

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 19, 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, Sheila Riddle, James Williams, Claude Wright, Leverne Fuller, and Dan Richardson.

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.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* of the September 21, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson recognized new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Becky Sumerel. He then introduced Emerald High School Principal Brad Nickles.

Mr. Nickles recognized Emerald High School's staff and parents, and introduced Student Government Vice-President Anna Mills Polatty. Ms. Polatty thanked the school and district administration for the new gym and improved facilities. She also shared information about school events. Mr. Nickles concluded with a video presentation about the school.

The Superintendent provided a United Way campaign update. He noted that four locations have already exceeded their target goals.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Pat Ross shared information relative to the Tech Tuesday demonstration by students of the Science Technology Engineering and Math School (STEMS) Magnet Program. She also noted that the September 2009 State Gifted and Talented Newsletter contained an article featuring the District 50 magnet programs.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration Gerald Witt introduced two principals who discussed behavior improvement programs in their schools.

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Merrywood Elementary Principal Debra Green outlined the Lifelong Guidelines and Lifeskills program. She stated that the school had experienced a 50 percent reduction in discipline referrals after a year in the program.

Pinecrest Elementary Principal Susan Buchanan also noted a decrease in discipline referrals at her school since the implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS). Pinecrest teachers Cindy Hamlett and Angie Nelson also discussed aspects of the program.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson noted that the pending state budget cut would likely be approximately \$1,015,442. He advised the Board that it appeared the district should be able to absorb the cut through internal action and utilization of reserve funds.

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

On a motion by Trustee Hemphill, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, the Board selected Trustees Miller, Richardson, and Wright as delegates and Trustees Bowers, Fuller, and Riddle as alternates to the 2009 South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Delegate Assembly. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Bowers, seconded by Trustee Richardson, 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 Riddle, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate and contractual matter at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:42 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Williams, the Board voted to authorize the administration to act on behalf of the Board to enter into an agreement to purchase approximately 15 acres of land adjacent to District property at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 per acre. The motion passed 7-1-1 with Trustee Richardson voting against and Trustee Hemphill abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:50 p.m.

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November 16, 2009

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