

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2002, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, August 19, 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, 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 Clubview Elementary. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience.

Dr. Polleys called on Dr. Bushong to present a new initiative. Dr. Bushong commented that this will be a presentation of the Muscogee Accountability Plan (MAP) that has been proposed and was presented at the Education Committee earlier. Dr. Bushong said this is the most important presentation in concept that will bring about improvement of instruction and student achievement. Dr. Bushong called on Mrs. Ann McDuffie who made a power point presentation of the MAP Proposal.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular meeting on July 15, 2002 and a called meeting on July 9, 2002.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Leon Siegel to the position of Interim Director of Construction.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved new policies; JGCD-Student Medication; GBRID-Professional Personnel Military Leave; GCRGD-Classified Personnel Military Leave; GDRHD-Paraprofessional Personnel Military Leave and JCEB-Student Hearing Procedures.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the revision to policies; JCDA-Student Behavior Code; JCDAD-Bus Conduct; EDCB-Bus Conduct; DK-Student Activities Fund Management and the deletion of policy DK-R-Administrative Regulation.

Upon motion of Ms. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with The Hughston Sports Medicine Center to provide trainer services at Kendrick, Columbus and Hardaway High Schools for the 2002-2003 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Mid Georgia Ambulance Service to provide ambulance service for football games at Kinnett Stadium for the 2002-2003 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved an agreement for Davis Broadcasting, Inc., to broadcast selected football games for the 2002-2003 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts in the amount of \$4,584.00 for arts curriculum.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved year end budget adjustments for the General Fund Budget.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the school district's group insurance plans effective January 1, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the Even Start budget for FY03 in an allocated amount of \$500,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 33, \$1,133.40 to be funded by City of Columbus and added to original contract; change order no. 34, \$10,285.00 to be deducted from original contract for construction at north site project with \$5,142.50 to be credited to SPLOST Fund and City of Columbus receiving a credit of \$5,142.50; change order no. 35, \$41,045.00 to be funded by City of Columbus and added to original contract for construction at north site project.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 8, \$1,836.00; change order no. 9, \$10,723.65; change order no. 10, \$1,032.15; change order no. 11, \$1,768.20 and change order no. 12, \$596.40 for construction at Northside High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of \$52,135.91 to Bilmar Environmental, Inc., for removal of mastic and asbestos floor tile at Spencer High School.

With the opinion of Counsel to bid this item out, it was the consensus of the Board to delete the item regarding Pilot Program for Floor Maintenance and bring this item back at a later date after the bid process.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a contingent fee agreement for Gilman and Pastor, LLP, Attorney to represent the school district in obtaining a monetary recovery for damages caused to the roofing system and roof deck at Hannan and Brewer from a claim against Johns Manville Corporation Phenolic Corrosion.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the audit on financial statements of SPLOST Capital Projects Fund for ten months ending April 30, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the use of school facilities for disaster relief operations by the American Red Cross.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of items C-6 :

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- New budget Federal, State and Local funds for Adult Education, \$1,039,050.00.
- New budget Adult Case Management/One-Stop Services and Dislocated Worker Case Management/One-Stop Budget approval contracts #2-003 and #2-006, \$63,962.00.
- New budget Agreement/Contract National Center on Education and the Economy, MCSD, America's Choice.
- New budget Georgia Council for the Arts Touring Program Grant, FY03.
- New budget Technology/Career Education New Grants FY03, Local Plan for Improving Vocational and Technical Education.
- New budget Reading Excellence Act for Dawson, \$315,000.00 and Wynnton \$312,399.00.

- New budget Georgia State University and MCSD Teacher Leader Grant for Reading Recovery, \$136,417.00.
- New budget Academy/Magnet 2003 budgets for eight MCSD high schools.
- New budget Title I Comprehensive School Reform grant Eddy Middle.
- Budget adjustment additional funds, \$24,424.00 for Even Start FY02 budget.
- Budget adjustment additional funds, \$15,783.00 for Pre-K; F03 budget.
- Budget adjustment middle and high school textbooks; special education.
- Budget adjustment, elementary textbooks, elementary technology.
- Budget adjustment, \$55,068.00 from budgeted reserve to Northside High.
- Procedures for expending Georgia Lottery Funds, supplemental budget FY02
- Procedures to expend State Instructional Extension Plan FY03 funds to support extended day programs in grades K-12.
- Donation from River Road PTA, \$4,504.80 to purchase (80) desks and chairs for first grade.
- Confirmation purchase order, Moore-Warren Equipment, \$17,223.90, Key Elementary.
- Confirmation purchase order to Huckaby Brothers Floor Covering, \$15,000.00 for Eastway.
- Purchase order to Holbrook Service Company, \$18,100.00, grease trap at Gentian Elementary
- Purchase order Elliott, David & Associates, \$19,984.66 to install storm drain at Wesley Heights.
- Non-Resident Tuition for 2002-2003 school year; out-of-county; \$1,686.00 and out-of-state; \$6,417.00.
- Financial Assistance, \$2,555.00.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold item C-6 regarding the Northside Pilot Program floor maintenance and have this item presented after a competitive bid.

Mrs. Storey thanked the River Road PTA for the donation to purchase (80) desks and chairs for first grade. Mr. Wells commended the Board committee regarding the grant of financial assistance for employees. Dr. Bushong extended an invitation to the Board from Mayor Peters to attend a ceremony on September 11th at the Civic Center. Mr. Whiteside noted the invitation from Hardaway High School to attend a reception for the IB program.

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