

# NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2009 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Covington, GA

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On Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Board Vice Chair Ms. Dobbs called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Newton County Board of Education in the Central Office Administrative Board Room. The following board members were present: Mr. Turner; Mr. Johnny Smith; and Mr. Eddie Johnson; Dr. Bates was not in attendance. At 5:50 p.m. the Board went into executive session, following a student disciplinary hearing appeal, on a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Johnson to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation of employees.

On a motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Turner, the Board voted 4-0 to return to open session at 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two requests for public participation. Ms. Kimberly Canty, a parent from South Salem Elementary and Ms. Makera Phelps, a parent from Oak Hill Elementary, addressed the Board members with their concerns about the importance of having an elementary after-school program.

### AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2009, meetings as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded and all voted in favor.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

**Financial and Administrative Services Reports** No additional information was added by Ms. Deborah Robertson to the Administrative Services Report, which was presented at the June 16, 2009, work session. Copies of the reports are attached. On a motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Turner, the Administrative Services Report was approved, with all voting in favor.

**Curriculum/Instruction/Technology/Enrollment Report** No additional information was added by Dr. Linda Hayden to the Curriculum/ Instruction/ Technology Report and Enrollment reports that were presented at the June 16, 2009, work session. On a motion by Mr. Smith, and second by Mr. Johnson, the Curriculum and Instruction/Technology Report and Enrollment Report was approved, with all voting in favor.

Ms. Sherri Viniard, Public Relations Director for the NCSS, made a power-point presentation to the Board on the program, "Be There". This national multimedia program will work to get parents involved on a level they feel comfortable with, changing the whole concept of parental involvement by allowing and encouraging parents to get involved in their own environment. Materials will be designed and provided to the district, with the only expense being printing costs, which could be offset by locating sponsors.

## OLD BUSINESS

The following item, Item A, of Old Business, was approved on a motion by Mr. Turner, second by Mr. Smith, with all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Adoption of the FY 2010 Budget**

Approval recommended of the FY 2010 budget for all governmental funds as approved in the tentative budget last month with an additional \$1,180,067 in projected local revenues and \$278,600 in projected general fund expenditures as detailed in the background information.

The following item, Item B of Old Business, was approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Turner, with all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Setting Millage Rate for FY 2010**

Approval recommended of the adoption of the FY 10 millage rates as follows: M & O Millage Rate is 18.21; Debt Service Millage Rate is 1.00; with the total millage being 19.21. These rates are less than the rollback millage rates. The rollback millage rate for M & O is 18.973 and the rollback millage rate for Debt Service is 1.041. These millage rates are the same as they have been since FY 06.

The following item, Item C of Old Business, was approved on a motion by Mr. Johnson, second by Mr. Smith, with all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Review of the Classified Employees Portion of Section G of the NCBOE Policy Manual** Approval recommended of revisions of policies GC through GDRL in the Policy Section G of the NCBOE Policy manual.

## NEW BUSINESS

The following items of new business, Item A – Item F, were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Turner; and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Authorize to Transfer 09 Mid-Term Funds to Appropriate 2010 Accounts for Incomplete Purchases** Approval recommended of the authorization to transfer FY09 mid-term funds that were appropriated by the Board in April that are in the process of being expended, be transferred to the corresponding FY 10 accounts.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contract Renewal for Garbage Removal and Disposal** Approval recommended of the renewal of the contract awarded to B & W Waste, Inc. for garbage removal and disposal services. The effective date of the renewal will be July 1, 2009 and the expiration date will be June 30, 2010. The estimated annual value of the contract is \$210,000. This vendor worked with the school system to implement a cardboard recycling program, which has saved approximately \$47,000 during this fiscal year. In addition, it has diverted a significant amount of recyclable material from the landfill.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to School Nutrition Program Bids for Produce and Eggs** Approval recommended that the bid for produce and fresh eggs for the school nutrition program be awarded to Carden Foods, Inc. of Griffin, Georgia. The estimated annual value of the contract is \$390,000.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to School Nutrition Program Bids for Kitchen Small Wares** Approval recommended that the bid for kitchen small wares for the school nutrition program be awarded to Atlanta Fixture and Sales Company, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia. The estimated value of the contract is \$60,000.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contract Renewal for Selected School Nutrition Contracts** Approval recommended that the renewal of the following school nutrition contracts, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Coca-Cola (Beverages) - The original effective date was July 1, 2007 and was renewed through June 30, 2009. There was no more than a 2-5% increase on any of the items. The estimated value of this contract is \$40,000. Fulton Paper, Inc., (Paper Products) – The original effective date of this contract was July 1, 2007. It was renewed through June 30, 2009. The vendor offered a 2.06% decrease in the

average cost of items on the contract. The estimated value of this contract is \$400,000. Sanitech Systems Inc. (Safety and Sanitation Program) – The original effective date of this contract was July 1, 2007. It was renewed through June 30, 2009 and with no price increase. This contract provides the materials, training and service for the school nutrition program. The vendor offered a 2.74% decrease in the overall cost of the contract. The estimated value of this contract is \$67,160. U. S. Foodservice (Food Items) – The original effective date of this contract was July 1, 2007. It was renewed through June 30, 2009. There is an overall 0.92% increase in the cost of all items. The estimated value of this contract is \$2,500,000.

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

The following item of new business, Items G - J, was approved on a motion by Mr. Turner, second by Mr. Johnson and all voting in favor:

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contract for Pediatric Services of America** Approval recommended for nursing services on an as-needed basis from Pediatric Services of America, contingent upon a review of the written agreement by legal counsel. The services are needed for a medically fragile student with disabilities in accordance with the student's Individual Education Program (IEP). Contract rate is \$42.00 per hour, five days a week for approximately seven hours a day, which includes the ride on the school bus to and from the home. Funding for this activity is from FY10 Federal IDEA Flow-through funds.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Bids for Data, Voice, Video and Wireless Cabling and Equipment at Alcovy High** Approval recommended that the bids of Infinity Network Solutions for \$241,683.77 for the addition of Alcovy High School to provide data, video, voice and wireless cabling and networking equipment be approved.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Approval of Microsoft Licensing Agreements** Approval recommended that the bid for three-year Microsoft License Agreements be awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P., of Round Rock, Texas. A yearly fee of \$146,163.73 will be paid for three years.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Approval for CTAE Local Plan** Approval recommended that the 2010 Newton County Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Program Improvement Local Plan be approved. This year's plan includes the changes required as all school systems continue to implement improvement strategies as required by the new Perkins law.

**Executive Session** Mr. Dennis Carpenter, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, presented for Board action, the Superintendent's personnel recommendations that had been discussed in executive session. Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the list of recommendations, with a second by Mr. Johnson and all voting in favor.

With there being no other matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Turner, 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