

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 19, 2010

Board Chair Debrah Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Genesis Education Center and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Board members present were Tony Bowers, Roy Hemphill, Dan Richardson, Sheila Riddle, Claude Wright. Board members absent were James Williams and LeVerne Fuller; Board member Tom Pritchard had to leave before the meeting, but returned at the end of the meeting.

The following were notified of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting: *The Index-Journal*, Greenwood Today, Sunny 103.5, News Channel 7, *The Greenville News*, WLOS TV Channel 13, and Channel 4 News. Ms. Felicia Kitzmiller with *The Index-Journal* and Ms. Jan Bradshaw with *Greenwood Today* attended the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* of the December 14, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson recognized Principal Susan Buchanan of Pinecrest Elementary School.

Ms. Buchanan recognized Pinecrest Elementary School's faculty and staff, and introduced Pinecrest Pride Steppers under the direction of Tamika Richardson. Next, Pinecrest and District 50 Teacher of the Year Candice Ellis spelled out points of pride at Pinecrest.

Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that the State of the District Address will be February 23, 2010, at 6:00 pm, and will be held at Genesis Education Center. In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation to the members of the Board for their commitment to helping students become productive citizens.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Pat Ross gave an overview of all the Choice and Magnet program options planned for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Ms. Ross shared with the Board that the Acts program will expand to the 9th grade. She then informed the Board of a new program being introduced at Northside Middle School, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). All choice programs will begin at the start of the 2010 – 2011 school year.

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Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson noted that the state budget cuts from last year to this year will be around 10 million dollars. The district hopes to absorb the cuts through internal action and utilization of reserve funds.

Assistant Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that the District will be monitoring the situation and may have to consider the possibility of furlough days.

Southern Management Group representative Forrest King presented the monthly updates on the district facility development initiative. Assistant Superintendent Johnson requested that the Board meet for a Capital Projects/Worksession on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Genesis Education Center. Trustee Richardson requested that the Board have copies of correspondence and deeds of the properties owned by District 50, especially properties not in use at this time. He also asked the Board Chair if there was a possibility of getting an update from the Greenwood Fifty School Facilities Corporation.

On a motion by Trustee Bowers, seconded by Trustee Riddle, the Board approved the personnel recommendations as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. without objection.

Debrah Miller

LeVerne Fuller

Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

February 15, 2010

Date Approved

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