

GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Greenwood, South Carolina

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 18, 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, Lary Davis, LeVerne Fuller, Dru James, Tom Pritchard, Dan Richardson, and James Williams. Board member Frank Coyle arrived after the meeting had been called to order.

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 the meeting.

There were no participants for *Public Forum*.

Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the *Minutes* of the July 28, 2008, Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Ms. James moved and Ms. Fuller 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 the recent Administrators' Retreat and expressed appreciation to several community members for participating in the retreat. Next, Dr. Johnson commented on a very successful opening of school. He also reported the following enrollment figures: elementary – 4313, middle school – 2046, and high school – 2446 for a total enrollment of 8805. In concluding the report, Dr. Johnson shared a power point on the first day of school.

The second Information Item, *Summer School Program*, was presented by Ms. Shirley Boyce, Director for Secondary Education. Ms. Boyce reported a very successful 2008 summer program and provided details regarding each program level, along with the audience, funding source, and results for each summer program.

Under the third Information Item, *Secondary Guidance*, Ms. Boyce reported that high school guidance counselors will implement an action plan to improve and strengthen guidance services for students. According to Ms. Boyce, this action plan is being implemented in response to the curriculum and gifted/talented audits.

Under the fourth Information Item, *Bus Transportation Update*, Mr. Robert McClinton, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, recognized Mr. Robert Riley, Director of Transportation. Mr. Riley reported that the traffic in the District on the first day of school was somewhat normal and things went extremely well. Mr. Riley also shared information regarding fuel costs from the State Department of Education and responded to questions and comments.

Under the fifth Information Item, *Financial Update*, Dr. Gary Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business, provided a budget report as of June 30, 2008 on major expense categories. Assistant Superintendent Johnson also provided FY 09 state budget reduction (estimated cut - \$900,000) information. He informed the Board that proposed budget amendment to cut funds and balance the FY 09 budget would be presented later.

Under the sixth Information Item, *Facilities Update*, Dr. Gary Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Business, recognized Mr. Todd Sease with JumperCarterSease Architects who provided an overview of the ongoing Emerald High School project. Next, Assistant Superintendent Johnson recognized Mr. Forrest King with Southern Management Group who provided an update on ongoing projects.

The final Information Item, *Board Retreat*, was addressed by Board Chair Miller who informed the Board that the Board evaluation and goalsetting worksession was scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2008, at 6 p.m. at the District Office.

Under the first Action Item, *Southside/Woodfields Demolition Project*, Assistant Superintendent Johnson presented the Administration's recommendation to approve the low bid of \$564,000 from Jones Grading and Building of Charlotte, NC, for the demolition of the Southside and old Woodfields schools. Mr. Coyle, Building/Facilities Committee Chair, moved and Ms. James seconded a motion to approve the low bid of \$564,000 from Jones Grading and Building of Charlotte, NC, for the demolition of the Southside and old Woodfields schools. After Assistant Superintendent Johnson responded to a question, the motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Under the second Action Item, *Emerald High School – Phase II*, Assistant Superintendent Johnson presented the Administration's recommendation to approve the low bid of \$7,048,000 (including alternate) from Tyler Construction Group of Columbia, SC, for the Phase II addition and renovations to Emerald High School. Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Bowers seconded a motion to approve the low bid of \$7,048,000 (including alternate) from Tyler Construction Group of Columbia, SC, for the Phase II addition and renovations to Emerald High School. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Under the third 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. Mr. Coyle moved and Ms. Fuller seconded a motion to approve the Administration's recommendation as presented. The motion carried (8-1) with Mr. Bowers, Mr. Coyle, Mr. Davis, Ms. Fuller, 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. Coyle moved and Ms. James seconded a motion to approve revised personnel recommendations as presented. After Mr. Vaughn responded to questions, the motion carried unanimously (9-0). Mr. Vaughn also reported on current vacancies in the District.

There being no further business, Mr. Bowers moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Debrah Miller

LeVerne Fuller

Debrah Miller, Chair

LeVerne Fuller, Secretary

September 15, 2008

Date Approved

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