

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**March 15, 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 Roy Hemphill, Dan Richardson, Sheila Riddle, Claude Wright, James Williams, LeVerne Fuller, and Tom Pritchard. Trustee Tony Bowers was absent.

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. Nicole Smith with *The Index-Journal* and Paul Skelton with *Greenwood Today* attended the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* of the February 15, 2010, Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson recognized Principal Jean Craig of Woodfields Elementary School.

Ms. Craig recognized the Color Guard, coordinated by Mr. Lewis and Ms. Smith from Woodfields, who presented the colors. Woodfield's ACTS students under the direction of Beverly Psomas sang the National Anthem. A video presentation was presented and Woodfields concluded with a creative dance titled "Prayer" by the fifth grade students under the direction Joey Giles.

Superintendent Johnson recognized Springfield Elementary School as being one of the finalists for Palmetto's Finest and Merrywood Elementary School as being a finalist for the Title I Distinguished School Award. Winners will be announced Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in Columbia S.C.

Superintendent Johnson acknowledged two students as the District winners for the State Superintendent of Education's Writing Award, fifth grader Claire Moore from Lakeview Elementary School, and eight grader Emily Burton from Westview Middle School. Next, he informed the Board of the Literacy Alive Celebration to be held Friday, April 16, 2010. Superintendent Johnson recognized Mattie Coyle from Brewer Middle School who submitted the winning logo design for the Literacy Celebration.

**Assistant Superintendent for Administration Gerald Witt gave an overview of the School Choice notification that was sent out to parents on March 5, 2010. The deadline for the School Choice is July 15, 2010.**

**Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Pat Ross informed the Board of the plans for the Literacy Alive Celebration. The Celebration will be held at Cross Creek Mall, Friday, April 15, 2010, and the time will be from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson told the Board that the first draft of the budget has been developed for 2010-2011. Assistant Superintendent Johnson said the District is looking at a \$5 million shortfall. He asked that the Board schedule a worksession to discuss the budget.**

**Southern Management Group representative Forrest King presented the monthly updates on the district facility development initiative.**

**Board Chair Debrah Miller reminded the Board of the Ethics Reporting that must be completed by April 15, 2010.**

**On a motion by Trustee Hemphill, seconded by Trustee Riddle, and following questions and comments by Board Members the Board voted to adopt a resolution that focuses on immediate steps the General Assembly can take during the Fiscal Crisis. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.**

**On a motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board approved the personnel recommendations as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.**

**On a motion by Trustee Riddle, seconded by Trustee Wright, the Board approved the *2010-2011 Contract Status Report* as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn with the exception of Employee # 482 and Employee # 561. The motion carried unanimously on an 8-0 vote. Next, Trustee Riddle, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board approved the *2010-2011 Contract Status Report* as presented by the Administration for Employee # 482. The motion carried on a 7-0-1 vote with Trustee Miller abstaining. Next, Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Hemphill, the Board approved the *2010-2011 Contract Status Report* as presented by the Administration for Employee # 561. The motion carried on a 7-0-1 vote with Trustee Riddle abstaining.**

**On a motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Riddle, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter, a student appeal, and personnel matter at 6:50 p.m. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.**

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

Board Chair Miller commented no action was taken on the contractual matter. On a motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Williams, the Board voted to uphold the Administration's decision on the matter of the student appeal. The motion passed on a 7-0-1 with one abstention. On the matter of personnel, there was no Board action taken. Superintendent Johnson announced several changes in personnel. Ms. Cindy Storer, principal at Westview Middle School, will be replacing Ms. Beth Pinson, current principal of Northside Middle School, who will be retiring at the end of the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Bonnie Corbitt, current principal of Springfield Elementary School, will become the new principal at Westview Middle School. Ms. Felicia Cartledge, current principal at Genesis Education Center, has asked to be reassigned to another administrative position for the 2010-2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. without objection.

Debrah Miller  
Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller  
LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

March 15, 2010  
Date Approved

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