MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 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, August 20, 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, and Jorge Vega, Legal Counsel, Eddie Obleton, Del Parker, Robin Pennock, Peggy Connell, Billy Kendall, and representatives from the media. Mr. Walker recognized visitors in the audience.

The Board recognized the following; Wendy Harding, congressional record; Jimmie Barnett, National School Award; Northside High, students receiving Governor's Honors; State Principal Advisory Council, Eddy, Baker and Shaw.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously voted to modify the agenda to add addendum items.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on July 16, 2007 and a called meeting held on August 13, 2007.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Gary Gibson to the position of Director of Athletics.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Marla Dewey to the position of Instructional Specialist/Special Education Department.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Brenda Reed to the position of Human Resources Recruiter.

Mr. Wells, "Is it necessary to bring these last two positions to the Board?" Dr. Phillips, "We always brought these positions to the Board. All those above director level." Mr. Wells, "Are these two at a director level? It seems that this would be the responsibility of the Superintendent. Could we put this on as a discussion item at the next work session?" Dr. Phillips, "We'll put it on the next agenda." Mrs. Green, "I'm sure you've already made the new person for the recruiter position aware of the grossly imbalanced of minority ratio employment in our school system. If you could mail out your plans for this particular challenge." Mr. Roberson, "Since the point has been made, I don't think this is micro managing or a waste of our time. It's a very important aspect that the Board understands all of the job descriptions that affect education. I think the public by seeing this and seeing us respond to this, this is more that simply an appointment."

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the revision of Board Policy DJED—Bids and Quotations.

Mr. Wells, "Would someone from the administration write the Governor and thank him for issuing the teachers a P-Card? Would someone do that and send a copy to the Board?" Dr. Phillips, "Yes, we'll get that done."

Upon motion of Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved new board policy EBBG—Risk Management.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously rescinded Policy GCA—Classified Personnel Compensation Guides.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved Reese Road Elementary to submit a charter school planning grant application to the Georgia Board of Education.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the purchase from Fleet Pride, $17,236.90 for equipment needed in State bus inspections.

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved expenditures in the amount of $239,944.31 for processing USDA Commodities in the School Nutrition Program.

Upon motion of Mrs. Green, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the purchase, delivery and installation of new furnishings at the new Rigdon Road Elementary not to exceed $693,000.00.

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the purchase from selected suppliers, books, audio/visual and subscriptions for various library locations in the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System, at the total cost of $900,000.00.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved a stipend in the amount of $50,000.00 to the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to support the Partners in Education Program.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Batson-Cook Company, to serve as the Construction Manager at Risk for the construction of the new auditorium at Northside High School. Mrs. Williams, "What is a CMR? What does that mean? Explain that to me." Dr. Phillips, "There a number of differences but probably the most significant difference is we do an RFP and then we interview people who have submitted a proposal and then we review it on a number of basis not just cost but on experience, and financials. This gives us the opportunity to choose it as opposed to putting it out for bid for a general contractor and have to accept the low bid from whomever it came from." Mrs. Williams, "It's just another way of saying not low bid but best bid." Ms. Buckner, "At our next work session, we're going to discuss the pros and cons of CMR as opposed to a low bid. Actually, when people are bidding, I don't think people bid on something they haven't

done before." Dr. Phillips, "General contractors bid on wherever the work is." Mr. Whiteside, "You can pre-qualify the bidders; I'd like to make a motion. What's difficult about CMR is the absence of long term price control on it. The first year, we were into October and November on some projects after they had been completed before we ever found out what they cost and they were over-budget by 20-25% and that's really hard to explain to the public." I'm going to vote for this because; it's hard to vote against the Northside parents. I'd like to make a motion."

Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buckner, that a policy be developed on Construction Manager at Risk. It was unanimous that this item be presented at the next work session.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved purchase orders to GameTime for playground equipment at Gentian, Edgewood and Wynnton. The total cost is $149,674.62.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $107,451.14 for the upgrade of the HVAC System at Carver High School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the construction plaque for Eagle Ridge Academy.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved closing the construction project at Johnson Elementary and deposit $84,704.08 in the 2003 SPLOST NPR Fund to be used for other 2003 SPLOST Projects.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board unanimously approved closing the construction project at North Columbus Elementary.

Mrs. Williams asked that a report of on-going critical accounts be provided. Dr. Phillips noted that these critical reports are attached to the agenda each month but, the administration will provide a snap shot of these critical accounts.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of F2 and K1-04:

- Human Resources Report/Professional and Classified
- Continue of Employee Assistance Program
- Vendor Change for HVAC Service agreement at Columbus Public Library
- New band uniforms for Hardaway High on rotation schedule.
- Grant, WIA Adult Education, $63,168.00
- Grant, Performance Learning Program Academic Success Center, $160,000.00
- Grant, Graduation Coaches Specialist, $505,152.00, FY08
- Grant, Graduation Coaches Specialist, $336,768.00, FY07
- Contract, Follett, $121,240.14, library/textbook manager, Elementary Education
- Contract, Cherokee Cabling, $22,865.40, computer cabinets at (21) schools

- Contract, Turner Plumbing, low bidder, $121,820.00, tankless water heaters at (4) schools
- Contract, A-Com Telephone, $19,690.00, system at Columbus Museum
- Budget adjustment, Career, Technical & Agricultural Education, $269,124.00
- Budget adjustment, Secondary Education, $93,920.00
- Budget adjustment, Capital Projects Fund NPR, Hardaway High, $60,000.00
- Budget adjustment, CCG, $202,000.00, Plant Services
- New budget, CTAE, Perkins IV Program Improvement funds
- New budget, Pre-K Resource Coordinator Program, $648,000.00
- New budget, Title I, Park D, $8,003.00
- New budget, Adult Education GED funding
- Contract Universal Breakfast Program
- Contract walk-in cooler at Spencer High School
- Purchase order, Entre Business Technology, $83,992.56, software license, DOTS
- Purchase order, WebSmart modules, $46,435.50, School Nutrition Program
- Purchase order, Novell Academic Services, $64,000.00, licensing, DOTS
- Purchase order, Xerox, $19,878.00, lease agreements on copy machines, system-wide
- Purchase order, Xerox, $42,168.00, copy paper, Warehouse
- Purchase order, Strong Solutions, $22,224.79, equipment for athletic facility, Hardaway High
- Purchase order, IVS, AngelTrax, $88,083.92, video systems for new buses, Transportation
- Purchase order, Motorola, $22,932.12, radios for buses, Transportation
- Purchase order, Leesburg Concrete, $28,055.00, relocate ramps/steps for portable classrooms
- Purchase order, CTAE Resource Network, $38,821.00, membership fees
- Purchase order, MWD, $47,577.71, bus repair, Transportation
- Purchase order, Holbrook Services, $17,524.00, HVAC service at MLK
- Purchase order, Hospitality Education Foundation, $48,730.00, marketing program at Spencer, Northside, Shaw, Hardaway and Kendrick
- Purchase order, various oil companies, $56,945.35, fuel in Transportation
- Purchase order, IKON Office Solutions, $334,395.48, lease agreements on copy machines, system-wide
- Purchase order, NCS Pearson, $33,912.00, software for Eagle Ridge and Veterans Memorial
- Financial Assistance, $3,574.00
- Audit of Financial Statement of 1997 SPLOST Capital Projects
- Sales Tax Construction Program Report
- Transfer from FY03 SPLOST Critical Needs
- FY97 Sales Tax Construction Program Report
- Transfers from Capital Projects and Debt to SPLOST Fund
- Change Orders/Changes in Project Contingencies
- Status Report for Projects under Construction
- System-wide Technology Plan
- Forecasted Revenue Collections
- Transfers from Capital Projects Fund

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to U.S. Beverage, $41,958.00 for beverage machines system-wide.

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, $12,068.55 laptops, desktop, for instructional specialist and Veterans Memorial Middle School.
- Virtucom, $28,801.71, computers for various departments, system-wide.
- Virtucom, $40,487.40, technology equipment for Performance Learning at Academic Success Center.
- Virtucom, $63,142.20, technology equipment for new teaching positions.

Mr. Walker asked that the Board take action on the addendum items.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order to Holbrook Service Company ($40,000.00) and Energy Savers of Columbus ($40,000.00), respective for the repair of HVAC systems at various locations.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved a purchase order to Virco, Inc., in the amount of $626,096.61 for furniture at Veterans Memorial Middle School. The Superintendent of Education recommends that he Board approve an amended amount of $2,742.20 to the original purchase order for furniture and an additional $14,438.35 for other furnishings.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved Osceola Distributors, Inc., to provide café services at the Columbus Public Library at no expense to the School District.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for a personnel matter and a litigation matter.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular August meeting of the Board.

Greg S. Ellington
Legal Counsel