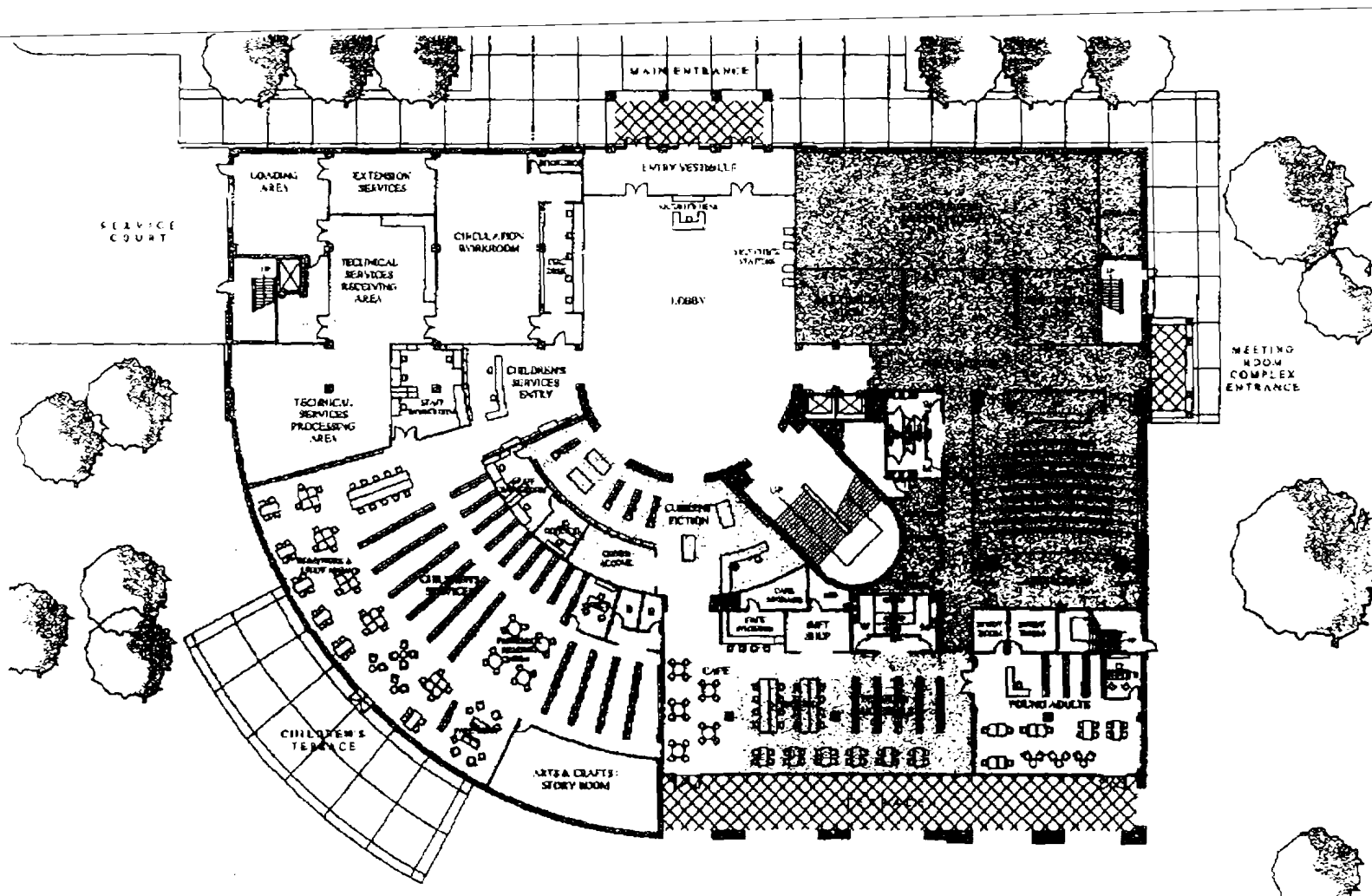




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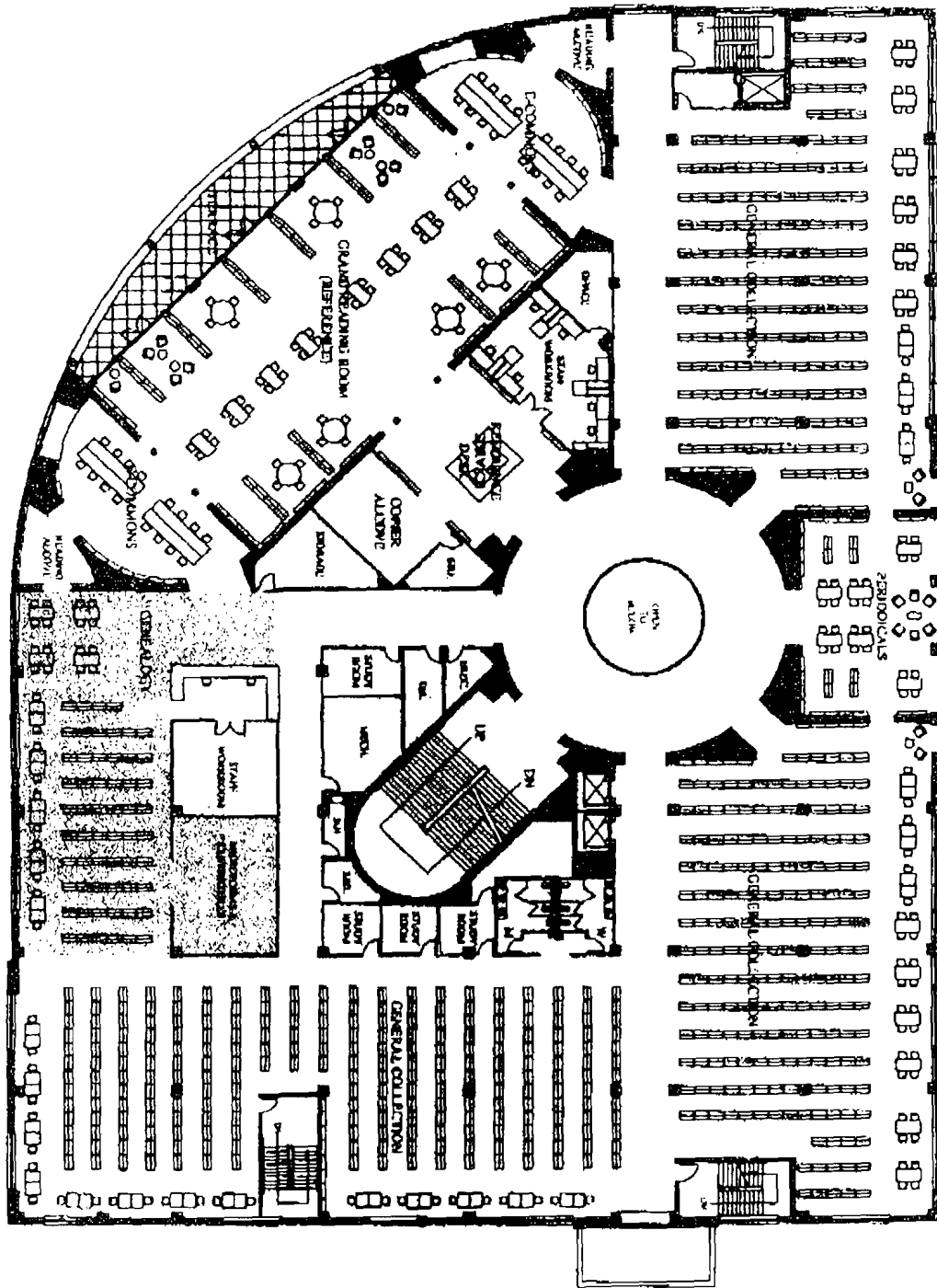
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN





THIRD FLOOR PLAN