

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007, 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, April 23, 2007, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following Board Members were present: Cathy Williams, Fife M. Whiteside, Patricia Hugley Green, Brenda Storey, Philip T. Schley, Vice Chairman, James Walker, Chairman, John Wells, Naomi Buckner, and Joseph Roberson.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, Greg S. Ellington, Legal Counsel, Eddie Obleton, Del Parker, Robin Pennock, Peggy Connell, Billy Kendall, Don Cooper, Harry Franklin from the Ledger-Enquirer and other media.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Lonnie Jackson Academy students. Mr. Walker recognized visitors in the audience.

The Board recognized; State Wrestling Champions, Rifle Team; Literacy Meet, Academic Decathlon, Science Fair, Pre-K Program, PTSA, Career/Technical, ABCD Award. Mr. Terry Smith presented a check to MCSD from AT&T. The Board also recognized those on the public forum; Thomas Friedmann (Bible Curriculum), and Wayne Baker (Park at mall site).

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2007.

Upon motion of Dr. Schley, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved a resolution to honor Lonnie Jackson.

Mr. Walker called on Mr. Bill Pound from Hatcher, Stubbs to discuss the revision of Board Policy (DFN) relating to Property Sales. Mr. Pound stated, "This policy revision attempts to address the sale by use of real estate brokers with the implication that the sale involving any broker would be through a bid process. The revised policy provides that surplus property may be sold by competitive bidding, auction or free-market/private sales, with or without a broker, subject to certain guidelines, including final approval of the Board." Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved the revision to Board Policy DFN as it relates to Property Sales and marketing surplus properties. The vote was (5) affirming and (4) opposing, (Green, Roberson, Buckner, Williams).

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved Elizabeth Housand to the position of Director of Gifted Education.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved Rachel Craighton to the position of Assistant Director of School Nutrition.

Upon motion of Mrs. Green, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved the revision of two policies (GAE-Discrimination Complaints and GAEB-Harassment) as they relate to harassment involving employees.

Ms. Buckner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Schley to approve the revision of Board Policy BCBD as it relates to Board Meeting Agenda items. Mr. Wells offered an amended motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey to include revisions and the deletion of the last sentence in the revision that reads, “Additionally, Board Members may not request items be added to the Board meeting agenda after committee meetings” and add Mr. Ellington’s language that reads, “if by virtue of a unanimous vote an item is added to the agenda with less than two days prior notice. Mr. Ellington stated, “This is for Board members and will allow you to add something. If you have more than two days notice then you can go to the administration and ask that it be put on the agenda.” The vote on the amended motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wells made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey to approve the Purchasing Policies that have been on the table. Mr. Whiteside amended the motion, seconded by Mrs. Storey to approve the Purchasing Policies with revisions subject to a review in 6 months and at the end of 5 months an internal audit to check the progress. The vote on the amended motion was unanimous. Mr. Walker called for a vote on the main motion as amended and with revisions. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Williams made the motion, seconded by Ms. Buckner, to schedule executive session meetings after Board work sessions on the second Monday of each month. The vote was (5) opposing and (4) affirming, (Williams, Buckner, Green, Roberson).

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved the adoption of the New King James Version of the Bible as the textbook and The Bible and Its Influence as the supplementary textbook in teaching the high school course in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era and the History and Literature of the New Testament Era. Dr. Pennock noted, “Students may bring their own version of the Bible.” The vote was (7) affirming and (3), opposing, (Green, Buckner, Roberson). Mrs. Green asked for an update on the number of students that have signed up for the course. This was the consensus of the Board.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved a request allowing the Law Firm to pursue revocation of all reversionary clauses regarding the Claflin Center, and declare as surplus a small lot at the North East corner of 12th Avenue and Alexander Street and Bibb Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved a funding plan to construct an 800 seat auditorium including sloping floor, lobby, ticket office, concession area, restrooms, stage, dressing rooms, shop/prop/storage and production lighting at the Northside High School site. The estimated cost of \$6,500,000.00 will be spread over three fiscal years.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved financial statements for eight months ending February 28, 2007.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Georgia Power to provide electrical power for Eagle Ridge Academy.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the following action items:

- N. Funding plan for re-roofing (7) schools and HVAC work at Carver High and Marshall Middle. The total cost is \$6,882,641.00 and additional funding of \$2,920,203.00 will be needed.
- O. Change Order No. 10, \$1,048,163.00 for road and pavement work at Schomburg Road and north Stadium Drive. A total of \$1,033,163.00 will be reimbursed from CCG.
- P. Contract awarded to Darton Roofing, \$623,973.00, low bidder for re-roofing at Allen Elementary, approve the tentative budget and transfer additional funds in the amount of \$205,876.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund project.
- Q. Contract awarded to WCCI, Inc., \$545,560.00, low bidder for re-roofing at Dawson Elementary, approve tentative budget and transfer additional funds of \$247,407.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund project.
- R. Contract awarded to Webb Construction, \$301,016.00, low bidder for re-roofing at Double Churches Elementary, approve a tentative budget and transfer additional funds in the amount of \$190,749.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund the project.
- S. Contract awarded to River City Construction, \$422,256.00, low bidder for re-roofing at Forrest Road, approve tentative budget and transfer additional funds of \$122,073.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund the project.
- T. The Board approved the Superintendent's rejection of all bids on re-roofing Gentian Elementary and allow this project to be re-bid.
- U. Contract awarded to Webb Construction, \$1,366,654.00, low bidder, for re-roofing at Marshall Middle School, approve a tentative budget and transfer additional funds of \$108,151.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR.
- V. Contract awarded to West Georgia Roofing II, \$973,689.00, low bidder for re-roofing at Richards Middle, approve a tentative budget and transfer additional funds, \$540,343.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund the project.
- W. Contract awarded to Holbrook Service Company, \$1,856,837.00, low bidder for the upgrade/replacement on HVAC at Carver High, approve tentative budget and transfer additional funds, \$1,095,546.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund project.
- X. Contract awarded to Turner Plumbing/Heating & Air, Inc., \$973,197.00, low bidder for upgrade/replacement of HVAC at Marshall Middle, approve a tentative budget and transfer additional funds of \$590,599.00 from FY03 SPLOST NPR to fund the project.
- Y. Contract awarded to Peach Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for repairs/replacement of HVAC at (15) schools using FY03 SPLOST Funds. The estimated cost is \$4,108,343.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the plaque to be placed at Veterans Memorial Middle School listing those board members and administrators in office at the time the construction contract was awarded.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- Human Resources Report/Professional and Classified
- Workers' Compensation/EEOC Settlement, \$35,000.00
- Conduct Summer School
- Budget adjustment, Title I FY07 budget adjustment to reallocate funds for NCLB Supplemental Education Services, \$1,123,430.00
- Continuation of check recovery/collection
- New budget IDEA Flow Through & Federal Pre-school
- New budget Even Start Technical Assistance, \$14,600.00
- New budget Capacity building improvement, GLRS, \$16,161.00
- New budget Weyerhaeuser grant, \$6,000.00, Reese Road
- Financial Assistance, \$1,991.48
- Grant, NEH/American Library Association, \$268.46, Hardaway High
- Grant, Georgia State Dept., Title II-D ITEE, \$96,250.00, Kendrick High
- Purchase order, Hart, Inc., Title I, \$10,990.32 software for Rigdon Road
- Purchase order, Multi Media, Inc., Title I, \$53,726.00 projectors at selected schools
- Purchase order, McGraw Hill, Title I \$25,412.88, reading intervention packages
- Purchase order, Blick Art Materials, Title I, \$14,482.19 supplies at Wynnton Arts
- Purchase order, Pearson Digital Learning, Title I, \$21,450.00 for software at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary
- Purchase order, Earobics, PES, \$36,256.00 for pre-intervention program to serve students
- Purchase order Med-Acoustics, PES, \$9,597.00 equipment for Vision/Hearing students
- Purchase order Med-Acoustics, PES, \$9,284.00 equipment for audio impaired students
- Purchase order Patriot Tours, Title I, \$14,400.00 for Dimon field trip to Atlanta
- Purchase order Atlanta Aquarium, Title I, \$10,630.00 for Dimon Elementary
- Purchase order Multi Media Services, Clubview, \$201,846.00 for smart boards
- Purchase order Schlechty Center, Title II-A, Leadership Training, \$11,200.00
- Purchase order Schlechty Center, Title II-A, Leadership Training, \$19,600.00
- Purchase order Schlechty Center, Title II-A, Leadership Training, \$11,200.00
- Audit of financial statement of 1997 SPLOST capital projects
- Sales tax construction program report
- Report on transfer from FY03 SPLOST critical needs
- FY97 sales tax construction program report
- Report on transfers from capital projects and debt to SPLOST fund to cover scope changes
- Report of change orders/changes in project contingencies
- Status report for projects under construction
- Report on system-wide technology plan
- Report on forecasted revenue collections
- Report on transfers from capital projects fund

Upon motion of Mr. Wells seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved the following purchase orders. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside).

- Virtucom, Title I, \$484,379.47 for laptop/desktop computers and equipment for selected Title I schools
- Virtucom, Title I, \$12,734.50 for computers at selected Pre-K sites
- Virtucom, PES, \$16,341.74 for students with disabilities at River Road
- Virtucom, Title II-D, (wireless), \$5,825.42; Vittucom (teacher laptops), \$8,122.25; Virtucom (student laptops), \$35,074.00; Multimedia (whiteboards), \$30,856.00.
- Virtucom, DOT, computer replacements, \$11,535.45
- Vritucom, servers at various school sites, \$12,040.00

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for (3) student discipline appeals and legal matters.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular April board meeting.

Greg S. Ellington, Legal Counsel