

**GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50**  
**Greenwood, South Carolina**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**July 28, 2008**

Board Chair Debrah Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Genesis Education Center. Board members present were Tony Bowers, Frank Coyle, Lary Davis, Dru James, Tom Pritchard, Dan Richardson, and James Williams. Board member LeVerne Fuller 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 Fitzmiller with *The Index-Journal* attended a portion of the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the *Minutes* of the June 16, and June 30, 2008, Board meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Coyle moved and Ms. James seconded a motion to approve the *Agenda* as presented. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Dr. Darrell Johnson began the *Superintendent's Report* by commenting concerning preparations for the opening of school. He invited Board members to the opening-of-school activity scheduled for Friday, August 15. Other comments by Superintendent Johnson related to the current *Working on the Work* workshop and the upcoming Administrative Team Leadership Retreat.

The second Information Item, *Student Engagement Conference*, was presented by Ms. Pat Ross, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. Ms. Ross provided copies of a program for the conference scheduled for July 30 and July 31, 2008, at Northside Middle School. Ms. Ross noted that this conference was a collaborative effort and that, at this time, approximately 300 were registered to attend.

Under the third Information Item, *Smaller Learning Community Grant*, Ms. Ross recognized Ms. Beth Taylor, Principal at Greenwood High School, who shared a power point presentation on Project SUCCESS (Successfully Uniting Careers, Classes, and Essential Student Services). She informed the Board that the initial funding was for July 2008 – July 2011 and that \$2,680,000 is to be shared by five districts in South Carolina.

Under the fourth Information Item, *School Climate Report*, Mr. Robert McClinton, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, provided a power point presentation that included data from the school climate survey and statistics on detentions, suspensions, and

expulsions for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. McClinton and Superintendent Johnson responded to questions and comments concerning the responses to the survey, including concerns regarding staff morale.

Under the fifth Information Item, *Facilities Update*, Dr. Gary Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business, recognized Mr. Forrest King with Southern Management Group who provided an update on ongoing projects.

The final Information Item, *Board Evaluation*, was addressed by Board Chair Miller who informed the Board that the evaluation instrument needed to be completed and returned by Monday, August 4, 2008. She also informed the members that they would be notified of the date and time for the Board evaluation/goal setting workshop as soon as this activity is scheduled with the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA).

Under the first Action Item, *Construction Contracts – GHS/Mathews/Lakeview*, Assistant Superintendent Johnson informed the Board that the bids on the Mathews project were rejected and that the bid process would be re-opened. He informed the Board that bids had been received for the additions and renovations to Greenwood High School and Lakeview Elementary School. Assistant Superintendent Johnson presented the Administration's recommendations to approve the low bid of \$16,663,061 from PC Construction for the addition and renovations to Greenwood High School and the low bid of \$5,173,123 from Matrix Construction Company for the addition and renovations to Lakeview Elementary School. Mr. Coyle, Building/Facilities Committee Chair, moved and Ms. James seconded a motion to approve the low bid of \$16,663,061 from PC Construction for the addition and renovations to Greenwood High School. The motion carried unanimously (8-0). Next, Mr. Coyle moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the low bid of \$5,173,123 from Matrix Construction Company for the addition and renovations to Lakeview Elementary School. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Under the second Action Item, *2008-2009 Home Schooling Application*, Superintendent Johnson presented the Administration's recommendation to approve a home schooling application for one student for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. James moved and Mr. Coyle seconded a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation as presented. The motion carried (7-1) with Mr. Bowers, Mr. Coyle, Mr. Davis, Ms. James, Ms. Miller, Dr. Prtichard, and Mr. Williams voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Richardson voting against the motion.

The final Action Item, *Personnel Recommendations and Vacancies*, was presented by Mr. Randy Vaughn, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Mr. Bowers moved and Ms. James seconded a motion to approve revised personnel recommendations as presented. After Mr. Vaughn responded to a question, the motion carried unanimously (8-0). Mr. Vaughn also reported on current vacancies in the District.

Next, Mr. Coyle moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8 p. m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

Board Chair Miller stated that a legal matter had been discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Coyle moved and Ms. James seconded a motion that the Board authorize the District Administration and legal counsel to settle the law suit Henry Johnson and the South Carolina Public Interest Foundation has filed against Greenwood School District 50 and Debrah Miller in connection with the District's employment of Southern Management Group for a total payment of \$15,000, and that the Board also authorize the release of the attached statement (Attachment A) tonight informing the public of this action. The motion carried (7-1) with Mr. Bowers, Mr. Coyle, Mr. Davis, Ms. James, Ms. Miller, Dr. Pritchard, and Mr. Williams voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Richardson voting against the motion.

After a question regarding a NSBA (National School Boards Association) enrollment form, Mr. Coyle moved and Mr. Richardson seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

*Debrah Miller*

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Debrah Miller, Chair

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LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

*August 18, 2008*

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