

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
December 14, 2009

Board Chair Debrah Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6 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, Dan Richardson, Sheila Riddle, Claude Wright, James Williams and LeVerne Fuller.

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. Stephen Miller with *Greenwood Today* attended the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

The *Minutes* of the November 16, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented without objection.

The *Agenda* was adopted as presented without objection.

Superintendent Dr. Darrell Johnson recognized Principal Mark Blackwell of Oakland Elementary School.

Mr. Blackwell recognized Oakland Elementary School's staff and parents, and introduced parent Brad Russ. Mr. Russ said he felt confident of the education his children are receiving at Oakland Elementary. Oakland music teacher Ms. Susan Walton and her 4th grade students performed "Song of Peace".

Superintendent Johnson provided information concerning Mid-Year Graduation at Greenwood High on January 14, 2010. He then recognized Adult Education for the four awards they received through the South Carolina Department of Education-Office of Adult Education.

Superintendent Johnson discussed the changes in the school calendar due to students being out on December 9, 2009. Weather conditions and power outages prevented the students from attending school that day. Students will make-up the loss day on January 14, 2010. He also informed the Board that the 21st Century Grant Program will be highlighted at the SCSBA (South Carolina School Board Association) conference in February at Myrtle Beach.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Pat Ross reminded the Board of the Applauding Teacher Success Celebration to be held Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at Genesis Education Center.

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Assistant Superintendent for Administration Gerald Witt presented information on a rental request from the 2011 Workcamps Home Repair Youth Mission for the Greenwood High Gym.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Randy Vaughn provided details to the Board of a Technology Conference to be held February 19th for the faculty of District 50. Mr. Vaughn introduced Instructional Technology Specialist Cindy Hughes, who informed the Board that Bill Sheskey will be the keynote speaker.

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

Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Gary Johnson noted that the pending state budget cut would likely be approximately \$800,000. He advised the Board that he should have a definite dollar amount by January 2010, and that the district hopes to absorb the cuts through internal action and utilization of reserve funds.

Assistant Superintendent Johnson introduced George Kennedy from Elliott Davis to summarize the findings of the FY09 financial audits for the G. Frank Russell Career Center and Greenwood School District 50. Mr. Kennedy presented information concerning the Audit of District 50. He then introduced the manager of the audit Josh Garvin, who gave an overview of the audit for the G. Frank Russell Career Center. Elliott Davis indicated that both reports were issued unqualified clean audit opinions. Garvin and Kennedy responded to questions and Trustee Richardson made a motion that the Board study the report and look at the details from last year's report. There was no second to the motion.

Assistant Superintendent Ross shared information concerning the Race to the Top (RT3) Grant. Ms. Ross said the SCDE seeks partners willing to be "participating LEAs," whose superintendent and board chair will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by December 31, 2009, committing to implement all or a significant portion of the Race to the Top plan. On a motion by Trustee Hemphill, seconded by Trustee Wright, the Board voted to authorize the Superintendent as well as the Board Chair to sign a proposed grant for Race to the Top. The motion passed with an 8-1 vote with Trustee Richardson voting against the motion.

Assistant Superintendent Ross requested Board approval to move forward with the Advanced Educations District Accreditation process. Ms. Ross introduced Director of Elementary Education Pearly Milton to explain the cost analysis between School Accreditation and District Accreditation. On a motion by Trustee Bowers, seconded by Trustee Fuller, the Board voted to move forward with the District Accreditation process. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

Assistant Superintendent Ross asked the Board for approval on the 2010-2011 Program of Studies. Ms. Ross noted that there was not any significant proposed changes; however, any schedule change for the 2010-2011 school year would necessitate revising some pages of the document. She also commented that the

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Curriculum Committee had met and reviewed the proposed changes. Board Chair Miller noted that, according to Board Policy BG, two readings are required to adopt policy. On a motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Pritchard the Board voted to waive a second reading of the 2010-2011 Program of Studies and to adopt on the first reading. The motion carried with a 9-0 vote. Next, on a motion by Trustee Fuller, seconded by Trustee Pritchard the Board voted to adopt the 2010-2011 Program of Studies as presented. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

On a motion by Trustee Bowers, 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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. without objection.

Debrah Miller

LeVerne Fuller

Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

January 19, 2010

Date Approved

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