

# NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2009 REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION

Covington, GA

August 18, 2009

The regular monthly session of the Newton County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. The following board members were present: Dr. C. C. Bates, Chairman; Vice Chair, Ms. Cathy Dobbs; Mr. Almond Turner; Mr. Eddie Johnson; and Mr. Johnny Smith. At 5:30 p.m. the Board went into executive session on a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Turner to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation of employees.

On a motion by Ms. Dobbs 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 Dr. Bates, Mr. Turner gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were fourteen requests for public participation. Dr. Bates reviewed the requests and based on the common subject of the request, theme school transportation, Dr. Bates asked that participants bring different topics to the podium to discuss in order to save time. Issues that were brought up included: theme school transportation; class size; overcrowding of buses; enrollment numbers decreasing in theme schools; the after school program; shortage of textbooks; and security at drop off destinations. The following individuals requested to speak: Ms. Leonta Julien; Ms. Nicole Sales; Ms. Carrie Cook; Ms. Catherine Moorehead; Ms. Hillard Johnson; Ms. Sheree McMellion; Ms. Linda Thomas; Ms. Shani Howard; Mr. Michael Callaway; Ms. Anna Fleming; Ms. Robyn Mays; Ms. Briggette Bowman; and Ms. Lisbeth Perez-Cox. A form was completed too late for participation at the previous BOE meeting by Ms. Tyshawn Kingsberry, but she was not in attendance tonight.

### AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

Ms. Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2009 meetings as presented. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

**Operations Report** No additional information was added by Mr. Dennis Carpenter to the Operations Report, which was presented at the August 11, 2009 work session. Copies of the report are attached.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Report** No additional information was added by Dr. Linda Hayden to the Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Report as presented at the August 11, 2009, work session. Dr. Hayden did give an updated enrollment report and a copy of the report is attached.

On a motion by Ms. Dobbs 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 items of New Business, Item A – Item C, were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Turner, and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Bids on Internet Content Filtering Session** Approval recommended for the purchase of an annual subscription from Lightspeed Systems internet content filtering software from Diversified Computer Solutions for \$28,000. This cost is approximately \$6,000 less than the cost of the Websense software that is currently being used. The purchase will be made using system technology funds.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Accelerated Rader and STAR Subscription** Approval recommended for the purchase of an annual subscription for the enterprise version of Accelerated Reader and STAR from Renaissance Learning for \$63,860. All media specialists will be trained how to use the enterprise version and they will, in turn, train the teachers in their schools. The purchase will be made using system media funds and Title I funds.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Warranty Agreement for 3Com Equipment** Approval recommended for an annual maintenance and warranty agreement for 3Com equipment with Infinity Network Solutions for \$48,083.75. The equipment includes 3Com local area network (LAN) equipment, wide area network (WAN) equipment, wireless local area network (WLAN) equipment, and internet protocol (IP) telephone equipment in every system facility. The agreement provides for warranty of the equipment and a four hour response time to any reported trouble. The purchase will be made using system technology funds.

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

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

Dr. Bates reminded those in attendance of the upcoming scrimmage football games: August 20, 2009 at Eastside High vs. Heritage High; August 21 – Newton High @ Shiloh High; and the first football game at Sharp Stadium on August 28, 2009, between Alcovy High and Newton High.

There will also be a Board Planning session on August 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the BOE.

With there being no other matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Dobbs, second by Mr. Johnson, with all voting in favor.

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Superintendent, Newton County Schools

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Chair, Newton County Board of Education