MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2002, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, June 17, 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 Whiteside, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: Guy Sims, Superintendent of Education , Robert L. Bushong, Interim Superintendent of Education, Charles Staples, Legal Counsel, Fred M. Jones, 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 Camp-Read-A-Lot at Reese Road Elementary. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience. Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Whiteside who read a resolution for Fred M. Jones, Retiring Treasurer and Mrs. Storey read a resolution for Guy Sims, Retiring Superintendent. Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Dr. Schley the resolutions were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved as amended official actions taken at the regular board of education meeting held on May 20, 2002, and a called meeting held on May 25, 2002. Mr. Whiteside asked that the minutes of May 29, 2002 reflect his additional comments regarding his personal apology to the teachers from J.D. Davis Elementary who attended the called meeting. Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the May 29, 2002 minutes as corrected.

Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Wells as Chairman of the Finance Committee to preside over the public hearing on the budgets for fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. The hearing was held and there was no one to speak regarding the budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved the General Fund and Debt Service Budgets for FY03.

Dr. Polleys asked the Board to take action on the addendum that has been presented regarding personnel appointments.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Nancy Johnson to the position of Principal at Wynnton Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Evelyne Kay Dowis for the position of Acting Principal at Eastway Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Ann S. Robison for the position of Acting Principal at Hannan Elementary Magnet Academy.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron , the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Terry L. Baker for the position of Acting Principal at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Larry Laney for the position of Acting Principal at Rothschild Middle School.

Mr. Whiteside commented that "the personnel appointments have been made as interim appointments. Each has been made an acting principal to afford the next superintendent after Dr. Bushong's term, to ratify these decisions." Mr. Whiteside thanked the principals for their willingness to serve because of this being an unusual hire.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the Secondary Vocational Connections waiver at the Academic Success Center for an additional three years.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the artist grant in the amount of $1,125.00 from Alternate R.O.O.T.S. for Character Education performances at ten elementary schools.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the list of business representatives to serve as members on the Local School Councils.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the election of Dr. Robert L. Bushong as Secretary of the Board and Mr. Del Parker as Treasurer of the Board.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved resolutions authorizing the signatures of Dr. Bushong and Mr. Parker on the checks of the school district effective, July 1, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved resolutions authorizing Dr. Bushong and Mr. Parker to transact business with the financial institutions that provide services to the school district.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing board member travel for FY03 to functions of the Georgia School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the agreement between MCSD and Tier Technologies, Inc. transferring the assignment from Peat Marwick for warranty and support services of the financial system software.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the extended warranty contract for financial package software now maintained by Tier Technologies, Inc. for troubleshooting, problem solving, technical advice and periodic updates.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the Employee Assistance Program by the Pastoral Institute in the amount of $75,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of $25,062.00 to Grant Sports Fields for irrigation and seeding of the football field at Northside High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved awarding a contract in the amount of $131,000.00 to A-Cut-Above Landscape Management, low bidder for landscaping and irrigation at Northside and approve the budget in the amount of $145,410.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 5 for a deduction of $13,209.43 for construction at Northside.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 29, $160,474.20; change order no. 30, $55,287.80 and change order no. 31, $16,245.00 for the Early Site Construction Package at the North site project.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of $12,100.00 to As Clean As You Are, Inc., for waxing and buffing the floors at Northside High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the dedication plaque for Northside High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Capital Projects Fund budget for FY03.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the audit on financial statements for SPLOST Capital Projects for eight months ending February 28, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a request from the Columbus Consolidated Government for a temporary construction easement for a turning lane at Blackmon Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the increase in sale prices for meals in the School Nutrition Program during the 2002-2003 school year.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the FY03 budget for the School Nutrition Program.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Muscogee County Library budget for FY03 ending June 30, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of $147,375.00 to McMath-Turner Construction Company, low bidder for paving the new parking lot at Kendrick High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order in the amount of $35,000.00 to Georgia Power for the underground lighting system at Northside High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 6 in the amount of $17,004.00 to be added to the original contract for CCTV, intercom, and security systems at Northside High.

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

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- High School Football Schedules.
- Middle School Athletic Schedules.
- Contract awarded to Kleen Air Research, $127,910.00 for system-wide a/c filtering service.
- Contract awarded to Data Supplies, Inc., $14,822.02 for computer stock paper.
- Contract awarded to DeMoulin Brothers & Company, $51,415.00 for band uniforms at Northside.
- Contract awarded to NCS Pearson, $801,914.00 for software, installation, conversion and training at all schools, plus vendor travel expenses.
- New budget Assistive Technology, $44,412.00.
- New budget R.O.O.T.S. Artist Grant, $1,125.00.
- New budget School-wide Discipline grant, $10,000.00 for Marshall Middle School.
- New budget JTPA Summer Youth Program, $39,741.00.
- Budget adjustment FY02 Relations with other agencies, $45,000.00 to $54,000.00.
- Budget adjustment Pre-K Program, $4,450.00.
- Budget adjustment Budgeted Reserve, $36,571.00.
- Budget adjustment Technology for new high school academies, $25,000.00.
- Budget adjustment Chattahoochee Valley Library, $96,307.00 for a deficit.
- Financial assistance, $1,370.41.

Dr. Polleys asked Mr. Jones on an update from Mr. Brock representing the superintendent search firm. Mr. Jones informed the Board that he has received a suggested engagement letter from Mr. Brock. Mr. Jones said he has shared the letter with Mr. Staples and the firm is ready to proceed.

Mrs. Storey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells, to go into executive session to hear a student discipline appeal. Mr. Whiteside offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Wells to include a personnel matter in the executive session. The vote was unanimous on the substitute motion.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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Charles E. Staples, Legal Counsel
Hatcher, Stubbs