

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, June 16, 2003, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following members were present: James Walker, Vice Chairman, Brenda P. Storey, Philip T. Schley, David E. Ebron, Fife M. Whiteside, John Wells, Naomi Buckner and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, Charles T. Staples, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Robin Pennock, Chief Academic Officer, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Shirley Jaeger, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs and representatives from the media.

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by students from Camp-Learn-A-Lot at Reese Road Elementary School. Mr. Walker recognized visitors in the audience.

The Board recognized the following special presentations: Career Education Awards, Page One Awards, Governor's Honors Recipients, Teaching with Technology Awards, and Georgia PTA Reflections Award Winners.

The public hearing was held on the FY04 budget. Mrs. Donna Morgan and Ms. Kim Jones spoke regarding the program at Hannan Elementary. Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved the General Fund and Debt Service budgets for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2004.

Kimwana Hollis, Ulysses Hollis, Edward DuBose, Sandra Carroll and Ernestine Ramsey regarding the personnel move at Marshall Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at a regular Board of Education meeting held on May 19th and called meetings held on May 13th and May 27th.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously amended the agenda to include the addendum items.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously voted to excuse Dr. Polleys who is out of town on business.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Don A. Cooper, Jr. to the position of Chief Human Resources Officer.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Carlos Skeete to the position of Principal at Marshall Middle School. The vote was (7) affirming and (1) abstaining (Ms. Buckner).

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Del Pratt to the position of Principal at Rothschild Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved Mrs. Linda Sessions to the position of Principal at Cusseta Road Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Melana Cassell to the position of Principal at Edgewood Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Donna Johnson to the position of Principal at Midland Academy.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Vanessa Biggers to the position of Principal at Muscogee Elementary School. The vote was (7) affirming and (1) abstaining, (Ms. Buckner).

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Barry C. Taff to the position of Principal at South Columbus Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Brenda Byrd to the position of Principal at St. Mary's Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Larry Laney to the position of Assistant Principal at Cusseta Road Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Barrie Clarke to the position of Assistant Principal at Shaw High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James R. Stone for the position of Assistant Principal at Richards Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Chris Cox for the position of Assistant Principal at Rothschild Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved a revision to policy IHE – Promotion and Retention.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order to Southern Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$162,975.00 for demolition at the old Fox Elementary School site.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Smith-Raymond Company, Inc., in the amount of \$47,886.00 for the replacement of a cooling tower at Fort Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved change order #29 in the total amount of \$1,115.10 for a phone line in the athletic director's office at Northside High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the request from Georgia Power for an easement to relocate electrical distribution lines along Georgetown Drive for a road-widening project.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the warranty contract for financial package software by Tier Technologies, Inc.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing board member travel for FY04 to functions of the Georgia School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for ten months ending April 30, 2003.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the School Nutrition Budget for twelve months beginning July 1, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System budget for FY04.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Capital Projects Fund Budget for FY04.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Property & Casualty coverage as shown in the consultant's recommendation for FY04, \$795,639.00 and Group Travel and Worker's Compensation coverage will be handled by J. Smith Lanier. All other coverage will be handled by GSBA-RMF.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Technology/Career Education Local Plan and Funding Application for FY04.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Denson Contracting Company for construction work at Wynnton Elementary School.

The Board and Dr. Phillips recognized Shirley Jaeger who will be retiring on June 30, 2003. The Board recognized State Representative Calvin Smyre who was visiting the board meeting.

Mr. Wells noted on the consent agenda a grant from AFLAC Corporation in the amount of \$14,000.00 for the Vacation Reading Program at the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library.

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

- Personnel Report (Appendix A).
- Audit of financial statement of SPLOST Capital Projects fund for eight months.
- Library Board vacancy filled by Efrain Hernandez.
- Grant, \$14,000.00 from AFLAC for Vacation Reading Program at Bradley.
- Contract awarded, Stevens Gymnasiums, \$34,250.00, FY04 floor maintenance.
- Contract awarded, Kleen Air Research, \$132,246.30, air filtration, system-wide.
- Contract awarded, Southeastern Facility Management, \$.10/sq. ft. carpet cleaning system-wide.
- Contract awarded, Knox Pest Control, \$57,108.00, system-wide pest control.
- Contract awarded, Knox Pest Control, \$25,125.00, system-wide termite control.
- Waste Management, Eastway and Rothschild, \$160.00/haul and \$26.00/ton for FY04.
- Parmalat and Blue Bell Creameries, system-wide dairy services.
- Environmental Partners, \$219,828.67, system-wide waste disposal.
- Contract to Alert One, \$7,700.00 for first year system-wide monitoring of fire alarm systems.
- Agreement, Automated Recovery Solutions, FY04 to collect insufficient fund/bad checks.

- New budget Reading Excellence Act, Dawson Elementary and Wynnton Elementary.
- New budget Georgia Public Library Services and Technology Acts, \$2,475.00 for Chattahoochee Library System's Vacation Reading Program.
- Georgia Teacher Center, \$2,000.00 for Rothschild Middle School.
- Budget adjustment Title IID Formula Grant.
- Budget adjustment FY02 Title VI-B carry-over for GLRS, \$10,374.00.
- Budget adjustment GLRS, 1% QBE budget reduction, \$1,018.00.
- Budget adjustment Plant Services, Chiller at Fort, \$47,886.00.
- Budget adjustment Even Start additional revenue, \$8,000.00.
- R.O.O.T.S. Touring grant, Arts & Humanities, \$475.00.
- FY03 Rule 10, Relations with Other Agencies.
- Bradley Library, \$40,982.41 from Georgia Public Library Service.
- Financial Assistance, \$1,602.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the June regular board meeting.

Charles T. Staples, Legal Counsel
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