

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2002, 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following Board members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, David E. Ebron, Linda Parker, Fife Whiteside, Philip Schley, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: Charles Staples, Legal Counsel, Robert L. Bushong, Interim Superintendent of Education, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent and representatives from the media.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag. Dr. Polleys stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the superintendent search firm. She then called on Mr. Brock who represents the firm of Brock and Clay out of the Atlanta area.

Mr. Brock informed the Board that the search is going well with the process. He said that the form has been devised for public input surveys and the wording for the website is available. Dr. Bushong said that Mrs. Jaeger will be assisting with this. Dr. Polleys said that efforts have been made to make sure that the survey is in all of the libraries, at the Museum, Clafflin, Central Office, Columbus Roberts, year round schools that will be back on Thursday and other support buildings. Mr. Brock said that the ad has been run in the Atlanta Journal and will be run perhaps twice more along with the first ad in Education Week. The Board reviewed the ad and brochures that will be mailed to various school districts and recruits that have been secured by the firm. Mr. Brock asked the Board to confirm dates for the purpose of reviewing applications and dates for interviewing the candidates. It was the consensus of the Board to meet on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, 5:00 p.m. to go over applications and to hold interviews with the candidates on Saturday, September 14th and Sunday, September 15th, 2002 at a location central to candidates that will be flying into Georgia.

Mr. Brock asked the Board for a closed session to discuss specifics regarding candidates. Mr. Ditchfield made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey, to go into executive session to discuss some specifics. Mr. Whiteside asked if this segment presented from the firm would be their discussion of specific candidates. Mr. Brock commented that "this would be their discussion of specific candidates." The vote was unanimous to go into executive session.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the called meeting.

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