

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 16, 2009

Dr. Darrell Johnson, Superintendent, called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Genesis Education Center. He presided until the Board Chair was elected. Board members present were LeVerne Fuller, Debrah Miller, Dan Richardson, Sheila Riddle, James Williams, Claude Wright, Tom Pritchard, and Roy Hemphill. Tony Bowers was absent.

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. Ms. Felicia Kitzmiller with *The Index-Journal* and Mr. Johnathan Graves with *Greenwood Today* attended the meeting.

Under *Organizational Issues – Election of Officers*, Superintendent Johnson opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Trustee Hemphill nominated Trustee Miller and Trustee Fuller seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Trustee Miller was unanimously elected Board Chair (8-0). Trustee Miller assumed the Chair and opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Hemphill and Trustee Riddle seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Trustee Hemphill was unanimously elected Board Vice Chair (8-0). Next, Trustee Miller opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Trustee Pritchard nominated Trustee Fuller and Trustee Williams seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Trustee Fuller was unanimously elected Board Secretary (8-0).

Board Chair Miller addressed the organizational issue of *Date and Time for Regular Meetings*. Trustee Richardson made a motion to change the time of the regularly scheduled Board meetings to 5:30 p.m. There was no second to the motion. Trustee Richardson then made a motion to begin the meetings at 6:00 p.m. and Trustee Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-3 with Trustee Pritchard, Trustee Wright, and Trustee Miller voting against the motion. Trustee Miller stated the regularly scheduled meetings would continue to be every third Monday, but the time would change to 6:00 p.m. Trustee Miller informed the Board as per policy (BE) the regularly scheduled meeting for December would be on the second Monday of the month, but the time would change to 6:00 p.m.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* of the October 19, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson recognized Principal Beth Pinson of Northside Middle School.

Ms. Pinson recognized Northside Middle School's staff, and introduced 7th grade science teacher Jenny Risinger. Ms. Risinger invited student Eliette Albrecht to assist with a science lesson, which was presented to the Board. Ms. Risinger stated that Miss Albrecht won the Regional State Spelling Bee, and noted that Miss Albrecht would share comments on her experiences at Northside.

The Superintendent provided information concerning Staff Development Day. He then recognized the school level 2009 – 2010 Teachers of the Year, to include the District 2009 – 2010 Teacher of the Year Candice Ellis from Pinecrest Elementary School. Ms. Ellis expressed her thanks for the honor of being named District 50 Teacher of the Year.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Pat Ross informed the Board that the mid-year graduation is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at Greenwood High School.

Assistant Superintendent Ross shared information on the AdvancED District Accreditation. She introduced Director of Elementary Education Pearly Milton, who presented an overview of the district accreditation process. Approval to proceed with the accreditation process will be considered at the December Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Ross gave the Board a draft of the Program of Studies for 2010-2011. The Curriculum Committee will meet Monday, November 30, 2009, to go over the recommended changes. The revisions will be voted on at the regular December Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson noted that the pending state budget cut would likely be approximately \$500,000. He advised the Board that the district hopes 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.

Assistant Superintendent Johnson presented a list of capital projects for consideration. He stated that the Facilities Committee will need to meet and give recommendations before the regular January Board meeting.

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On a motion by Trustee Riddle, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, the Board approved the personnel recommendations as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a student matter at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:30 p.m.

Board Chair Miller commented that a student matter had been considered during Executive Session. A motion was made by Trustee Riddle, with a second from Trustee Williams, to uphold the decision of the administration. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:35 p.m.

Debrah Miller

Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller

LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

December 14, 2009

Date Approved

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