

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

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

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

Others attending, Dr. John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, and Greg S. Ellington, Legal Counsel.

The pledge of allegiance was led by students from Eagle Ridge Academy. The Eagle Ridge Academy students performed a musical tribute to Dr. Phillips on the occasion of his retirement.

Upon motion of Dr. Schley, seconded by Mrs. Green, the Board unanimously approved a resolution read by Dr. Schley for Dr. Phillips on the occasion of his retirement. (Appendix A)

Mr. Walker recognized visitors in the audience, Dr. Mary Sue Polleys, Mr. Hardy Polleys, Mrs. Suzanne Phillips, Ms. Michele Whiteledge, Mr. Michael Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Halouska, Mr. Owen Ditchfield, many principals from MCSD schools and PTA representatives.

Mr. Walker announced that the following community leaders will speak on the occasion of Dr. Phillips retirement:

- Mr. William B. Turner – Community Leader
- Mr. Steve Melton – Community Leader/President of CB&T Bank
- Mr. Isaiah Hugley – City Manager for Columbus, Georgia
- The Honorable Ed Harbison – State Senator (reading a resolution from the Senate)
- Dr. Philip T. Schley – Board Vice Chairman (reading a resolution from the Board)

The Board recognized the following for their contribution to public education in Muscogee County: Mr. B. C. Carswell, education advocate; Mr. Patrick Theobald, representative from Bill Heard Chevrolet, contributing free nitrogen for school bus tires; and high performing principals.

The Board recognized the following citizens who spoke on the public forum; Ms. Denise Dowdy; Mr. Robert Anderson, Mr. Berton Griffin, Mr. Joshua McKoon.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved official actions held at the regular Board meeting held on June 16, 2008. The Board approved official actions held at a called meeting held on July 9, 2008. The vote was (8) affirming and (1) opposing, (Whiteside).

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved an employment agreement with Dr. Peggy Connell to serve as interim superintendent for the month of August.

Upon motion of Mr. Roberson, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board approved an employment contract with Dr. John A. Phillips, Jr., to serve as interim superintendent of education from September 1, 2008 through November 30, 2008.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved the following assistant principal appointments:

Allen/Johnson Elementary Schools	-Karen Garner
Brewer Elementary	-Carol Wood
Britt David Elementary Magnet	-Carolyn Mull
Clubview/Gentian Elementary Schools	-Lorrie Watt
Eddy Middle	-Roslyn Tymes
Forrest Rd./River Rd. Elementary Schools	-Larraine Smith
Fox Elementary	-Renee Tharp
Hardaway High	-Abdur Hassan
Midland Academy	-Janet LaFortune
Spencer High	-Michael Tucker
Veterans Memorial Middle	-Brenda Thomas

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Storey, the Board approved the demolition of the old Rigdon Road School building. The vote was (7) affirming, (1) opposing and Mrs. Williams was out of the room at the time of the vote.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the request from Georgia Power for an easement at Blackmon Road Middle School.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved a lease agreement for warehouse space at old Bibb Mill.

Upon motion of Mrs. Green, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation from Merchant Capital for excess lease proceeds defeasance.

Upon motion of Mrs. Storey, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved the employee benefits package.

Upon motion of Ms. Buckner, seconded by Mr. Roberson, the Board unanimously approved change order no. 6 for new Rigdon Road Elementary School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the revision of Policy DFT-Gifts and Bequests.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously approved financial statements.

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

- Human Resources Report
- Executive Coaching Continuation
- Workers Compensation Settlement
- Student Discipline Tribunal for FY09
- Financial Statements
- Contracts awarded:
 - CARE ambulance services, Memorial/Kinnett Stadiums, \$70.00 per hour
 - Tier Technologies, Inc., \$76,163.00, support services for "Financial Package"
 - Smallwares for School Nutrition Program, \$149,916.18
 - CELT Project Management, Division of Technology, \$150,000.00
 - A-Com Telephone Maintenance, \$46,964.16
 - Dairy and Milk Products for School Nutrition Program, \$1,122,797.48
- Board Resolution on Travel
- Budget adjustment, 21st Century, allocation of \$35,00.00 for learning programs
- Grants:
 - Georgia Department Of Education, \$32,224.00, Middle School Math Remediation
 - Georgia Humanities Council, \$10,000.00, Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library
 - Pre-K Start Up Grant, \$16,000.00, for new classes at Rigdon Road and Eagle Ridge
 - Residential Treatment Center, SBOE, \$8,653.00, Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home
- New budgets:
 - Pre-K Resource Coordinator budget for FY09, \$648,000.00
 - Pre-K FY09 budget, \$4,121,561.00
 - Instructional Extension Program, \$582,318.00
 - Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home, GDOE, \$116,000.00
 - Payroll deduction of MAE membership dues
 - Payroll deduction of MEEF membership dues
 - ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
 - Payroll deduction of PAGE membership dues
 - Payroll deductions for School Nutrition Association membership dues

- Purchase orders:
- Math Textbooks, Secondary Education, \$15,011.42
- Connect Ed, Department of Technology, \$93,000.00
- ALC Energy Management, Division of Facilities & Operations, \$36,242.00
- Melson Tractor, Division of Facilities & Operations, \$
- Pure Air Filter, Division of Facilities & Operations, \$18,000.00
- Turner Plumbing tank-less water heater, Division of Facilities & Operations, \$22,914.00
- MAP, Research, Accountability and Assessment, \$24,059.16
- MapNet Trapeze software, \$25,370.00
- Fuel Purchases, Plant Services Division, \$127,524.06
- Motorola Radios, Transportation Department, \$66,360.00
- Security Services at CVRLS
- Donation from Tunes for Tots Program
- Audit of Financial Statement
- SPLOST Forecasted Revenue Collections
- Report on Transfers from Capital Projects
- Analysis of 2003 SPLOST NPR Fund as of June 24, 2008
- Analysis of System-wide Technology Plan
- Analysis Report 2003 SPLOST Critical Needs
- Monthly Report of Change Orders
- Status Reports for Projects under Construction

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session for two 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 Mrs. Storey, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular July meeting of the Board.