MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Columbus, Georgia

CALLED BOARD MEETING OF THE
MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001, 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Muscogee County Board of Education met on Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in the Bradley Library Board Room for a called meeting. The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Mary Sue Polleys, Chair; Mr. James Walker, Vice Chair; Mr. David E. Ebron, Mr. Owen Ditchfield, Dr. Philip T. Schley, Ms. Brenda Storey, Mr. John Wells and Mr. Fife M. Whiteside. Mr. James E. Humes II, School Board Attorney was in attendance. Also in attendance were: Mr. Fred Jones, Treasurer; Ms. Brenda Dozier, Asst. Supt. for Student Services; Mr. Gordon Stallings, Asst. Supt. for Instruction; Ms. Shirley Jaeger, Asst. Supt. for Personnel; Dr. William Kendall, Administrative Asst. to the Supt.; Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. Sonny Lollar, Mr. James Tanksley, Ms. Borden Black, Ms. Billie Jean Stallings, Ms. Lee Massey, Dr. Jim Hutcheson, Dr. Carol Hutcheson, and members from the media. Mr. Guy Sims, Superintendent of Education was absent.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order.

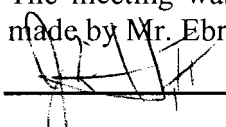
A motion, made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Ebron, was unanimously approved to excuse Ms. Linda Parker's absence due to a family commitment that couldn't be changed.

Dr. Polleys explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a personnel matter (the letter received by Superintendent Guy Sims to retire effective July 1, 2002). A motion, made by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Ms. Storey, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter was unanimously approved. Mr. Humes said under the open meetings act, the only subject is that of a personnel nature that may be discussed in executive session. Any general references to procedures will be discussed in public. Mr. Whiteside confirmed for the public there would be no discussion for the superintendent replacement at this meeting. The vote was unanimous to go into executive session.

The Board went into executive session. They reconvened at 7:00 p.m. A motion, made by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, was unanimously approved to move out of executive session.

Dr. Polleys announced they discussed the Superintendent's letter expressing his intent to retire July 1, 2002. Dr. Schley made a motion, with sympathy, concern and deep regrets for the Board to accept Superintendent Guy Sims' letter of retirement as of July 1, 2002. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ditchfield and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m. after a unanimously approved motion made by Mr. Ebron and seconded by Mr. Walker.



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