

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 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, Brenda P. Storey, Philip T. Schley, Fife M. Whiteside, John Wells, Naomi Buckner, Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, Charles T. Staples, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Robin Pennock, Chief Academic Officer, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, 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 Britt David Elementary. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience.

Dr. Polleys called on Dr. Phillips who recognized The Jordan Foundation, Inc. for their donation to the Jordan High School Construction Academy and the Synovus Foundation for their donation to the Teenage Parenting Center. Dr. Phillips called on Dr. Renee Mallory who introduced Paul Robbins representing SACS to recognize Northside High School for their SACS accreditation. Dr. Phillips called on Mrs. Jaeger who recognized teachers from Kimberly Castleton/Blackmon Road Middle, Janice Hudson, Carol Wingard/Columbus High, Peggy Jan Hyatt/Midland Middle, Margaret Ramsay/Downtown Elementary, Connie Ussery/Northside High, and Toni Pierce Webb/St. Mary's Elementary who have received National Teacher Certification. Dr. Phillips recognized Pay for Performance Schools, Blanchard, Edgewood, Johnson, Mathews and Columbus High. Dr. Polleys called on Mrs. Dozier who recognized Ms. Susan Bryant, Principal; Ms. Gaye Wells, Coach and the Columbus High School Cheerleaders who won Second Place in State finals.

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 January 21, 2003.

Dr. Polleys called on Mr. Walker to give a report to the Board who just recently returned from Washington attending the Federal Relations Network.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously voted to comply with the Standards for Local Boards of Education developed by the Georgia School Boards Association and appoint a committee to review its operations and processes to determine if they are meeting the Standards.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the revision of Policy GCIA as it relates to At-Fault Accidents.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the revision of Policy JKB as it relates to Solicitations by Students.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved instructional calendars for elementary, secondary and year-round schools for the 2003-2004 school year.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved high school juniors to participate in the annual DUI Re-enactment sponsored by agencies of the West Central Health District on May 6, 2003 at the Columbus Civic Center.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the use of Kinnett Stadium by the March of Dimes for their annual Walk America on April 25, 26, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for six months ending December 31, 2002.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved resolutions that will allow Dr. Phillips and Mr. Parker to authorized transactions with various financial institutions that provide services to the school district.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved change orders #22 (\$779.00), #23(\$1,537.00) and #24(\$600.00) including architect feeds for construction at Northside High.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 7 in the amount of \$20,103.34 for construction at South Columbus Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously a scope change in the amount of \$11,181.50 from the FY03 Capital Projects NPR Fund to Benning Hills SPLOST budget to cover the purchase of playground equipment for the school.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order to Holbrook Service Company, \$15,000.00 to purchase a new boiler at Hannan Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the assignment of an architect to prepare the design plans for a playground and ball field at Fox Elementary School site.

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

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- Audit of SPLOST Capital Projects.
- Report on roof repair and assignment of architects.
- School Nutrition Program Procurement Plan for 2002-2003.
- New budget Pay for Performance; Blanchard(\$83,600); Edgewood(\$62,700); Johnson(\$62,700); Mathews(57,000).

- New budget FY03 Capacity Building and Improvement Grant, \$15,000, Woodall Program.
- New budget Service Learning Grant, \$25,000 State Board of Education, Carver High.
- Budget adjustment, GA State Lottery, Pre-K T&E, \$29,498.00.
- Budget adjustment FY03 Title VIB Flow Through, FY03 Special Education Capacity Building & Improvement Grant, FY03 Federal Pre-School Grant, \$325,473.
- Budget adjustment Grounds Outside Services Account, \$25,000.
- Budget adjustment 5% reduction of revenue, Reading Options Program Grant, Grades 4-8, After-School Program, \$15,217.24.
- Title VA Innovation Funds, \$3,892.00.
- Technology/Career Education, GDOE, \$31,023.00.
- Title I 2003 budget for Cusseta Road Elementary, \$26,980.00.
- Contracts awarded to various vendors for food/supplies in School Nutrition Program.
- Confirmation purchase order to Holbrook Company, \$12,978.00; a/c repair at Bradley Library.
- Purchase orders to G&G Electronics for security cameras at Kendrick(\$15,897.00) and Columbus(\$17,115.00).
- Donation from The Jordan Foundation, Inc., \$33,333.00 for construction academy at Jordan.
- Donation from Synovus Foundation, \$30,000.00 for Teenage Parenting Center.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss (1) student discipline appeal, a personnel matter and the acquisition of property.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session into open session to vote on a personnel matter.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Dr. Phillips to suspend Mr. Lonnie Freeman, a teacher at Carver High School for (3) consecutive days without pay for inappropriate physical force against a student.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular February, 2003 meeting of the Board of Education.

Charles T. Staples
Legal Counsel