

MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2003
MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, August 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, Brenda P. Storey, David E. Ebron, Fife M. Whiteside, John Wells, Naomi Buckner and Owen Ditchfield.

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

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by students from Allen Elementary School. Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, Mr. and Mrs. Halouska, representing the League of Women Voters and Friends of the Libraries, Mr. John Lincoln representing the St. Elmo Gifted Program. Dr. Pennock recognized Abby Derr and Mary Lou Funk for winning National History Day Awards. Dr. Pennock introduced Mrs. Motos, Principal at Allen Elementary and Mr. Negrón, Principal at Arnold Middle who were awarded an Environment Learning Grant. Mr. Steve Pitts and Mrs. Cheryl Reese, introduced Kendrick High students who were National VICA award winners, Shantay Bunkett, Sherry Leggett, Karretta Venable.

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 July 21, 2003

Mr. Ebron, made the motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to re-authorize the resolution delaying the election for the 1% sales tax until November 4, 2003. Mr. Whiteside amended the motion, seconded by Mr. Ebron to exclude the language in the resolution of incurring debt. The vote on the amended motion was unanimous. Dr. Polleys asked for a vote on the original motion, re-authorizing the delay of the election for the 1% sales tax until November 4, 2003. The vote on the original motion was unanimous.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Valerie Williams as Assistant Principal at Fox/River Road Elementary Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Carol Gail Knight as Manager of Employee Benefits.

Dr. Phillips asked that the policy regarding Special Board meetings be tabled for further revision.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a new policy required by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the student discipline tribunal members for the 2003-2004 school year.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,180,635.00 from Freeman & Associates for construction at Cusseta Road Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,873,027.00 from Freeman & Associates for construction at J.D. Davis Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved new non-resident tuition fees for the 2003-2004 school year; out-of-county, (\$1,756.00) and out-of-state, (\$6,586.00).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the hardware maintenance, software lease and hardware lease/purchase from IBM in the total amount of \$145,273.18 and the EGO Software from Mainline Information Systems in the total amount of \$35,928.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the re-naming of the facility now known as Daniel Middle School to Roland B. Daniel Education Center.

Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. Parker to comment on the consent item regarding the CAFR award for Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Certificate of Achievement by the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Parker informed the Board that this award has been given to MCSD for sixteen years. Dr. Phillips commented that this is only one indicator of the success in the stewardship of this Board. Dr. Phillips said that there are internal and external audits in which MCSD comes out superior.

Mr. Ebron asked that the resolution on obesity be displayed in the cafeteria areas at all schools. Mrs. Schneider acknowledged that it will be displayed.

Mrs. Storey recognized the donation from the Literacy Alliance to Daniel Education Center for the purchase of computers.

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

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- Payroll deductions for PAGE.
- Use of Kinnett Stadium on May 13, 14, 15, 2004 by American Cancer Society.
- Resolution on Childhood Obesity.
- Contract awarded to Hunter Contracting, \$136,121.64 for re-roofing at Daniel Education Center.
- Contract awarded to Climate Control Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., \$140,151.00 for a/c repair at North Columbus Library.

- Donation, \$27,070.00 from Literacy Alliance to Daniel Education Center for computers.

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- Purchase orders to School Speciality (\$57,452.04) and Team Office (\$4,165.00) for school furniture.
- Confirmation purchase order to Holbrook Service Company, \$10,500 for HVAC at Richards Middle.
- Confirmation purchase order to Intelitek, Inc., \$31,806.00 for engineering magnet equipment, Northside High.
- Grant from Literacy Alliance, \$20,000.00.
- New budget Technology/Career Education, Federal (\$368,444); State (\$431,174).
- New budget MH/DD/AD Grant, \$22,000.
- New budget Pre-K, FY04, \$2,836,548 State Lottery.
- New budget Pre-K, FY04, \$590,000 State Lottery for Resource Coordinators.
- New budget High School Magnet; Hardaway (-\$270); Northside (\$28,971) and Richards (\$4,300).
- Budget adjustment, Security Department, \$30,000.
- Budget adjustment, Austerity Adjustment, FY03, GDOE.
- Budget adjustment, Library Reserve Funds, \$35,000 heat pump at North Columbus Branch.
- Budget adjustment, Plant Services, \$67,701; floor care at Northside.
- Budget adjustment, Workforce Investment for Dislocated Workers, \$1,591.
- Budget adjustment, Workforce Investment, \$1,591, salary upgrade.
- Budget adjustment, Adult Education Program, \$200, AEPS Program.
- Budget adjustment, additional (8) bus drivers, and (5) bus monitors, \$69,300.
- Budget adjustment, Northside Technology equipment, \$27,106.73.
- Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- Sales Tax Construction Report as of June 30, 2003.
- Columbus High softball team, Chattanooga on August 22, 23 for tournament.

Dr. Polleys reminded everyone of the “Walk and Talk” with the Board to tour schools, departing from the old Sears building at 9:00 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board adjourned the regular August meeting of the Board.

James E. Humes, II
Legal Counsel