

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 18, 2010

Board Chair Debrah Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 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, James Williams, LeVerne Fuller, Tom Pritchard, Tony Bowers, and Claude Wright.

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. Russell Cox with *The Index-Journal* attended the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* from the September 20, 2010 regular Board meeting and executive session, and September 30, 2010, Special Called Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson gave an update on United Way. Next, Dr. Johnson informed the Board that the classroom observations; lead by 14 district office staff; have been very successful, and that the Student Engagement conference is scheduled for November 1, 2010. In conclusion, Superintendent Johnson and Board Chair Debrah Miller recognized Trustee Tom Pritchard and Trustee Dan Richardson for their dedicated service to Greenwood School District 50.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration Mr. Gerald Witt recognized Principal Doris Watson who presented a PowerPoint of the "First Tee" program at Mathews Elementary. She explained that the First Tee National School Program curriculum is based on national physical education standards, and utilizes introductory golf equipment that is designed to be developmentally appropriate, safe and fun for children and beginners. Ms. Watson responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Ms. Pat Ross recognized Director of Elementary Education Pearly Milton who presented a PowerPoint overview of the AdvancED District Accreditation. Ms. Milton informed the Board that the district is preparing for an AdvancED District Accreditation review. An overview of the process and timeline was presented. Ms. Milton responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Ms. Pat Ross recognized Director of Secondary Education Shirley Boyce who informed the Board that in anticipation of a budget shortfall for the 2011-12 school year, the district formed a study committee to assess various schedule options for the high school. The goal is to research the cost and benefits of the 4 block semester schedule and to explore less costly alternatives. The findings were a 6 x 4 Combo Block schedule for the high schools for implementation in the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Boyce responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson advised the Board that the audit team is auditing our FY 10 budget and that the audit is going extremely well. He informed the Board that at this time we have expended 19% of our budget.

Southern Management Group representative Forrest King presented the monthly updates on the district facility development initiative. Mr. King responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration Gerald Witt gave a first reading of proposed changes to Board policies. Mr. Witt along with Assistant Superintendent Randy Vaughn for Human Resources answered questions from the Trustees, and clarification was made for Trustee Richardson on several policies. In conclusion, Trustee Hemphill asked if a change in the wording could be made before a vote is taken on policy JCA under Assignment of Students.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn recognized Director of Staff Development and Evaluation Martha Vincent who explained that the schools have developed five-year strategic plans for 2011-2016 that align with the approved district plan. On a motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board voted to approve the School Strategic Plans. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Hemphill, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board selected Trustees Miller, Bowers, and Williams as delegates and Trustees Wright and Riddle as alternates to the 2010 South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Delegate Assembly. The motion passed on a 9-0 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 a 9-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Bowers, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter and real estate matter at 8:08 p.m. The motion passed on a 9 -0 vote.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:23 p.m.

Board Chair Miller commented no action was taken on the contractual matter. Concerning the real estate matter, a motion was made by Trustee Bowers, seconded by Trustee Williams, that the Administration be authorized to act on behalf of the Board to facilitate the sale at appraised value of all or a portion of a piece of surplus district property adjacent to a commercial site, should a tentative buyer be able to acquire the commercial site for the purpose of constructing a restaurant. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. without objection.

Debrah Miller

Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller

LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

November 15, 2010

Date Approved

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