

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002, 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, 6:30 p.m. at the Bradley Library in the conference room.

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 W. Sims, Superintendent of Education, James E. Humes, Fred M. Jones, Brenda Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Shirley Jaeger, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Gordon Stallings, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, 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 St. Mary's Road Elementary.

Dr. Polleys informed the Board that under Georgia Law, this is the time for the election of officers. Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield to elect Dr. Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, Mr. James Walker, Vice Chairman, Guy Sims, Secretary, Fred Jones, Treasurer, Jim Humes, Parliamentarian and Legal Counsel representing Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis and Rothschild for the Board of Education. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience; Leadership Columbus participants, Austin Poff, a Double Churches Middle School student who has a social studies project, Mr. and Mrs. Halouska, John Lincoln, Greater Columbus Gifted Association. Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Saulsbury who introduced Major Brinkman and Sgt. Major Glover along with the Carver High School JROTC First Place State Champions.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2001, called meetings on Thursday, December 20, 2001, Wednesday, January 9, 2002 and Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously recommended Mr. Wendell Turner for the position of Assistant Principal at Spencer High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the use of Kinnett Stadium by the March of Dimes on April 19, 20, 2002 for their annual WalkAmerica with rain dates of April 26, 27, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for five months ending November 30, 2001.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 2 in the amount of \$22,157.18 to be added to the original contract for construction at Wesley Heights Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a request from Georgia Power Company for an easement across a small portion of the North site property for power routing to the Columbus Consolidated Government recreation center.

Mr. Wells asked to take items F and H as one motion. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the payment of \$37,500 for closing costs associated with the issuance of QZAB debt for the construction academy at Jordan High School and resolutions establishing two accounts with Synovus Securities, Inc., to manage the Escrow Fund and the Security Fund created by the QZAB lease documents, which provide funding for the Jordan High Construction Academy. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Whiteside commended Mr. Jones and the financial services area. Mrs. Storey asked that we again thank the generous donation from the family that made this possible.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the financial statements for SPLOST Capital Projects funds for three months ending September 3, 2001.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of items E and F:

- Personnel Report (Appendix A)
- New budget Adult Remediation/Case Management and Youth Remediation/Case Management for Adult Education Program.
- New budget Technology/Career Education for Horticulture/AG at Shaw.
- New budget PIAG Educational Foundation Grant, \$3,000 for Jordan.
- New budget PIAG Educational Foundation Grant, \$3,000 for Kendrick.
- Budget adjustment FY02 Title VI-B flow through, FY02 preschool and FY02 Capacity Building & Improvement grant.
- Budget adjustment Plant Services, \$15,000 to D&B Enterprises, utility consultants for Northside High and \$75,400 to break out motor fuel to the operating department from cumulative account.
- Budget adjustment FY02 Federal Title VI-B for Woodall Center.

- Budget adjustment Safe & Drug Free Schools FY02 adjusted carry-over budget.
- Confirmation purchase order to A-Com Protection Services, \$27,985.00 for security cameras at Spencer High.
- Confirmation purchase order to A-Com Protection Services, \$26,475.00 for security cameras at Hardaway High.
- Purchase order to National Center on Education & the Economy, \$180,000 for America's Choice school improvement model.
- Contract awarded to DeMoulin Brothers & Company, \$27,028.32 for band uniforms at Spencer High.
- Resolution to purchase reading materials from Rothschild Library Trust Fund for Rothschild Middle Library, \$3,914.00.
- Resolution to purchase materials for band program at Rothschild Middle from Rothschild Cultural Arts Trust Fund, \$472.00.
- Grant from AmeriCorps, \$7,000 to purchase items for Volunteer Program.
- Financial Assistance Grant, \$1,914.00.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Wells made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to the National Center on Education & the Economy in the amount of \$180,000.00 for America's Choice school improvement model.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to DeMoulin Brothers & Company in the amount of \$27,028.32 for band uniforms at Spencer High School. Mr. Wells asked that the Administration put forth more effort to get more than one competitive bid. Dr. Polleys informed the Board that the administration would like to hold the addendum item.

Dr. Polleys asked for a motion regarding executive session to hear discipline appeals and for a personnel matter. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to hear two student discipline appeals and a personnel matter.

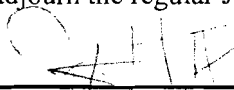
Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Schley the Board voted to come out of executive session. Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board voted unanimously to discuss a personnel matter that is not on the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board voted unanimously to employ Dr. Robert L. Bushong as the interim Superintendent of Education for Muscogee County School District and empower the Superintendent, Chairman and Vice Chairman to work out the details.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board voted unanimously to go back into executive session to hear student discipline appeals. Dr. Polleys commented that the Board would take a few minutes prior to speak with the media.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular January meeting of the Board.



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