

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**March 16, 2009**

Board Chair Debrah Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7 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, Tom Pritchard, Dan Richardson, Sheila Riddle, James Williams, and Claude Wright. Board member LeVerne Fuller was absent.

The following were notified of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting: *The Index-Journal*, *Ninety Six Star and Beacon*, *Greenwood Today*, Sunny 103.5, News Channel 7, *The Greenville News*, WLOS TV Channel 13, and Channel 4 News. Ms. Felicia Kitzmiller and Mr. Scott Bryan with *The Index-Journal* attended the meeting. Mr. Jonathan Graves with *Greenwood Today* also attended the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* of the February 16, and February 23, 2009, Board meetings were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Dr. Johnson began the *Superintendent's Report* by recognizing Mr. Chuck Graves, Director of the G. Frank Russell Career Center. Prior to sharing a video of programs and activities at the Career Center, Mr. Graves commented emphasizing the Career Center's mission of providing students with career and technical skills necessary to become productive and responsible citizens. Next, a video featuring Ms. Denise Schweikart, a third grade teacher at Oakland Elementary School, was shared with the Board. Dr. Johnson then recognized Ms. Bonnie Corbitt, Principal of Springfield Elementary School, for Springfield's recognition as a Palmetto's Finest finalist. In concluding the *Superintendent's Report*, Dr. Johnson announced that Friday, March 20, 2009, would be a make-up day for the District.

Under the second Information Item, *Literacy Alive Celebration – Friday, April 3, 2009*, Ms. Pat Ross, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, reminded the Board of this event that will be held at the Greenwood Mall.

Under the next Information Item, *In the Spotlight – Saturday, April 25, 2009*, Ms. Ross commented that this event would involve 770 students and would be held at the Greenwood Civic Center. It was also noted that a countywide student art event had been held at Woodfields Elementary School last week.

Next, Mr. Robert McClinton, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, addressed Information Item, *School Choice Notification*. Mr. McClinton informed the Board that letters informing parents of school choice options will be mailed on March 31, 2009, with applications due May 1, 2009.

The fifth Information Item, *Financial Update*, was presented by Dr. Gary Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Dr. Johnson commented concerning additional budget cuts and the anticipated base student cost of \$2320 for the District in drafting next year's budget. He suggested that the Board meet in a couple of weeks, possibly March 30 or March 31, to review the first draft of the budget. Dr. Johnson also indicated that the cabling proposals for the District may be ready for consideration by the Board at that time. Mr. Richardson requested that a complete itemized budget in a public document be available for all Board members at the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

The sixth Information Item, *Facilities Update*, was also presented by Assistant Superintendent Johnson who commented concerning the Pinecrest Elementary School project and then recognized Mr. Forrest King with Southern Management Group who provided an update on ongoing projects along with budget updates for each project.

The final Information Item, *Ethics Reporting*, was addressed by Board Chair Miller who reminded the Board members of the deadline of April 15, 2009 for submitting the *Economics Interests Form* to the State Ethics Commission.

Under the first Action Item, *Proposed Policies – First Reading*, Mr. Williams, Policy Committee Chair, commented that these policies, JKE – *Expulsion of Students*, JICJ – *Possession/Use of Paging Devices in School*, JICF – *Secret Societies/Gang Activity* and SRR – *Students' Rights and Responsibilities*, had been considered twice by the Policy Committee. Mr. Hemphill moved and Ms. Riddle seconded a motion to waive Board Policy BG and adopt these policies on first reading. The motion carried unanimously (8-0). Then Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Wright seconded a motion to accept the policies as presented on first reading. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Next, under Action Item, *Proposed Policies – Second Reading*, Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to adopt the following policies as presented: CBB – *Line and Staff Relations*, DKA – *Payroll Procedures/Schedules*, DKB – *Salary Reductions*, GBB – *Staff Involvement in Decisionmaking*, GCBD – *Professional Staff Fringe Benefits*, GDBD – *Support Staff Fringe Benefits*, GCC – *Professional Staff Leaves and Absences*, GCCAA – *Shared Leave*, GCG – *Substitute Professional Employment*, GBGD – *Workers Compensation*, GCOA – *Evaluation of Instructional Staff*, GCQE – *Retirement of Professional Staff*, GDQC – *Retirement of Support Staff*, EI – *Insurance Program Risk Management*, GBJ – *Personnel Records and Files*, and IKE – *Promotion, Retention and Acceleration of Students*. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Assistant Superintendent Johnson presented the next Action Item, *Banking Proposals*. He commented that five firms submitted proposals and all of them could meet the District needs, however, it came down to the interest rate. Dr. Johnson presented the Administration's recommendation that the District enter into a five-year agreement for banking services with First Citizens Bank effective July 1, 2009. Mr. Bowers moved and Dr. Pritchard seconded a motion that the District enter into a five-year agreement for

banking services with First Citizens Bank effective July 1, 2009 as recommended by the Administration. After Dr. Johnson responded to a question regarding the length of the agreement, the motion carried unanimously (8-0).

The fourth Action Item, *Personnel Recommendations and Vacancies*, was presented by Mr. Randy Vaughn, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Dr. Pritchard moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the revised personnel contract recommendations as presented by the Administration. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

The final action item, *2009-2010 Personnel Contract Status Report*, was also presented by Mr. Vaughn. Dr. Pritchard moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion that the Board approve the *2009-2010 Contract Status Report* as presented by the Administration with the exception of Employee # 516. The motion carried unanimously (8-0). Next, Dr. Pritchard moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the *2009-2010 Contract Status Report* as presented by the Administration for Employee # 516. The motion carried (7-0-1) with Mr. Bowers, Mr. Hemphill, Dr. Pritchard, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Riddle, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Wright voting in favor of the motion and Ms. Miller abstaining. Prior to Mr. Les Gamble, Principal of Emerald High School, introducing Mr. Tim McMahon as the new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach at Emerald, Mr. Vaughn read a statement in response to an article in a local newspaper regarding the integrity of the selection process for both the Greenwood High and Emerald High Athletic Director/Head Football Coach positions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. without objection.

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Debrah Miller, Chair

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LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

*April 20, 2009*

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\* These Minutes were approved as amended on motion by Mr. Richardson with second by Mr. Hemphill to include Mr. Richardson's request for additional information from the Administration including, but not limited to, an itemized budget with detailed expenditures, and K-3, K-4, and K-5 program funding directives, sources, authority, and how federal and state funds are used in relation to the budget process. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).