

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CALLED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005, 12:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A called meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, 12:30 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, Pat Hugley Green, Philip T. Schley, Fife M. Whiteside who also served as the Hearing Officer for the employee non-renewal hearing, Naomi Buckner and Joseph Roberson.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Superintendent of Education, Greg S. Ellington, Legal Counsel, Robin Pennock, Deputy Superintendent of Education, Peggy Connell, Chief Academic Officer, Don A. Cooper, Jr., Chief Human Resources Officer, and Harry Franklin, Ledger-Enquirer.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to go into executive session for the acquisition of property and continue an employee non-renewal hearing for a teacher at Benning Hills Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for the acquisition of property.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

Dr. Polleys noted that Mr. Wells would be leaving at this point because he was not in on the proceedings of the initial hearing for the employee non-renewal. Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dunham agreed that Ms. Buckner could remain for the hearing because she attended the initial proceedings.

Dr. Polleys noted that the Board at this point will proceed with the employee non-renewal hearing and Mr. Whiteside would be serving as the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Whiteside noted that this is a continuance of the non-renewal hearing initially held on October 3 for Shirley Love, teacher at Benning Hills Elementary.

Mr. Whiteside noted those in attendance: Greg S. Ellington, Mary Sanks, John A. Phillips, Jr., Don A. Cooper, Jr., James Dunham, and Shirley Love. Mr. Whiteside noted that the proceedings would be recorded by a court reporter.

At 12:35 a.m. Mrs. Storey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to go into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Whiteside announced that the Board has “debated earnestly and in good faith and we’re just not able to come to a conclusion tonight.” Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the called meeting to a date certain. Dr. Polleys confirmed that the Board will re-convene on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Whiteside confirmed that this would be within the ten-day statute.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the called meeting at 1:10 a.m.

Greg S. Ellington
Legal Counsel