

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 15, 2010

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson 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 Debrah Miller, Roy Hemphill, Shell Dula, Sheila Riddle, James Williams, LeVerne Fuller, Curtis Hensley, Tony Bowers. Trustee Wright was absent from the meeting.

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.

Under *Oath of Office for Newly-Elected Board Members*, Dr. Ray Wilson administered the Oath of Office to Board members Shell Dula and Curtis Hensley.

Under *Organizational Issues – Election of Officers*, Superintendent Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Trustee Bowers nominated Trustee Miller and Trustee Hemphill seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Trustee Miller was elected Board Chair (7-0-1). Trustee Miller assumed the Chair and opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Trustee Riddle nominated Trustee Hemphill and Trustee Bowers seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Trustee Hemphill was elected Board Vice Chair (7-0-1). Next, Trustee Miller opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Trustee Bowers nominated Trustee Fuller and Trustee Riddle seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Trustee Fuller was elected Board Secretary (7-0-1).

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* from the October 18, 2010 regular Board meeting and executive session were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson informed the Board that the Student Engagement Conference held on November 1, 2010 had been a great success. Next, Superintendent Johnson shared that in the last three years District 50 has had three schools in the running for the Title I Award. He said Oakland, Merrywood, and Hodges should be commended for all their hard work.

Assistant Superintendent for Administration Mr. Gerald Witt gave a Powerpoint presentation on Bullying prevention. He presented the District Board Policy concerning Bullying, Staff Training and Student Awareness efforts in place to help identify any problems of bullying in District 50 schools.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn presented a draft of the proposed calendars covering a three year span. He said the public appreciates the advanced notice of these calendars for planning purposes. The Teacher Forum reviewed the calendars and shared them with all staff members at the individual schools. Mr. Vaughn responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Ms. Pat Ross recognized Director of the Gifted and Talented/Magnet School Ms. Cathy Chalmers who updated the Board on the Gifted and Talented Programs. Ms. Chalmers presented a Powerpoint presentation concerning the PASS 2010 Gifted and Talented Performance Comparison.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Ms. Pat Ross gave the Board an overview of the South Carolina Annual School Report Cards for District 50 elementary and middle schools. She said that Greenwood School District 50 results were very good and that all District 50 schools are showing great promise. She informed the Board that the High School results should be available in January. Ms. Ross responded to questions from the Board.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson noted that Proviso 1.43 requires that local school districts must spend at least 70% of funds which can be expended for instruction for that purpose. The most recent audit showed that District 50 spent 85.55% of available funds for instruction. He also advised the Board that funding statewide is projected to be up only around 2% in revenue. He stated District 50 is already looking at a 4 million dollar shortfall and at the very least will lose up to 75 jobs next school year. Dr. Johnson responded to questions from the Board.

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 Human Resources Randy Vaughn presented a second reading of the proposed policy changes and requested that the Board approve the changes. On a motion by Trustee Riddle, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board voted to approve the policy changes. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn informed the Board that he did not have Personnel Recommendations/Vacancies for the Board at this time.

On a motion by Trustee Riddle, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:38 p.m. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

Following the Executive Session a motion was made by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Riddle, to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. without objection.

Debrah Miller
Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller
LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

December 13, 2010
Date Approved

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