

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, April 21, 2008, 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 21, 2008, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the old Bradley Library.

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

The pledge of allegiance and the character education word were led by students from Waddell Elementary School.

Upon motion of Dr. Schley, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously excused the absence of Ms. Buckner for personal reasons.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, Greg S. Ellington, Legal Counsel, Eddie Obleton, Robin Pennock, Peggy Connell, Don Hall, Don Cooper and Billy Kendall.

The Board recognized Columbus Council of 4-H and the State Competition winner from Spencer High School; Marshall Middle School State Technology winners; Shaw High, GASSP Distinguished Principal award; Columbus High State Literary, State Art, State Swim, Japanese Academic Bowl winners; and the ABCD award winner.

The Board recognized two students on the public forum, Desmond Yates and Jordan Butler from Northside High School.

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 Monday, March 17, 2008.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved New Board Policy – ECI Telephone Use.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved a revision to Board Policy JGCD-Medicines.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved a revision to the Student Behavior Code and Discipline Policy Booklet for the 2008-2009 school year.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Karen Higgins to the position of Director of Customer Support Services in the Division of Technology.

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of John Broom to the position of Director of Application Support Services in the Division of Technology.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Laura Harris to the position of Director of Finance.

Mrs. Storey, made a motion seconded by Mr. Roberson, to approve the adoption of a resolution for an academic waiver for selected 7th and 8th grade Mathematics students. Mr. Whiteside amended the motion to include a fourth student that has been added. Mrs. Green seconded the amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved an increase in the price of lunch for elementary schools; and breakfast and lunch for middle and high schools and an increase for adult lunch in and out of the system. Mr. Whiteside, "This item has generated a little bit of conversation in the community. I would like to be provided the gross cost in revenue category by category for paid, reduced, severe need reduced and free in the Breakfast for All Program. What I have heard from my constituents who have children in elementary school is that they believe food is going into the trash can. If that's the case, I wouldn't want a child at lunch to have to pay more money. I would like to try to find out." Mrs. Green, "Mr. Whiteside, do you mean food that is prepared for children who do not eat it?" Mr. Whiteside, "Prepared for children who do not eat it." Mr. Roberson, "We don't want to see this happen but we have to do this in order to maintain nutritious lunches. I vote for this in the sense for the overall welfare in order to provide good lunches to as many students as possible." Mr. Whiteside, "Every hunger child should be fed. I think what is important is that if the price is raised, it can also be decreased. If we can find a cause for the increase in lunches then we can do something about it. Let's start by getting all the information on the table."

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal for SPLOST Program Management Professional Services.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board approved an update for the 403(b)/457 vendor guidelines due to changes from the IRS Administration.

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved Financial Statements for eight months ending February 29, 2008.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Virtucom for End User Devices in the approximate amount of \$5,000,000.00. This amount will cover the initial purchases and ongoing annual purchases in the Muscogee County School District.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously awarded a contract to Darton Roofing, \$446,145.00 for the roofing project at Georgetown Elementary.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the closing of the construction project at Veterans Memorial Middle School. The balance of the 2003 SPLOST \$613,982.89 will be deposited in the NPR Fund to be used for other 2003 SPLOST Projects.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 4 for an adjustment in savings (\$189,269.36) to be deducted from the original contract decreasing the New Rigdon Road Elementary construction project.

Mr. Wells made a motion seconded by Mrs. Storey to approve the transfer of any funds remaining in the budget for the demolition of the old Sears site to the budget for the New Educational Services Center site. The vote was (7) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the revision of procedures for Pre-Qualification of bidders by eliminating paragraph “A” of Exhibit E, and that the financial qualification of each bidder be evaluated based upon AIA Document A305 and their financial statement as required by paragraph 5 of this document.

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

- Human Resources Report/Professional and Classified
- Request to use Kinnett Stadium by American Heart Association
- Donation to Eddy middle School from St. Francis Hospital, \$2,000.00
- New budget, Pre-K projected T&E funds, \$4,238,713.00
- Contract awarded, Staff Development Workshops, Inc., \$34,350.00
- Contract awarded, Staff Development for Educators, Inc., \$24,624.00
- Contract awarded, Automatic Logic Control, sole sources, \$8,699.00
- Grant, Title IID, \$295,026.00, technology at Key, Fort, Jordan
- Grant, Georgia Public Library Services, \$4,000.00, CVRLS
- Grant, GDOE McKinney-Vento, \$70,000.00, Homeless Children
- Grant, Wal-Mart, \$750.00 Rothschild Middle
- Budget adjustment, CTAE, \$60,066, technology equipment Marshall/Double Churches Middle
- Budget adjustment, CTAE, \$79,953, teaching supplies and software
- Budget adjustment, CTAE, \$91,266, to purchase computers
- Budget adjustment, Plant Services, \$175,873.64, future critical needs
- Budget adjustment DOT, clear deficit accounts
- Budget adjustment, Tilling Adult Education, \$19,693, additional funds, GDOE
- Budget, DOT, \$90,385, purchase computers
- Purchase order, Clear Concepts Consulting, \$43,000, Benefits Department
- Purchase order, Xerox, \$65,494.80, system-wide copy paper
- Purchase order, Selected oil companies, \$208,393.54, system-wide fuel
- Purchase order, Selected vendors, \$86,862, equipment for metal program, Jordan
- Purchase order, vendors, textbooks, high school (\$1,307,979..28); middle (\$693,191.25)
- Purchase order, Learning Labs, \$60,066, Marshall and Double Churches Middle
- Purchase order, vendors, \$337,556.81, CTAE textbooks
- Purchase order, Rubicon International, \$70,000, software for curriculum mapping
- Purchase order, Fruhauf Uniforms, Inc., \$33,330, band uniforms, Kendrick High
- Purchase order, Multi-Media Services, Title I, \$51,237, for (9) schools
- Purchase order, Childcraft Education , \$23,587.13, blocks for Pre-K classroom
- Audit of Financial Statement of 1997 SPLSOT and 2003 SPLOST Capital projects
- Sales Tax Construction Program Report
- Report on Transfer from FY03 SPLOST Critical Needs
- Report of Change Orders/Changes in Project Contingencies
- Report on System-wide Technology Plan
- Report on Forecasted Revenue Collections
- Report on Transfers from Capital Projects Fund
- Status Report for Projects Under Construction
- Analysis of 2003 SPLOST NPR Fund
- SPLOST Funding Report for 2003
- Financial Assistance, \$932.00

Mr. Whiteside asked that an item be placed on the agenda for May for the Board to discuss returning to the two-day committee meetings.

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

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

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

Greg S. Ellington, Legal Counsel