MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTSRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2002, 5:30 P.M.
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, November 4, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following Board members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, David E. Ebron, Linda Parker, Fife Whiteside, Philip Schley, John Wells, Brenda Storey, and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: Charles Staples, Legal Counsel, Robert L. Bushong, Interim Superintendent of Education, Del Parker, Treasurer, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent and representatives from the media.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag. Dr. Polleys stated that the purpose of the meeting was to take action regarding a legislative agenda and a property issue.

Dr. Polleys reminded the Board of the legislative luncheon on November 12, 2002 at 12:00, Trade Center. Dr. Polleys called on Del Parker who spoke concerning the cuts in the allotments for the media center operations from $19.54 back to $9.77 a 50% reduction. Since that time, "with the Governor's 3% reduction in all departments that number will also be slashed again and recently another 2% will be slashed." Mrs. Storey said this would mean a 5% reduction in all departments affecting the mid-year allotments, direct instructional costs will not be affected. Dr. Bushong reminded the Board that a budget adjustment has been brought to the Board that will put the 3% reduction in escrow. If additional amounts are taken then with the approved budget that money will have to be made up. Mr. Parker said, "technology specialists have been included in the QBE funding formula." Dr. Polleys said, "this does not include the purchase of technology." Mr. Parker agreed.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously voted to support by way of a resolution the Georgia School Boards Association Legislative priorities for 2003.

It was the consensus of the Board to have a called meeting on Monday, November 11, 2002 to adopt legislative priorities for 2003. Dr. Polleys reminded the Board of the November 19, 2002 meeting with City Council at the River Center in the Rothschild Room to talk about the use of resources.

Mr. Wells asked about the enforcement of the policy regarding pregnant students attending the TAPP Center. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have this item for discussion at the next Personnel/Policy Committee meeting.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear a property issue. Mr. Whiteside asked that the motion be amended to include a legal matter. The motion was unanimously amended.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the called meeting of the Board of Education.

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Charles Staples, Legal Counsel