

# NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010 REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION

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The regular monthly session of the Newton County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. The following Board members were present: Board Chair Ms. Cathy Dobbs; Mr. Almond Turner; Mr. Eddie Johnson; Mr. Johnny Smith and Mr. Greg Proffitt. At 6:00 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session on a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Proffitt to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation of employees and meet with legal counsel to pertaining to pending or potential litigation. On a motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to return to open session.

### WELCOME, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the welcome by Ms. Dobbs, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two requests for public participation. Ms. Vicki Pyles-Hutchinson expressed her concern to the Board with the upcoming elementary rezoning, the closing of Ficquett Elementary school and relocation of Ficquett staff. Mr. Jared Rutberg, also a Ficquett parent, expressed his concerns with the upcoming changes with Ficquett Elementary School.

### AGENDA AND MINUTES

Board Chair Ms. Dobbs called for a motion on the agenda as presented by the Superintendent of the October 2010 meetings as presented. Mr. Johnson made a motion for approval, Mr. Smith seconded, and all voted in favor.

Board Chair Ms. Dobbs called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2010 meetings as presented. Mr. Turner made a motion for approval, Mr. Johnson seconded, and all voted in favor.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

**Operations Report** No additional information was added by Dr. Dennis Carpenter to the Operations Report, which was presented at the November 9, 2010 work session. Copies of the report are attached.

Dr. Carpenter introduced Mr. Bob Cunningham and Mr. Ray Moore, architects with Cunningham, Forehand, Matthews and Moore. Mr. Cunningham presented to the Board members a Newton High replacement concept drawing; which was reviewed.

**Curriculum/Instruction/Technology/Enrollment Report** No additional information was added by Dr. Linda Hayden to the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology/Enrollment Reports as presented at the November 9, 2010 work session.

On a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Mr. Proffitt, the Superintendent's Reports were approved, with all voting in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

### NEW BUSINESS

The following items, Item A and Item B, were approved on a motion by Mr. Turner, second by Mr. Smith, with all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Certificate of Completion – Live Oak Elementary**  
Approval recommended for the acceptance of the Architect’s Certificate of Completion for the construction of the Live Oak Elementary addition. The final construction contract for the construction of Live Oak Elementary School was \$13,054,428.00; of which the state contributed \$4,955,169.00. The local portion of \$8,099,259.00 was paid with funds from SPLOST III. The Certificate of Completion is attached along with the Architect’s certificate stating that no asbestos-containing building material was used in this construction.
- **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.

**Executive Session** Dr. Dennis Carpenter, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, presented for Board action, the Superintendent’s personnel recommendations that had been discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the list of recommendations, Mr. Smith seconded, and all voted in favor. A copy of the personnel report is attached.

With there being no other matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Proffitt, second by Mr. Turner, with all voting in favor.

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Superintendent, Newton County Schools

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Chair, Newton County Board of Education