

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MAY 21, 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, May 21, 2007, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

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

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, and Harry Franklin.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-5-32.1, the Board conducted the third and final public hearing on this year's growth in the tax digest. Mr. Wells conducted the hearing and there were none in attendance that wanted to speak.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Character Education Word was led by Britt David Academy students.

Mr. Walker recognized visitors in the audience.

The Board recognized: 2007 Teacher of the Year; 2007 First Year Teacher, 2007 Star Student, Congressional Page, T. Hiram Stanley, State Schools of the Year, State National History Day, State Science and Engineering, PAGE One Award; Military Appointments, State Career Education; Governor's Honors and ABCD.

Mr. Walker called on Joshua McKoon who spoke to the Board regarding a park at the new library site.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously voted to approve actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on April 23, 2007 and a called meeting held on May 14, 2007.

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to add an addendum.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to add an action item.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Reginald J. Griffin to the position of principal at Spencer High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Kevin Scott to the position of principal at East Columbus Magnet Academy.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Eddie Lindsey, III to the position of Assistant Principal at Richards Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Brenda Kizer to the position of Assistant Principal at Baker Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Melanie Knight to the position of Assistant Principal at Veterans Memorial Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Teresa Lawson to the position of Assistant Principal at Northside High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Pamela McCoy for the shared Assistant Principal position at Allen and Johnson Elementary Schools.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Malinda Stovall to the position of Assistant Principal at Cusseta Road Elementary.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Clara Davis to the position of Assistant Principal at Eagle Ridge Academy.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Penny Thornton to the position of Assistant Principal at Fox Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Jan Greene to the position of Assistant Principal at Mathews Elementary School.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Charleen Robinson to the position of shared Assistant Principal at Martin Luther King, Jr., and South Columbus Elementary Schools.

Mr. Roberson noted, "I would like to note that Mrs. Robinson will do a great job but we also need to make a priority of shared assistant principals at those Title I schools for the excellence we want. I would like to ask for a report on the criteria in hiring half-time assistant principals."

Mr. Whiteside, I would like to ask between now and the next work session that we be provided with a schedule of those schools that have full-time assistant principals where the numbers don't entitle them to a fully funded one.

Mrs. Storey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buckner, to approve the appointment of Valerie Fuller to the position of Director of Communications. Mr. Whiteside, "We asked at the work session for a job description and comparisons from other school systems. Has the job description changed since last year? I was under the impression that one of the jobs that the Director of Communications would have would be to improve the flow of communication to the Board as well as the public. I am going to vote against the position not the person. I've read the lady's resume' and it's a good resume but I do have concerns about the job description." The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside). Mr. Whiteside, "Since we are in the budget process, I'd like to get information as to how we are going to fund the Hay Study for the Classified and the Administration."

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Paula Cash to the position of Elementary Instructional Specialist.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Angela Blackstock to the position of Professional Learning Specialist.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Kathryn Bray to the position of CTAE Supervisor at Jordan High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Cynthia Sanks to the position of CTAE Supervisor at Carver High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Timothy Vinson to the position of Work Based Learning Specialist at Jordan and Hardaway High Schools.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ellaween Wright to the position of Work Based Learning Specialist at Carver and Kendrick High Schools.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved policy changes that will allow greater flexibility for employees at the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System in alternating winter and spring break days.

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the procurement plan policies that relate to the School Nutrition Program.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the use of Eagle Ridge Academy by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of Harcourt Math, 2008, Georgia Edition textbook for grades K-5. The total cost is \$839,470.21.

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved elementary replacement textbooks. The total cost is \$368,457.04.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of additional textbooks to meet the needs of Early College and Middle School Science courses.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the Social Studies textbook purchase to meet the needs of students in high and middle school. The total cost is \$1,755,283.63.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the traditional and year-round school calendars for 2008-2009.

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the Student Behavior Code and Discipline handbook with revisions.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of curriculum mapping software from Rubicon Atlas. The license fee for year one is \$90,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved a budgeted expenditure in the not to exceed amount of \$20,000.00 to purchase suitable used vehicles that are offered for sale through DOAS.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the Department of Transportation to purchase a manufactured diesel engine in the total amount of \$11,821.47.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board approved contracts for food products in the School Nutrition Program. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Virco, Inc., in the amount of \$626,096.61 for furnishings at Veterans Memorial Middle School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved purchase orders in the total amount of \$58,109.00 to William Scotsman to lease (7) portable classrooms due to an increase in enrollment at Kendrick, Georgetown, Arnold, Richards, and East Columbus Magnet.

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

Mrs. Storey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wells, to approve a purchase order to Virtucom for technology equipment in the amount of \$392,787.44 for Veterans Memorial Middle School. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Prosys Information Systems in the total amount of \$187,854.89 to supply network electronics to use with the WAN.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a purchase from Dell, Inc., necessary network operating equipment to hold the new fiber optic cable, network equipment and servers in operating the new WAN. The total cost is \$17,483.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Nix Construction, low bidder for the grading and paving repairs of the parking lots at Spencer High School. The total cost is \$618,950.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the following as one vote:

- Contract awarded, \$54,962.00, Bone Hardwood Flooring, low bidder, replacement of gym floor at Academic Success Center.
- Assignment of Peach Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for installing grease traps at Carver, Daniel Educational Center, St. Elmo and 30th Avenue at the cost of \$200,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the assignment of Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc., to prepare the plans and specifications for a new auditorium at Northside High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 6 and a budget adjustment in the amount of \$24,924.00 to be added to the original contract for the installation of sod and an irrigation system on the sports field at Veterans Memorial Middle School.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved a quitclaim right of way deed from the Muscogee County School District to the City of Columbus, Georgia for the widening of Schomburg Road and North Stadium Drive to accommodate the two schools in that area.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board awarded a contract to Atlanta Fixture & Sales, Inc., low bidder, \$107,472.00 and Moore-Warren, Inc., low bidder, \$14,523.00 for kitchen equipment at selected schools. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of F1,3,7,10:

- Human Resources Report
- Grant for Georgia Virtual School Facilitator, \$2,625.00, GAVS courses
- Budget adjustment, Dept. of Plant Services, \$28,800
- Budget adjustment, Dept. of Plant Services, \$276,121.65
- Budget adjustment, Secondary Ed. Dept., for media center at Veterans Memorial
- Budget adjustment, GLRS, \$47,768.00, Federal Discretionary carry-over
- Budget adjustment, GLRS, \$3,712.00 for Special Ed. Teacher Mentor Academy
- Title I FY07, Baker, Eddy, Marshall and South Columbus
- Title II D, Columbus State University, \$20,600.00
- Contract awarded, Strategic Connections, paper purchase for DOT, \$16,369.50
- Contract awarded, Environmental Contractors, upgrade football field at Fort
- Contract awarded, Georgia Cold Storage, frozen goods, \$33,000.00
- Contract awarded 3M Library Systems, library cards for CVRLS, \$33,400.00
- New budget FY07 Rule 10, Relations with Other agencies, \$24,000.00
- New budget BellSouth SLN, \$3,000.36
- New budget Peer Helpers amendment, \$6,000.00, MHDD/AD
- New budget Reading First, GLRS, \$65,650.00
- New budget Pre-K, F&E, \$316,000.00
- Purchase order USPS, \$70,000.00, postage system-wide
- Purchase order Sam's Club, \$19,950.00, copy paper system-wide
- Purchase order Virco, \$30,540.00 classroom desks/chairs Columbus High
- Purchase order Electronic Products, \$16,200.00, calculators/math Columbus High
- Purchase order Harcourt Educational Measurement, NNAT Testing, \$13,358.00
- Purchase order Lashley Tractor, \$21,266.00, Department of Plant Services
- Purchase order SRA McGraw Hill, books and supplies, \$18,952.26, Title I
- Purchase order Scholastic, Inc., instructional materials, \$24,166.61, Title I
- Purchase order Scholastic Educational Publishing, \$18,055.86 for Cusseta Road
- Purchase order Renaissance Learning, Inc., software upgrades, \$15,547.45, Title I
- Purchase order ETA Cuisenaire, instructional materials, \$17,876.94, Title I
- Renewal, Yancey Brothers, \$15,000.00 Caterpillar parts, sole source, Transportation
- Renewal, Interstate Batteries, \$18,650.00 for batteries, Transportation
- Renewal, Tires First, \$73,404.00, sole source, Transportation
- Renewal, G&P Body, \$125,000.00, sole source, Transportation
- Renewal, Replacement parts for Thomas and Blue Bird buses, MWD(\$36,000), Atlanta Freightliner(\$78,000) and HDBP(\$50,000), Transportation
- Renewal, Transco Transmissions, \$37,000.00, Transportation
- Renewal, Bill Heard Trucks, sole source, \$75,000.00 parts supplier, Transportation
- Renewal, FleetPride, sole source, \$135,000.00, brake supplier, Transportation
- Renewal, NAPA, \$84,000.00, vehicle parts, Transportation

- Renewal, White Brothers, \$41,000.00, vehicle parts, Transportation
- Audit of Financial Statement of 1997 SPLOST Capital Projects Fund.
- 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 Funds.

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

- Virtucom, \$70,968.47, computers for various locations
- DELL Marketing, \$31,943.00, servers at two new schools
- Virtucom, Title I computer purchase for various schools, \$163,442.42

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board approved a purchase order to various vendors, for vehicle fuel in the Department of Transportation. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside).

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

Greg S. Ellington
Legal Counsel