

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DRAFT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Covington, GA

September 16, 2008

On Tuesday, September 16, 2008, Board Chair Mr. Almond Turner called to order the regular monthly session of the Newton County Board of Education in the Central Office Administrative Board Room. The following board members were present: Mr. Turner, Chairman; Vice Chair Mr. Rickie Corley, Dr. C. C. Bates, Ms. Cathy Dobbs, 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. Corley to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation of employees.

On a motion by Ms. Dobbs and second by Dr. Bates, the Board voted 5-0 to return to open session, at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

There was no special recognition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one request for public participation. Ms. Karen Citizen-Wilcox asked that the Board review the purchasing of textbooks for each student in Health connection classes at the middle school level.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chairman Almond Turner called for a motion on the amended agenda as presented by the Superintendent. Dr. Bates made a motion for approval; Mr. Corley seconded, with all voting in favor.

Ms. Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2008 meetings as presented; Mr. Corley seconded, with all voting in favor.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Administrative Services Report, Curriculum and Instruction/Technology and Enrollment Reports

No additional information was added by Ms. Deborah Robertson to the Administrative Services Report that was presented at the September 9, 2008 work session. Copies of the reports are attached. On a motion by Ms. Dobbs and second by Mr. Corley, the Administrative Services Report was approved, with all voting in favor.

A clarification was made by Dr. Linda Hayden of the Curriculum/Instruction/Technology report that was presented at the September 9, 2009 work session regarding the calendar process. Dr. Hayden also reminded the Board members that she had not received all the topic request surveys that were handed out at the work session. There was no additional information added to the Enrollment Report as presented on September 9, 2008. On a motion by Dr. Bates and second by Ms. Dobbs, the Curriculum and Instruction/Technology and Enrollment Reports were approved, with all voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following items of new business, Items A –F, were approved on a motion by Ms. Dobbs, second by Mr. Smith, with all voting in favor;

- **Requested Board Action Relative to Adoption of Resolution Authorize Submission of Class Size Waivers As Needed** Approval of the recommendation of the adoption of the attached Class Size Waiver Resolution authorizing the submittal to the State Board of Education a Class Size Waiver Application for any eligible grade level that goes over the maximum class size by one student. This waiver allows for flexibility, in systems such as ours, where students are transferring in and out throughout the year.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Intergovernmental Agreement with East Metro Health District Concerning the Use of Properties and Personnel for Mass Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals** Approval of the recommendation as to entering in the Intergovernmental Agreement with East Metro Health District concerning the Use of Properties and Personnel for Mass Dispensing of Pharmaceuticals in case of an emergency. This agreement would be enacted under conditions of a medical emergency related to natural pandemics, man-made disaster, or attacks involving weapons of mass destruction. The agreement give East Metro Health District the authorization to use our properties and personnel during emergencies for mass dispensing of pharmaceuticals where the facilities operated by the Health District would be insufficient to meet the public need in a public health emergency.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Use of East Newton Elementary School by Grove Pointe Church** Approval of the recommendation of the request for extended use of East Newton Elementary School by Grove Pointe Church for worship services each Sunday morning. The rental fee will be \$160 per Sunday. The utility fee would remain at \$125.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Purchase of Convection Ovens through Georgia Education Cooperative Contract** Approval of the recommendation of the purchase of convection ovens for the School Nutrition Program be purchased from Norvell Fixture and Equipment Company, Inc., of Augusta, Georgia. Georgia Education Cooperative has awarded a contract for the purchase of convection ovens to Norvell Fixture and Equipment Company, Inc. The cooperative is comprised of twenty-two school districts in North Georgia. Using this bid allows the school system to benefit from the better pricing through the consolidated purchasing power of participating districts. The following schools needing these ovens are East Newton Elementary, Palmer Stone Elementary, Clements Middle and Indian Creek Middle. The cost of each oven is \$10,339.00. This expense will be funded from the School Nutrition Fund. No local tax dollars are being applied to this purchase.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contracted Services for Repair and Service of Kitchen Equipment** Approval of the recommendation to terminate the annual renewable contract for the repair and service of kitchen equipment for the school nutrition program awarded to General Services Company, Inc. in December 2007 and award the contract for this service to Beam Enterprise LLC, the next lowest bidder. General Service Company, Inc., notified the school system on August 12, 2008, that it was unable to continue to provide service due to changes in the ownership of the company. Beam Enterprises LLC has agreed to honor the original bid submitted and has been performing the required work in the interim. The estimated annual value of this contract is \$60,000.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Extended Use of Clements Middle School by Churches** Approval of the recommendation of the attached applications by several churches; Christians in Action, Truth Seekers and Unfolding Faith churches, to use the facilities at Clements Middle School for their worship services as submitted. Christians in Action is requesting the use of the chorus room from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. with a facility rental fee of \$30.00 per use and utility fee of \$20.00; for a total of \$50.00 per use. Truth Seekers Church is requesting the extended use of the band room from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; with a facility rental fee of \$60.00 per use and utility fee of \$20.00 per use; for a total of \$80.00 per use. Unfolding Faith Church is requesting the extended use of the cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a facility rental fee of \$100.00 per use and utility fee of \$30.00 per use; for a total of \$130.00 per use.

The following items of new business, Items G-I, were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Ms. Dobbs, with all voting in favor;

- **Requested Board Action Relative to McIntosh Trail Early Childhood Developmental Council, Inc. (Headstart)** Approval of the recommendation to accept the attached agreement between the Newton County Schools and the McIntosh Trail Early Childhood Developmental Council, Inc. (Headstart). This agreement is a continuation of the agreement for services approved during last school year. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that school districts provide special education services for disabled students ages three to twenty-one. By collaborating with the McIntosh Trail Early Childhood Developmental Council, Inc., students with disabilities ages three to five are identified and provided with comprehensive special education services. A speech/language pathologies and paraprofessional and special needs preschool itinerant teacher and paraprofessional provide services to eligible students. Other than providing special education staff by the school system, there are no additional costs for the contract.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Contract of Supplemental Educational Services** Approval of the recommendation to accept the contract presented for Supplemental Educational Services under Title I for forty-eight Georgia DOE approved providers. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) Section 1116 requires that Title I schools in their second year of School Improvement, Correction Action, or in Restructuring provide opportunities for students to have supplemental educational services. Two Newton County schools qualify for offering the service: Middle Ridge Elementary and Clements Middle. These providers must be approved by the Georgia DOE. Newton County selects providers from the state approved list, and then the system enters into an agreement for the purpose of paying from Title I funds those costs associated with providing these services.
- **Requested Board Action Relative to Bids to Provide Data, Video, Voice, Wireless Cabling and Equipment for Liberty Middle School and for Elementary School #14** Approval of the recommendation to accept the bids of Infinity Network Solutions for \$309,572.91 for Liberty Middle School and for \$232,055.45 for Elementary School #14 to provide data, video, voice and wireless cabling, internet connectivity and networking equipment for these new schools.

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. Corley made the motion to approve the list of recommendations; second by Dr. Bates, and all voting in favor. A copy of the personnel report is attached.

Mr. Turner reminded the Board members of the upcoming Board Planning session on September 25, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the FFA Camp. Also, South Salem Elementary School dedication will be September 28, 2008 at 3 p.m.

With there being no other matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Corley, second by Ms. Dobbs, with all voting in favor.

Superintendent, Newton County Schools

Chair, Newton County Board of Education