

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2004, 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, May 10, 2004, 5:00 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 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, Brenda F. Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Robin Pennock, Chief Academic Officer, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Don A. Cooper, Jr., Chief Human Resources Officer, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent, Richard Hyatt of 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. Dr. Polleys stated that the purpose of the called meeting was to conduct the second public hearing regarding the Notice of Property Tax Increase and to go into executive session to hear a personnel matter.

There was no one in attendance that wanted to speak regarding the Notice of Property Tax Increase. There were several visitors that spoke regarding the Reading Recovery Program. Those in attendance were concerned that with the elimination of the program some students would be at a disadvantage.

Dr. Phillips commented that this is a very difficult year in dealing with the budget and because of the way that the State will now fund the EIP Program; a change has been necessitated for the Reading Recovery Program for this upcoming budget year. It was the consensus of the Board that Reading Recovery is a beneficial program and the Board will be considering this issue as well as the comments received from teachers and parents during their budget process.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for a personnel matter.

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

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

James E. Humes, II
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