

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 20, 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, LeVerne Fuller, Roy Hemphill, Sheila Riddle, James Williams, and Claude Wright. Board member Dan Richardson arrived after the meeting had been called to order; Board member Tom Pritchard 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 with *The Index-Journal* and Mr. Johnathan Graves with *Greenwood Today* attended the meeting.

The only participant for *Public Forum* was Dr. Lewis Dorrity, 403 Parkwood Road, who expressed his concerns to the Board regarding taxes and school finances.

The *Minutes* of the June 15, June 22, and July 6, 2009, Board meetings were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Dr. Johnson began the *Superintendent's Report*. Under *Recognitions – Retirees*, he commented that there were 40 retirees this year with a combined 757 years of service to District 50. Under *Recognitions – Staff*, Dr. Johnson recognized the following newly-hired employees: Mr. Gerald Witt, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Mr. Brad Nickles, Interim Principal at Emerald High School; Ms. Jean Powell, *Response to Intervention Program* Coordinator; and Ms. Teresa Clark, Financial Coordinator. Next, under *Preparation for Opening of School – August 14, 2009, 8:30 a.m., EHS*, Dr. Johnson reminded the Board that the districtwide activity for the opening of school for the 2009-2010 school year will be held in the new Emerald High School gym. In concluding the *Superintendent's Report*, Dr. Johnson informed the Board of the *Administrative Leadership Team Retreat* scheduled for August 11, 2009 at the Genesis Education Center.

The second Information Item, *IDEA and Title I Stimulus Spending Plan* was presented by Dr. Gary Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Ms. Pat Ross, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. The presentation included reviews of the proposed budgets for Title I and IDEA funds for the new year. Assistant Superintendent Johnson provided an overview of the FY 10 stimulus personnel activity which includes 20 new Title I and IDEA positions and 53 general program positions for a total of 73 positions for two years. He also reviewed the FY 10 proposed personnel reduction as of July 20, 2009 which includes the revised number of positions eliminated being 65 rather than 142.5 positions without the stimulus funds. Ms. Ross provided information regarding the *Response to Intervention Program* which is a research-based model which focuses on responding and intervening in a timely manner to provide services to students and to follow up with

changes if the service is not positively impacting the student's problem. Assistant Superintendent Johnson and Ms. Ross responded to questions and comments and offered to present a plan to the Board in the near future describing how this program will be delivered to students.

Under the third Information Item, *Financial Update*, Assistant Superintendent Johnson provided information concerning being under budget for the 2008-2009 school year. He also reported that at this time there have already been revisions in state funding for the 2009-2010 year and that the Administration will continue to monitor the revisions and consider any options available to meet the revisions in funding.

Next, under the fourth Information Item, *Facilities Update*, Assistant Superintendent Johnson provided an update on ongoing projects along with a budget update for each project.

Under the final Information Item, *Board Evaluation and Goal Setting Workshop*, Board Chair Miller reminded the members of the special called meeting scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2009, at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Genesis Education Center.

The first Action Item, *Surplus Property*, was addressed by Assistant Superintendent Johnson who presented the Administration's recommendation that a list of identified vehicles be declared surplus property and sold to the highest bidder through a duly advertised sealed bids process. Mr. Bowers moved and Ms. Riddle seconded a motion that the identified vehicles be declared surplus property and be sold to the highest bidder through a duly advertised sealed bids process. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Next, Mr. Randy Vaughn, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, recognized Mr. Gerald Witt, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, who presented the second Information Item, *Board Policies – Second Reading – JKD – Suspension of Students and KF – Community Use of School Facilities*. Mr. Witt reviewed the proposed revision in Policy JKD. Mr. Williams, Policy Committee Chair, moved and Ms. Fuller seconded a motion to approved Policy JKD – *Suspension of Students* as presented for second reading. The motion carried unanimously (8-0). Next, Mr. Witt reviewed the revisions in Policy KF and he, along with Assistant Superintendent Johnson, responded to questions and comments regarding the community use of District facilities. Mr. Williams moved and Ms. Fuller seconded a motion that Policy KF – *Community Use of School Facilities* be approved as presented for second reading. The motion carried (7-1) with Mr. Bowers, Ms. Fuller, Mr. Hemphill, Ms. Miller, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Riddle, and Mr. Williams voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Wright voting against the motion.

The final Action Item, *Personnel Recommendations and Vacancies*, was presented by Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Bowers moved and Mr. Williams seconded a motion that the revised personnel recommendations be approved as presented by the Administration. The motion carried unanimously (8-0). Mr. Vaughn also provided an update on existing vacancies.

Superintendent Johnson then introduced the following newly-hired employees: Mr. Chad Evans, Principal at Brewer Middle School, and Mr. Luther Carter, Mr. Corey Collington, and Ms. Tammie White, assistant principals, to be assigned.

Board Chair Miller stated that there was no need for an Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8 p.m.

Debrah Miller

LeVerne Fuller

Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

August 17, 2009

Date Approved

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