MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2004, 6:30 P.M.
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, July 19, 2004, 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, 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, James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Robin Pennock, Chief Academic Officer, Don Cooper, Chief Human Resources Officer, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Richard Hyatt from the Ledger Enquirer and other representatives from the media.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by Rigdon Road Elementary School students. The Character Education word – Cheerfulness was introduced by a student from Rigdon Road Elementary.

Dr. Polleys recognized visitors in the audience, Mr. & Mrs. Halouska, representing the League of Women Voters and Friends of the Libraries, John Lincoln, PTA President, St. Elmo Gifted Program.

Dr. Polleys called on Dr. Pennock who recognized Coach Bobby Howard who won USA Today's National Coach of the Year award.

Dr. Polleys called on a parent who wanted to speak on the public forum regarding the Woodall Program (Mrs. Blanche Housel).

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board meeting held on June 21, 2004 and called meetings held on June 7, 14, and 28, 2004.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Joanna Culbreth to the position of Principal at Johnson Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Tom Blair to the position of Assistant Principal at Baker Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding. The Board Chairman and Superintendent of Education will confer as to the televising of Called Board Meetings. (Appendix A)

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the revision to policy BBC – Board Committees.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously voted to table the policy revisions regarding Budget Preparation. The Board asked that the Administration look at adding some language to the policy that it is articulated to the public prior to the last of the legally required public hearings that an increase in the millage rate is recommended; advise as early as possible the recommended deletion of any major programs, programs added or programs re-instated, and establish a timetable in the policy that's geared to when the Administration receives an estimate from the State regarding budget issues. Dr. Phillips said that he will bring these revisions along with the Board's suggestions back in August.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield the Board unanimously voted to table these policy revisions until a date certain.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a revision to policies DJEA and DJEA-R regarding Purchasing Authority.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board approved an agreement for consulting services with Mr. Bobby Ledford for the purpose of developing an acceptable contract between the professional energy services company, Energy Systems Group and the Muscogee County School District and other matters germane to performance contracting. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) abstaining, (Mr., Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the following: Collegiate Services, Inc., as textbook jobber and the Financial Statements for eleven months ending May 31, 2004.

Dr. Phillips asked that the request for $127,969.00 of Library Reserve Funds to purchase RFID technology from the 3M Company be put on hold until Ms. Muller could get more information.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of items A, C, D, F,2,3,4 and G2:

- Contract to Tier Technologies, $69,700.00.
- Budget adjustment, $49,646.30, K-3 Statewide Grant.
- Confirmation purchase order G&P, $11,830.48 for repairs to bus.
- Purchase order Follett Software Company, $26,907.02, software for (49) schools.
- New budget Title IID Competitive Grant, $150,000.
- New budget Pre-K FY05, $2,836,569.
- New budget Double Churches Middle, Diverse Power Foundation, $1,090.02.
- Grant awarded, Vacation Reading Program, CVRLS, $4,950.
- Grant awarded, English Literacy/Civics and Citizenship Program, $6,600.
- Sales Tax Construction Program Report.
- Report on FY03 SPLOST Critical Needs.
- FY97 Sales Tax Construction Program Report.
- Financial Assistance, $1,022.00.

After some discussion Mr. Ditchfield made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Human Resources Report. (Appendix B)

After some discussion, Mr. Wells made a motion seconded by Mr. Ebron to approve a purchase order to Trapeze MapNet Software for Automated Vehicle Locators, $25,725.00 for software and licenses and a purchase order to Everyday Wireless, LLC, $197,975.00 for (265) Everyday Wireless AVL Vehicle Modules and related equipment. The vote was (6) affirming and (3) opposing, (Mr. Ditchfield, Dr. Polleys and Mr. Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board approved the following confirmation purchase orders: Furnishing & Design, $17,978.90 and $22,984.00, furniture; B&B Dump Trucks, Inc., $52,360.00 moving/set-up, (7) portables; Terry M. Plotkin Services, $24,855.84 for steel ramps and steps for (7) portables at various locations. After some discussion, the vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Mr. Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved a purchase order to NCS Pearson, Inc., $27,776.94 for scan materials in Research & Evaluation Department.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for a personnel matter and to hear a student discipline appeal.

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

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

James E. Humes, II
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