

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2011 REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION

Covington, GA

August 16, 2011

The regular monthly session of the Newton County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. The following board members were present: Chairman Almond Turner; Mr. Eddie Johnson; Mr. Jeff Meadors, Ms. Abigail Coggin, and Ms. Shakila Henderson-Baker. At 6:00 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session on a motion by Ms. Henderson-Baker and second by Mr. Meadors to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation of employees.

On a motion by Ms. Coggin and second by Mr. Johnson, 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

There was no special recognition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Board Chair Mr. Turner called for a motion on the agenda as presented by the Superintendent. Mr. Johnson made a motion for approval, Mr. Meadors seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mr. Turner called for a motion to approve the minutes in the August 2011 meeting as presented. Ms. Henderson-Baker made a motion for approval, Mr. Meadors seconded the motion, 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 August 9, 2011 work session. A copy of the report is attached.

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Report No additional information was added by Dr. Ken Proctor to the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Report as presented at the August 9, 2011, work session. A copy of the report is attached.

The Superintendent's Reports were approved on a motion by Ms. Coggin, a second by Mr. Meadors, with all voting in favor.

Dr. Mathews introduced Dr. Craig Lockhart, Newton High Principal, who began the presentation on the liberal arts program at Newton High - ALANHS – Academy of Liberal Arts at Newton High School. Dr. Sandi Owens, Assistant Principal of the Academy and Ms. Kia James, Coordinator of the Academy presented a powerpoint program. A question and answer time followed the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was one item, Item A, of Old Business and it was presented by Dr. Carpenter and approved on a motion by Mr. Meadors, with a second by Ms. Henderson-Baker and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Revisions of Policy DCL of the NCBOE Policy Manual** Approval recommended for Policy DCL –Fund Balance - as presented. This policy has been on the table for a month for review as required.

NEW BUSINESS

The following item of New Business, Item A, Item C and Item D, were approved on a motion by Ms. Coggin, second by Mr. Meadors, and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Class Size Resolution** Approval recommended for the submission of a class size resolution to the State DOE, which reflects the instructional program class sizes, the NCSS may utilize during the 2011-2012 school year that are above the State BOE requirements. The resolution authorizes the Superintendent to increase the class size maximums to exceed the current requirements by:
1 to 5 students in grades K-12 regular education; 1 to 5 students in English Language Learners (ELL); 1 to 7 students in Gifted; 1 to 5 students in Early Intervention Program (EIP); 1 to 5 students in Remedial Education Program (REP); and 1 to 5 students in the K-12 Physical Ed Program.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Beverage Agreement with Coca-Cola Refreshments** Approval recommended of an annual renewable beverage agreement with Coca-Cola Refreshments of Decatur, GA. The new five year agreement (annually renewable at the discretion of the Board) continues many features found in the earlier agreement. It includes a superintendent's sponsorship (\$30,000 over the life of the agreement), free products and athletic equipment, and the provision of plaques for Teacher of the Year awards for every school. The agreement also delivers rebates on concession sales, fundraisers, and contains a volume incentive program that increase the rebates on direct delivery sales over and above estimated base usages. The agreement continues to offer preventative maintenance for all scoreboards provided by Coca-Cola and transfers ownership thereof to the school system at the end of the contract term. Upon approval, the school system grants Coca-Cola Refreshments exclusive marketing and sales right for all beverages, as defined in the agreement, sold on school system property. Additionally, all concessions, teams associations, boosters, etc. shall purchase their required products, which are covered in this agreement, directly from Coca-Cola Refreshments. The effective date will be August 17, 2011.
- **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 B, was presented by Dr. Carpenter. After discussion, Mr. Johnson made the motion to table this item for further review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meadors; with all voting in favor.

- **Requested Board Action Relative to McPherson Companies, Inc., Fuelman Fleet Card System**

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

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contractual Agreements with Signs of Joy, LLC and ACR Speaking Dimensions, Inc.** Approval recommended for the agreement between NCSS and Signs of Joy, LLC to provide substitute educational interpreting services and ARC Speaking Dimensions, Inc. to provide speech therapy services for students with disabilities, in accordance with their Individualized Education Program. Funding for these services is provided from the FY12 IDEA Flowthrough funds.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contractual Agreements with GO Solutions Group, Inc.** Approval recommended for the extension of the service agreement between the NCSS and GO Solutions, Inc. for Medicaid billing for students in special education who receive speech/language therapy and administrative outreach services. The fee structure is based on the NCSS students with disabilities that receive services plus a

\$.55/submitted claim fee for FFS Medicaid Billing Claim Generation and Processing. The agreement will extend all terms and conditions for an additional one year period until June 30, 2012.

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contractual Agreement with Vision Impaired Teacher** Approval recommended for the agreement between the NCSS and Stacey Bevan to provide services as a vision impaired teacher for students with disabilities in accordance with their IEP's. Contact is for a maximum of eight hours per day for 184 days.

The following item, Item H, was approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Ms. Coggin, and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Internet Content Filter Software** Approval recommended for the renewal of the contract awarded to Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc. for Lightspeed Web Access manager software. The effective date of the contract will be August 1, 2011 and the expiration date will be August 17, 2012. During this contract term, the school system will renew and purchase a total of 9,034 licenses with support for \$36,136. This cost reflects a continuation of the 2009 pricing agreement and thus represents a zero net increase in the cost per license. The software was selected by the technology department following a thorough evaluation process conducted to identify a cost-effective internet content filter solution.

The following item, Item I, was an item of discussion. Dr. Gary Shattuck, Director of Technology, provided to the Board further discussion of the possible construction of a system-level Network Operations Center to be located in the basement of the Newton College and Career Academy and other related matters. There was discussion at the work session of August 9, 2011, in regards to the server room issues at the NCBOE. Tonight's discussion was to give additional information on this topic.

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. Meadors made the motion to approve the list of recommendations, Ms. Henderson-Baker 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 7:35 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Meadors, second by Ms. Coggin, with all voting in favor.

Superintendent, Newton County Schools

Chair, Newton County Board of Education