

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BRADLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2005, 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, 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 P. Storey, Patricia H. Green, Philip T. Schley, Fife M. Whiteside, and Joseph Roberson..

Others present: Dr. John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, Mr. Charles T. Staples, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda F. Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Myles Caggins, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs, Robert Hecht, Director of Construction and Mark Rice from the Ledger-Enquirer.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance. Dr. Polleys stated that the purpose of the called meeting was to take action on three construction issues and to conduct an employee Level III grievance hearing.

Dr. Schley, made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey, to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$6,600,708.00 from ARCO Builders, Inc., for construction at Columbus High and authorize the contractor to begin work on the project immediately. Mr. Whiteside came in at this point and apologized for being late because of traveling back to Columbus. Dr. Phillips again summarized the reason for the request. Mr. Whiteside asked what would be the source of funding. Dr. Phillips commented that it would come from the Performance Contract Savings. Mr. Whiteside asked if the contract for Performance Contracting has been executed. Mr. Staples commented that negotiations are on-going. Mr. Whiteside asked what would be the fall back revenue for this? Mr. Parker commented that "funding is available in the 2003 project list for the elementary property." Mr. Whiteside asked, "is this the Superintendent's recommendation that we do this?" Dr. Phillips said, "Yes, this is my recommendation". The vote was unanimous.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved the addition of two (2) self-contained classrooms at Mathews Elementary School and approve funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the 2003 SPLOST – Additional Classrooms Education Reform Act of 2000 to cover this additional work..

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously awarded a contract in the amount of 1,298,000.00 to Denson Contracting, low bidder, for construction at River Road Elementary.

Dr. Polleys noted that this concluded the construction issues and that Mr. Staples would be leaving and Mr. Greg Ellington from Hatcher, Stubbs would be representing the School District in the Employee Level III Grievance Hearing.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, the Board unanimously voted to excuse the absence of Mr. Wells and Ms. Buckner from the called meeting.

Dr. Polleys noted that the employee Level III Grievance Hearing for Mr. Robert Gill, a teacher at Woodall is open to the public. Mr. Ellington noted that the hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Mr. Houser Pugh would be the Hearing Officer and that the court reporter would provide a transcript of the hearing. Upon arrival of Mr. Gill's representative Mr. John Trotter of Metro Association of Classroom Educators, the hearing commenced at 2:15 p.m.

At 5:19 p.m. Mr. Robert Gill along with his representatives left the hearing. Mr. Pugh said that the hearing would proceed.

At 6:35 p.m. and upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session to deliberate the findings.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

Upon motion of Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to deny the grievance, endorse the findings of the Superintendent as stated in a November 19, 2004 letter and attachments and authorize the Chair to endorse the same, (Appendix A).

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

Mr. Charles T. Staples
Mr. Greg Ellington
Legal Counsel