

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION MAY 17, 2011

Covington, GA

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The regular monthly session of the Newton County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mr. Almond Turner and the following Board members were present: Vice Chair Mr. Eddie Johnson; Mr. Jeff Meadors; Ms. Shakila Henderson-Baker; and Ms. Abigail Coggin. At 6:00 p.m., the Board went into executive session on a motion by Mr. Meadors and second by Ms. Coggin, to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation of employees.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Meadors, the Board voted 5-0 to return to open session.

WELCOME, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the welcome by Mr. Turner, Mr. Johnson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Several NCSS middle school students were recognized for their achievements in the Duke University Talent Identification Program, also known as the Duke TIP Program. These students earned either state or grand level recognition or the opportunity to participate in one of Duke's Summer Opportunity Programs; which are Academy for Summer Studies or Center for Summer Studies. Students may also qualify for invitation to a Duke TIP State or Grand Recognition Ceremony.

The following students, from Indian Creek Middle School, were recognized: Reilley Walker qualified for participation in the Academy for Summer Studies; Brantley Proffitt qualified for participation in the Academy for Summer Studies and State Recognition; Justin Lewis qualified for participation in the Academy for Summer Studies and State Recognition; Elysia Larzabel qualified for participation in the Academy for Summer Studies and State Recognition; Charles Hall qualified for participation in Academy for Summer Studies and State Recognition; Sean Eagen qualified for participation in Academy for Summer Studies and State Recognition; Amelia Davis qualified for participation in Summer Studies and State Recognition; Adam Nguyen qualified for State Recognition and Heather Yu qualified for participation in the Center for Summer Studies and State Recognition.

The following students, from Clements Middle School, were recognized: Paris James Smith qualified for State Recognition; Monaye Pollard qualified for participation in the Academy for Summer Studies and State Recognition; Kendall Morgan qualified for participation in the Center for Summer Studies and State Recognition and Christopher Lightsey qualified for participation in Academy for Summer Studies and State recognition.

The following students, from Cousins Middle School, were recognized: Angle Li qualified for State Recognition; Dillon Diamond qualified for State and Grand Recognition and participation in the Center for Summer Studies, and Nicholas Anderson qualified for State and Grand Recognition and participation in the Center for Summer Studies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one request for public participation. Ms. Abdul-Mateen expressed her concern with the credit recovery process at Alcovy High School. Her son attends Alcovy High and was on track for graduation but has a problem with a past course credit from 2009-2010.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Board Chair Mr. Turner called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented by the Superintendent of the May 2011 meetings as presented. Mr. Meadors made a motion for approval, Ms. Henderson-Baker seconded, and all voted in favor.

Board Chair Mr. Turner called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the May 2011 meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion for approval, Mr. Meadors seconded, and all voted in favor.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Operations Reports No additional information was added by Dr. Dennis Carpenter to the Operations Report, which was presented at the May 10, 2011 work session. Copies of the report are attached.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson, a second by Mr. Meadors and all voting in favor, the Operations Report was approved.

Curriculum/Instruction/Technology Report Dr. Hayden presented no additional information to the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology Report and the Enrollment Report as presented at the May 10, 2011 work session.

On a motion by Ms. Coggin, a second by Ms. Meadors, and all voting in favor, the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology and Enrollment Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following items, Item A – Item E, of New Business, was presented by Dr. Carpenter and approved on a motion by Ms. Henderson-Baker; second by Mr. Meadors; and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Adoption of FY 2012 Tentative Budget** Approval recommended for declaring the adoption of the FY 2011 tentative budget.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Renewal of Contract for Milk for the School Nutrition Program** Approval recommended that the annual renewable contract be awarded to Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC of Athens, Tennessee for the purchase of milk and related products, be renewed for an additional contract period. The effective date of the renewal will be May 20, 2011 and the expiration date will be May 19, 2012. The vendor has performed satisfactorily, met all contractual requirements, and has agreed to continue their service current terms and conditions of the contract. Pricing is based on Class 1 raw milk prices listed on monthly federal milk order announcements for the southeastern zone. The estimated annual contract value is \$780,382.00
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Renewal of Contract for Bread for the School Nutrition Program** Approval recommended that the annual renewable contract be awarded to Sara Lee Food and Beverage of Decatur, Georgia for the purchase of bread and related products, be renewed for an additional contract period. The effective date of the renewal will be May 19, 2011 and the expiration date will be May 18, 2012. The vendor has performed satisfactorily, met all the contractual requirements, and has agreed to continue their service under the current terms and condition of the contract, with no increase in pricing. The estimated annual contract value is \$192,957.00
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Renewal of Contract for Electrical Services** Approval recommended that the annual renewable contract be awarded to R & E Electric, Inc. of Covington, Georgia for the purchase of the electrical services be renewed for an additional contract period. The effective date of the renewal date will be May 19, 2011 and the expiration date will be May 18, 2012. The vendor has performed

satisfactorily, met all contractual requirements, and has agreed to continue their service under the current terms and conditions of the contract, including pricing, which contains a 0% markup on the cost of parts. The estimated annual contract value is \$300,000.

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Surplus Items** Approval recommended for declaring items as presented as surplus as they are no longer serviceable to the school system. The motion also authorized the appropriate disposal of these items through a salvage company or other proper disposal method.

The following item, Item F, will remain on the table for one month for review and will be voted on at the next regular monthly meeting on June 14, 2011:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Revisions to Policy JBA (Enrollment, Residency, Attendance)**

The following items, Item G and Item H, were presented by Dr. Hayden and approved on a motion by Ms. Coggin, second by Mr. Meadors, with all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Fiber Cable Agreement with SSEMC** Approval recommended of a fiber cable agreement with Snapping Shoals Electric Membership (SSEMC) for Flint Hill Elementary School. This is the fourth phase of a project aimed at ensuring reliable and cost-effective fiber connectivity for the school system. This phase includes the installation of 2.75 miles of fiber for Flint Hill Elementary. The total cost of this project is \$68,100. The agreement was reviewed by the school board attorney and is attached.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contract for Antivirus Software** Approval recommended of the annual renewable contract for Kaspersky enterprise antivirus software be awarded to Downingtown, Pennsylvania. The effective date will be May 19, 2011 and the expiration date will be May 18, 2012. The software covers servers, workstations, and email.

The following item, Item I, was presented by Dr. Hayden; noting that during the evaluation process, it was discovered that the bid from Atlanta VDI that was considered on the BOE agenda on May 10, 2011, contained an inaccurate pricing component which they were forced to withdraw, thus invalidating their bid. After further review, it was determined the bid submitted by the PC Mall Gov offered the lowest cost to the school system.

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Microsoft License Agreements** Approval recommended of this item on a motion by Ms. Coggin, second by Mr. Johnson and all voting in favor.

The following item, Item J, was presented by Dr. Hayden. The item was approved on a motion by Mr. Meadors, second by Ms. Coggin; and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Thinkgate Curricular Software** Approval recommended of the renewal of Thinkgate Software contract for the administration of system-wide secondary benchmarks. The total cost of 9,638 licenses is \$74,887.26, which will be paid from general funds.

The following item, Item K, was presented by Dr. Hayden, noting the changes that the BOE had requested from the May 10, 2011 meeting; to which had been approved by the consultant. Mr. Turner called for a motion to amend the contract again; to which the contract would include consulting fees and meals and the NCSS would arrange air fare, hotel accommodations and car rental for the consultant. The item was approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Ms. Coggin; and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Approval of Contract with e4ae (Educators for Academic Excellence Consulting, LLC)** The system will contract with Educators for Academic excellence Consulting, LLC for 24 days of professional learning time for the system as a whole and for individual schools with Newton County.

Dr. Mathews will contact the company with the changes that the Board would like to see amended in the contract for the consultant to review. He will notify the Board of his findings.

The following items, Item L and Item M, were approved on a motion by Mr. Meadors, second by Ms. Henderson-Baker, and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Bids for Replacement Core Switch** Approval recommended that the bid of Infinity Network Solutions for \$64,509.17 be approved for a Cisco 4510 Chassis (Core) Switch. It has become imperative that the core switch be replaced due to its age and lack of ability to offer the greater bandwidth which will be available at Flint Hill Elementary and the Newton College and Career Academy. The core switch controls all data, phone, and fax; inbound, outbound, and internal traffic. The core switch replacement switch cost will be paid by federal Erate funds.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Bids to Provide Data Equipment and Data Cabling for the Newton College and Career Academy** Approval recommended that the following bids for the technology infrastructure of the Newton College and Career Academy be approved: Infinity Network Solutions for \$227,276.73 for data equipment and Venture NetComm, Inc. for \$227,957.00 for data cabling. This equipment will be purchased with SPLOST funds.

The following item, Item N, was presented by Dr. Mathews and approved on a motion by Ms. Coggin, second by Ms. Henderson-Baker; with all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Memo regarding Resolve to Support Georgia Vision for Public Education** Approval recommended that the NCBOE support the work embedded in *A Vision for Public Education: Equity and Excellence* per the Collaborative Work of the Georgia School Boards Association and the Georgia School Superintendents Association.

Executive Session Dr. Dennis Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent for Operations, presented for Board action, the Superintendent's personnel recommendations. Mr. Meadors made a motion to approve the list of recommendations, with a second by Ms. Coggin and all voting in favor. A copy of the personnel report is attached.

Reminders to the BOE members included the Retirement Dinner for retiring NCSS employees at Turner Lake Banquet Center on May 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and high school graduations, all being held at the Church in the Now; May 27th at 7:00 p.m. for Alcovy High School; May 28th at 10:00 a.m. for Newton High School and 4:00 p.m. for Eastside High School.

With there being no other matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Meadors, second by Mr. Johnson, and all voting in favor.

Superintendent, Newton County Schools

Chair, Newton County Board of Education