

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muscogee County School District was held on Monday, October 20, 2003, 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Bradley Library.

The following members were present: Mary Sue Polleys, Chairman, James Walker, Vice Chairman, David E. Ebron, Fife M. Whiteside, John Wells, Naomi Buckner and Owen Ditchfield.

Others present: John A. Phillips, Jr., Superintendent of Education, James E. Humes, II, Legal Counsel, Del Parker, Treasurer, Brenda F. Dozier, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Don A. Cooper, Jr., Chief Human Resources Officer, Robin Pennock, Chief Academic Officer, Billy Kendall, Administrative Assistant, Bill Hortman, Associate Superintendent and representatives from the media.

Dr. Polleys called the meeting to order with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag led by students from the Pre-K program at Cusseta Road Elementary. Dr. Phillips called on Mamie Harper, President of the Youth Advisory Council to introduce the Character Education Word for October – Cooperation. Mrs. Dozier introduced the Youth Advisory Council members and the Advisors. Mrs. Dozier also introduced Ms. Debbie Ball, softball coach at Shaw High School for her 500<sup>th</sup> win. Dr. Pennock introduced and recognized the following: essay contest winners for How Plato Made a Difference; Student Media Festival winners; and Effective Practices Schools, Britt David, Columbus, Benning Hills, Downtown, and Rigdon Road. Mr. Caggins recognized Borden Black for School Nutrition in Media. Dr. Polleys recognized the following on the Public Forum; Lynn Slaker, PTA; William Howell, Rainbow PUSH, Michele Holder, Kendrick parent.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved official actions taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held on September 15, 2003 and a called meeting held on August 28, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously excused Mrs. Storey for personal illness.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to include the addendum regarding a contract for Hardaway High School and an addition to the financial assistance request.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the Legislative Agenda for the 2004 legislative session. Dr. Polleys noted that this agenda will be posted on the web site next week.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Peggy McInvale-West as Director of Programs for Exceptional Students.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved an online SAT Preparation class offered by the Princeton Review.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Dr. Schley, the Board unanimously approved a request from the Third Battalion Ranger Regiment to use the old Baker School site for a special training exercise from November 10 through December 5, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a request from United Way to use the parking lot at the old Sears building for a Sleepless Survival Marathon, November 5-10, 2003.

Upon motion of Dr. Schley, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved the assignment of Neal, Kendust & Murray, Architects at the cost of \$217,385.00 to do the construction work, prepare plans and specifications for the re-roofing at St. Elmo School center.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order, \$176,710.00 to Southern Environmental Services, Inc., for demolition work at the old Fox Elementary School building.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved a confirmation purchase order, \$12,050.00 to Hughes Supply, Inc. for an emergency sewage lift station at Spencer High School.

Upon motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ebron, the Board unanimously approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board unanimously approved financial statements for one month ending August 31, 2003.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved the addendum item to award a contract to Mitchel Hadinger to provide services as an athletic trainer and instructor for the Sports Medicine Class at Hardaway High.

Mr. Wells noted that an additional financial grant of \$355.00 would be added to consent item J. There would be a total grant of \$1,335.00 for (3) requests of financial assistance.

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

- Personnel Report. (Appendix A)
- Library Board member nomination, Wyona Lynch-McWhite.
- Rothschild Trust Funds Earnings.
- Increase in Excess Workers' Compensation Premium, \$59,794.00.
- New budget, Statewide K-3 Program budgets for 33 elementary schools for instruction in Reading and/or Math.
- New budget Statewide 4-8 After-School Program budgets for 33 elementary and 11 middle schools.
- New budget Staff Development Allocations in excess of \$25,000.00.
- New budget, Get Ready to Read FY04, \$5,000.00.
- New budget, Even Start Family Literacy, \$535,000.00.
- New budget, Woodall Program K-3 State, \$12,000.00.
- New budget, Woodall Program Capacity Building, \$15,000.00.
- New budget, Allen Elementary, \$2,500.00 Environmental Education Alliance of Grant.
- New budget, Library Museum Project of the CVRLS, \$4,000.00.
- Budget adjustment, FY04 IDEA Flow-Through budget and FY04 Capacity Building Grant for the education of students with disabilities.
- Budget adjustment, Palm Keyboards for Medicaid filing, \$3,880.00.
- Budget adjustment, Library Reserve Fund, \$140,151.00 for HVAC repair at North Branch Library.
- Grant, Title II, Part A Improving Teacher Quality and Title V, Part A, Innovative in excess of \$25,000.00.
- Grant, English Literacy/Civics Education Renewal, \$26,000.00.
- Grant, TANF, \$91,018.00.

- Grant, Technology/Career Education, Jordan High, \$75,000.00 from State Capital Outlay.
- Contract awarded Pound Construction, \$252,369.00 for converting Industrial Arts Labs to classrooms at Baker and Arnold Middle Schools.
- Contract awarded School Nutrition Program, food and supplies from various vendors.
- SPLOST Report as of August 3, 2003.
- Financial Assistance grant, \$1,335.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session to hear a student discipline appeal.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board voted unanimously to come out of executive session.

Dr. Polleys reminded Board members of the called school board meeting for Friday, October 24.

Upon motion of Mr. Ebron, seconded by Mr. Ditchfield, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular October Board meeting.

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James E. Humes, II  
Legal Counsel