

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, September 16, 2002, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following persons were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, 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 T. Staples, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda F. Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, 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 an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by students from J. D. Davis Elementary. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience. Dr. Polleys called on Ms. Michelle Ortiz, PTA President for Downtown Elementary Magnet who asked to speak on the public forum.

Mr. Wells asked that the Board hear from a group representing a group of North Highland senior citizens, Mrs. Hall spoke for the group about the use of the old Fox Elementary School cafeteria. Mr. Wells asked the Administration to clarify the responsibility of the school district in this project. Mr. Staples said, "the agreement called for a swap of the existing facility, formerly the lunchroom as well as to establish a relocation of the playground, the multi-purpose court and the lighted ball field. The agreement only addressed that the district was to provide the building to the city in exchange for the one that was torn down. It really appears that the expenses involved in the relocation and demolition would be at the expense of the school district." Mr. Wells asked the Administration to get an answer to the Board regarding the completion of this project. Mr. Caggins said that he will work with Mr. Adams and the city to get the group into the building as soon as possible. Mr. Whiteside commented, "I'm pretty sure that this property has already been deeded to the City." Mr. Caggins commented, "it has not been completed yet. The demolition needs to be done." Dr. Polleys said the discussion of the deed transference would be discussed at a later date.

Mrs. Parker asked to comment on another issue. "It has been one of my concerns. A few months ago I was told by Administration that Kendrick would be renovated. I went out to Kendrick and I told those people that their school would be renovated. I gave them the information that I was given by Mr. Caggins and Mr. Sims. They told me that in one week the school would be renovated and I feel like I was misled and my word is my bond. I did not bring it up during the election cause I did not want to make it an election issue. The election is over and I still want my answers. In fact they mentioned the architect. I talked to the architect and a couple of other Board members I asked to go with me to share this information to see what the architect had to say. It was quite different from what the Administration had said. I want an answer before I leave. I don't want it tonight because I don't want you to give me a bogus answer. I didn't appreciate it. I'm going back to Kendrick to give those people the correct information. I will not be one to be made a fool out of or look like I lied to them. I think Mr. Siegel is suppose to be doing a new facility plan. I want it taken care of."

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular meeting on August 19, 2002 and a called meeting held on September 4, 2002.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the Student Attendance Procedures.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously excused Mr. Ebron due to family illness.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved an extension to the consulting agreement with Dr. Robert L. Bushong. The vote was (7) affirming and (1) opposing, Ditchfield.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for twelve months ending June 30, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for one month ending July 31, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved adjustments to the Budgeted Contingency Reserve and impact of Student Information System to the General Fund Estimated Revenues from State Sources.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 36 for North Site Projects in the amount to \$3,988.00 for the installation of the fire department hydrant Siamese connection at the North Site Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 11 in the amount of \$4,441.00 for construction at Key Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved resolutions for Fox/Bibb Replacement Facility and St. Marys Elementary certifying to the State that all work has been complete.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$31,468.48 to Elliott, David & Associates, Inc., for upgrading the sewer line at Key Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the report on funds borrowed from Fyo2 HVAC and Roof Sinking Fund to cover deficits in several SPLOST projects because of change orders.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the audit on the Financial Statements of SPLOST Capital Projects Fund for eleven months ending May 31, 2002.

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

- Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- New budget school-wide discipline initiative grant for Baker, \$5000 from Board of Regents.
- New budget FY03 GLRS; GADOE QBE Funds, \$100,844.00 and Title VI-B Federal Grants Funds, \$116,739.00.
- New budget FY03 Capacity Building and Improvement Grant for GLRS from GADOE, \$45,000.
- New budget Spencer High, SADD Chapter, \$9,000.
- New budget local assistance grant from GA Dept. of Community Affairs for Baker(\$10,000); Carver(\$10,000), Kendrick(\$25,000), Marshall(\$10,000).
- New budget Reading Options Programs, \$455,894.46.
- New budget Reading Options Program for After School Enhancement.
- New budget FY03 Relations with Other Agencies, \$20,000.
- New budget Elementary Magnet Programs, Clubview, St. Mary's, Hannan, Downtown, Dimon, Britt David, \$624,224.00.
- New budget Homeless Grant, \$33,347 from GADOE.
- New budget, \$31,400 from GA Dept. of Technical & Adult Ed., Health Literacy.
- Budget adjustment Juvenile Justice Mentoring for Forrest Road and Marshall, \$27,532.
- Budget adjustment USDOE for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, \$294,249.00.
- Budget adjustment Subscriptions & AV supplies at Bradley Library, \$85,000.
- Budget adjustment Bradley Library Reserve Fund, \$580,300.00.
- Budget adjustment Renewal of System Maintenance Service Agreement for Payroll/Personnel Package software provided by Integral Systems, Inc.
- Purchase order to Georgia Vocation Staff Development Consortium, \$10,164.00 FY03 membership fee for Technology/Career Education.
- Purchase order to Allan Vigil Ford, \$55,416.00 for three vans in Printing and Mail Department.
- Purchase order to York International, \$16,840.00 to replace compressor at Spencer High.
- Contract awarded to Holbrook Service, low bidder, \$82,780.00 to replace chiller at Carver High.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear three student discipline situations.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously adjourned the regular September Board meeting.

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Charles T. Staples  
Legal Counsel