

**GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50**  
**Greenwood, South Carolina**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**January 17, 2012**

Board Vice-Chair Roy Hemphill called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Genesis Education Center and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Board members present were Debrah Miller, Tony Bowers, Sheila Riddle, Curtis Hensley, James Williams, Mr. Claude Wright and Mrs. LeVerne Fuller.

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. Mr. Scott Bryan with *The Index-Journal* and Ms. Rachel Gillion from *Greenwood Today* attended the meeting.

The only participant for Public Forum was Mr. Mark Teakeu, 120 Starboard Tack, who questioned the class size decision process and specifically kindergarten as it relates to Title I.

The *Minutes* from the December 12, 2011 regular Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson stated that there were 102 students from Greenwood High School and Emerald High School who participated in the Mid-Year Graduation. Dr. D. Johnson announced that the State of the District Address will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012, 12:00 p.m. at Genesis Education Center. Next, Dr. D. Johnson recognized Alyson Perrin, Principal of Springfield Elementary School as a recipient of the 2011-2012 School Health Services Award. In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, Dr. D. Johnson thanked the Board of Trustees for their dedication and service to Greenwood School District 50. In conclusion, Dr. D. Johnson stated that District 50 was notified by the S.C. Department of Education Office of Accountability that the request made to be granted a waiver to begin school earlier than the uniform start date had not received approval of the State Department and is outside the authority of the State Board of Education to approve. The district will follow the original calendar approved by the Board for the 2012-2012 school year and will continue to explore options to accommodate the needs of the parents and students.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Pat Ross announced that the District was awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Ms. Ross provided information concerning the implementation of the grant and responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson gave a FY11-12 financial update for District 50. He stated that forty eight percent of the budget has been expended as of December 31, 2011. Dr. G. Johnson responded to questions from the Board.

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson presented the monthly updates on the district facility development initiative.**

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson made a recommendation from the Administration that the five year facility plan be approved as presented. Dr. G. Johnson responded to questions from the Board. On a motion by Trustee Tony Bowers, seconded by Trustee Debrah Miller, the Board voted to approve the five year facility plan. The motion carried on a 5-3 vote. Trustees Roy Hemphill, Sheila Riddle and Curtis Hensley voted against the motion.**

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson made a recommendation from the Administration that the audit services contract with Elliott Davis be extended for three more years. On a motion by Trustee Debrah Miller, seconded by Trusted LeVerne Fuller, the Board voted to extend the audit contract services with Elliott Davis for three more years. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.**

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson made a recommendation from the Administration that the Board selects one firm to provide construction management services for the classroom addition projects at Brewer and Westview, and for the Gym refurbishment and outdoor restroom construction at Emerald. He stated that three companies would do presentations in support of their efforts to win board approval to provide construction management services for the upcoming capital projects. Dr. G. Johnson made a recommendation to the Board that after the presentation, the Board goes into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters.**

**On a motion by Trustee Debrah Miller, seconded by Trustee Sheila Riddle, the Board approved the Personnel Recommendations as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.**

**On a motion by Trustee Debrah Miller, seconded by Trustee Bowers, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters and Real Estate Matters at 7:53 p.m. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.**

**The Board returned to Open Session at 8:20 p.m.**

**Vice Chair Roy Hemphill stated that no action would be taken on the Real Estate matter. In regard to the Contractual Matter, a motion was made by Trustee Tony Bowers, seconded by Trustee Debrah Miller, the Board voted to select H.G. Reynolds to be the Construction Manager for the classroom addition projects at Brewer and Westview, and for the Gym refurbishment and outdoor restroom construction at Emerald. The motion carried on an 8-0 vote.**

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**The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. without objection.**

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**Shell Dula, Chair**

*LeVerne Fuller*

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**LeVerne Fuller, Secretary**

*February 20, 2012*

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