

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2002, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, July 15, 2002, 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 M. Whiteside, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: Robert L. Bushong, Interim Superintendent of Education, Charles, Staples, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda F. Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent 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 Hannan Academy. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience. Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Walker to introduce Jeannie "Sissy" Henry the Executive Director of the Georgia School Boards Association. Mrs. Henry thanked the Board for recognizing her and for their efforts in improving education for the children in Muscogee County. Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Caggins who recognized Mrs. Jimmie Barnett for being elected School Food Service Association Chairman. Dr. Polleys then called on Steve Pitts and Cheryl Reese who recognized National Skills USA VICA conference winners.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular meeting held on June 17, 2002 and called meetings held on June 24, 2002, June 10, 2002 and June 3, 2002.

Dr. Polleys commented that after speaking with the Board regarding the recent land purchase, it was the consensus of the Board that the following statement be read: "With regard to City Council's recent request that the School Board turn over the acreage at the mall site to the City for development of a park, the School Board believes that there should be public input from any interested citizens, especially those who live in adjoining neighborhoods, about the detailed plans for the specific use of the land as well as any other viable options for its use. Therefore, we ask that a small committee be formed to plan a public forum involving the Library Board, City Council, School Board, and all interested citizens. We ask that David Ebron represent the School Board on that committee, which will determine a mutually convenient time, place, and format for the public forum so that all questions can be answered publicly and that all people can proceed with the same expectations."

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of ms. LaNora Emziah to the position of Director for the Woodall Center.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Stephen Pitts to the position of Director of Technology/Career Education.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Marietta Webb to the position of Supervisor of Technology/Career Education at Shaw High.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Dawn Upshaw to the position of Acting Principal at River Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Joseph Myles to the position of Assistant Principal at Britt David Elementary.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Mattye Kinney to the position of Assistant Principal at East Columbus Magnet.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Lorri Valentini to the position of Assistant Principal at Eastway Elementary.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Sandra Pirkle to the position of Assistant Principal at Fort Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Fred Maynard to the position of Assistant Principal at Jordan High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Barry Taff to the position of Assistant Principal at Martin Luther King, Jr./South Columbus Elementary Schools.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the new policy (IDDC) regarding Hospital Homebound Instruction for students, including students with disabilities.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved the Student Discipline Tribunal Team members for the 2002-2003 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the Special Education Comprehensive Plan for the 2002-2003 school year.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for eleven months for the period ending May 31, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved resolutions authorizing accounts with various financial institutions.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change orders to Alexander Contracting Company in the amount of \$46,975.00 and Freeman & Associates in the amount of \$33,144.00 to be added to the individual contracts for changes to the loading dock at Northside High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 6 in the amount of \$2,736.92 to be deducted from the original contract and change order no. 7 in the amount of \$47,836.00 to be added to the original contract for construction at St. Mary's Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 3 in the amount of \$3,767.98 to be deducted from the original contract for construction at Georgetown Elementary.

Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ebron, to approve a settlement in the amount of \$45,000.00 in-kind and cash from Southern A&E architects for damage caused at Hardaway High during a construction project. Mr. Whiteside asked counsel if this was an appropriate amount of settlement. Mr. Staples affirmed that this is an appropriate settlement. The vote was unanimous.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the audit on financial statements of SPLOST Capital Projects Fund for nine months ending March 31, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the FY03 Staff Development budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the Pre-K budget for FY03.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the FY03 State and Federal budgets for the Woodall Center.

Dr. Polleys gave the Board copies of a letter from Brock, Clay, Calhoun the Superintendent Search firm updating the Board on the search. Dr. Polleys read the letter (appended to minutes).

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

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- Contract awarded various vendors linen, bread, juice, paper, roll-over contract for dairy products.
- Contract awarded Holbrook Service Company, \$13,647.00 for boiler replacement at Museum.
- New budget Public Safety, Spencer, Broadcast/Video Production Program at Shaw, \$100,000.00.
- New budget Georgia Public Library Grant, \$2,475.00 Vacation Reading at Library, 2002.
- New budget Adult Education Programs in Private Industry, \$2,310.00.
- Budget Adjustment in excess of \$25,000.00 requiring a transfer of funds from middle school technology accounts to purchase file servers for seven schools.
- Grant renewal English Literacy/Civics Education Grant additional \$2,500.00 for July/August.
- Software Lease and Support from various vendors for FY03 in Data Processing Department.
- Contract awarded Human Performance & Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., \$2,200.00 for athletic training services at Hardaway.
- Donation from Double Churches PTA for playground equipment, \$9,000.00.
- Financial Assistance, \$707.00.

Dr. Bushong briefed the Board regarding the opening of the new Northside High School. Dr. Bushong said after visiting the school on yesterday everything is on schedule. Dr. Bushong asked Mr. Caggins to give the Board some details including the opening is scheduled for the first day of school on August 19th to include a temporary alternate feeding site.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear a legal matter.

Upon motion of Dr. Schley, seconded by Mrs. Parker, the Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

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

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel