

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2010 REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION

Covington, GA

October 19, 2010

The regular monthly session of the Newton County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 19, 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. Johnson and second by Mr. Smith 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. Proffitt, 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 no requests for public participation.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Board Chair Ms. Dobbs called for a motion on the agenda as presented by the Superintendent of the September 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 September 2010 meetings as presented. Mr. Smith made a motion for approval, Mr. Proffitt 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 October 12, 2010 work session. Copies of the report are attached.

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 October 12, 2010 work session.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following item of New Business, Item A, was approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Smith, and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Resolutions for Issuance of Series 2010 A Bonds to Refund Series 1997 Bonds and Series 2010 B Direct Pay Qualified School Construction Bonds** Approval recommended for the adoption of the Series 2010 A Bond Resolution relating to the current refunding of the district's outstanding Series 1997 Bonds and the adoption of the Series 2010 B Bond Resolution relating to the

issuance of Direct Pay Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs). The Board Chairperson and Superintendent will also need to sign the Bond Purchase Agreement (BPA) for each series of bonds and a Rule 15(c)2-12 Certificate (also known as Deemed Final Certificate) that deems the preliminary official statement (POS) final. Both the BPA and the Deemed Final Certificate are authorized with the Board's adoption of each Bond Resolution. Citi Group will serve as the District's bond underwriter and expects to price the Series 2010 A and 2010 B on the morning of October 19, 2010. The Bonds are expected to close on November 16, 2010.

Mr. Kent Campbell, School Board attorney, asked that the Board approve the resolution that is also a part of the QSCB above mentioned item. The resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Johnson, with all voting in favor. All items are included in the minutes.

The following items of New Business, Item B – Item F, were approved on a motion by Mr. Proffitt, second by Mr. Johnson, and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Waiver of Fees for Use of Sharp Cafeteria for Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner** Approval recommended for the use of Sharp Cafeteria for the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal sponsored by the Newton County Ministers Union. This approval waives the usage fee.
- **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.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Certificate of Completion – Alcovy High School Addition** Approval recommended for the acceptance of the Architect's Certificate of Completion for the construction of the Alcovy High School addition. The final construction contract for the construction of Alcovy High School addition was \$8,274,387.00; of which the state contributed \$2,920,518.00. The local portion of \$5,353,869 was paid with funds from SPLOST II and 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 Certificate of Completion – Sharp Field** Approval recommended for the acceptance of the Architect's Certificate of Completion for the construction of the field house at Sharp Stadium. The final construction contract for this final phase of renovations at Sharp Field was \$249,779.53 and was funded with SPLOST III funds. 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 Contracts for Grounds Care and Maintenance and Athletic Fields Care and Maintenance** Approval recommended for the annually renewable contracts be awarded to CMC Lawn Maintenance of Covington, Georgia for grounds care and maintenance, with TruGreen Land Care of Norcross, Georgia for athletic fields care and maintenance. Nine proposals were reviewed, evaluated and scored via a multi-stage process by teams of school system administrators and procurement personnel. With approval of the above mentioned contracts, the NCSS should see improved lawn care and athletic field care and maintenance; a cost savings of over \$250,000.00 per year; no NCSS employees will lose their jobs – these employees will be offered positions currently staffed by substitutes; school custodial staff will be able to focus on their primary task – keeping their schools and facilities clean; the elimination of unnecessary capital assets and costs associated with equipment and complete turnkey solutions from reputable vendors that will allow administrators to focus more fully on the district's primary goals of increased student achievement, and more effective teaching.

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. Smith made a motion to approve the list of recommendations, Mr. Johnson 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 7:20 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Proffitt, with all voting in favor.

Superintendent, Newton County Schools

Chair, Newton County Board of Education