MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2004, 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Muscogee County Board of Education was held on Monday, June 28, 2004, 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following Board Members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, Brenda Storey, Philip Schley, David Ebron, Fife Whiteside, Naomi Buckner, and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Robin Pennock, Chief Academic Officer, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Richard Hyatt from the Ledger-Enquirer, and other media.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously excused Mr. Wells from the called meeting because of being out of the country.

Dr. Polleys stated that the purpose of the called meeting was to hold a public hearing on the FY05 budget, take action on the FY05 budget, various contracts and a resolution.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the public hearing and a vote on the budget when Dr. Schley arrives.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Earth-Scapes, Inc., low bidder in the amount of 192,928.00 for the Consolidated Erosion Remediation Plan and approved a total budget of $229,825.00 to correct soil erosion/drainage problem at St. Mary's, East Columbus Magnet, Eastway, and Midland Academy.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board unanimously approved a resolution to enter a contract with the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division for funding the Peer Helpers Program in Drug Free Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to modify the agenda to add two addenda items.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of $6,870.00 to TAB/Century Business Products, low bidder for the printing of the Student Behavior Code Booklet for the 2004-2005 school year.

Upon motion of Mr. Ditchfield, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved a budget adjustment for the State Capital Equipment Grant.

Dr. Polleys called on any in the audience that would like to speak regarding the budget for FY05. Ms. Carolyn Ambrose, Principal of Waddell Elementary spoke concerning the twelve-month contract for elementary principals and the new Focused Reading Instruction Program; Ms. Rebecca Westerman, a teacher at Key Elementary spoke concerning the Reading Recovery Program.

After some discussion, Dr. Polleys called for a vote on the budget.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board approved the adoption of the General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2005. The vote was (5) affirming and (3) opposing, (Mr. Whiteside, Ms. Buckner, Dr. Polleys).

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the called meeting.

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