

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002, 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Friday, December 20, 2002, 4:00 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, Linda Parker, Fife M. Whiteside, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: Robert L. Bushong, Interim Superintendent of Education, James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant 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 Downtown Elementary School. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience.

Dr. Polleys called on Mrs. Storey and Mr. Whiteside to read resolutions for Dr. Bushong, Mrs. Parker and Mr. Wells to read a proclamation for Dr. Bushong. Mr. Whiteside noted that when "Dr. Bushong was asked if he would consider returning to act as an interim superintendent for a third time. It took him a total of nine seconds not to say, I'll be glad to consider it but to say if you need me, I'll be there. Dr. Bushong, I want to tell you that you are on a short list of people for whom I have learned life lessons." Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the resolutions bestowing Dr. Bushong with the title Superintendent Emeritus. Mr. Wells read a proclamation for Dr. Bushong from Mayor Bobby Peters. Dr. Polleys called on Mrs. Cheryl Tomney who presented a musical tribute to Dr. Bushong.

Dr. Polleys welcomed Jim Humes back. Mr. Walker recognized seven elementary schools who received commendation from the State Department for making significant improvement in student achievement, Blanchard, Rigdon Road, Downtown, Martin Luther King, Benning Hills, South Columbus and Edgewood Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board meeting held on November 18, 2002 and a called meeting held on November 11, 2002.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Robin H. Pennock for the position of Chief Academic Officer.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Rosalyn Williams for the position of Fundraiser at the Teenage Parenting Center.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the request for Special Olympics to use Kinnett Stadium on May 1 and 2 for their summer games.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the signatures of Dr. John A. Phillips, Jr. and Mr. Del Parker on the checks of the School District effective January 1, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of a rental lease between the Muscogee County School District and J.E.L. Properties for space on the first floor of the Cartersville Spinning Mill for the period from December 15, 2002 to December 14, 2003 per month.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 for the construction project at Northside High School. The total amount of the change orders including architect fees is \$4,953.90 to be added to the original contract for Northside High School.

Dr. Polleys directed the Board to the addendum regarding the code of ethics. It was the consensus of the Board that this item be held until a further date.

Dr. Polleys asked for Board action on the one addenda item. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 19 in the total amount of \$29,515.70 to be added to the original contract for modifications to the new roof on the kitchen addition and the existing kitchen roof at Key Elementary School.

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

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- Audit of SPLOST Capital Projects.
- New budget National Center for Learning Disabilities, \$15,000.00.
- New budget Pay for Performance, \$152,000.00; Columbus High School.
- New budget Georgia Public Library Service, \$15,000.00 library at Columbus Museum.
- Budget adjustment Technology/Career Education Extended Day Grant FY03, SDOE, \$18,473.00.
- Budget adjustment Bradley Library, \$13,000 repair a/c system.
- Budget adjustment FY03 Special Education General Fund, \$52,000.00.
- Budget adjustment Computers/ Software for Superintendent's Office, \$10,257.42.
- Budget adjustment Woodall Program, \$27,827.00.
- Budget adjustment Title I FY03, \$956,664.00.
- Confirmation purchase order Holbrook Service Company, water heater at J.D. Davis.
- Purchase order to ALC for management controls at MLK, \$80,048.00.
- Contact to Southeastern Facilities Management, \$21,856.42 tile service, Northside High.

- Non-approval for TLC Wireless to locate a tower on Jordan High School property.
- Financial Assistance, \$3,743.15.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker the Board unanimously approved the change of the regular meeting date for the January, 2003 board meeting to Tuesday, January 21, 2003 because of the MLK holiday and the February, 2003 board meeting to Tuesday, February 18, 2003 because of President's Day holiday.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear a student discipline appeal and discuss a property matter.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular December 2002 board meeting.

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel