

Fulton County Board of Education

Minutes

January 14 and 16, 2003

The Fulton County School Board met on January 14, 2003, at 5:20 p.m. at Fulton County Schools' Administrative Center for the monthly pre-board work session and on January 16, 2003, at 7:08 p.m. at Dunwoody Springs Elementary School for the legislative meeting. Board President Linda Bryant presided initially at pre-board with Katie Reeves assuming the role after being elected as president for a two year term. Mrs. Reeves presided at board meeting. Board members attending the January 14 meeting included Mrs. Bryant, Ron Jackson, Julia Bernath, Zenda Bowie, Gail Dean, Liz Hausmann and Katie Reeves. Board members in attendance at the January 16 meeting included Katie Reeves, Zenda Bowie, Julia Bernath, Linda Bryant, Gail Dean, Liz Hausmann and Ron Jackson.

Audience to Visitors

At pre-board meeting, Cathy Frederickson addressed the Board regarding redistricting; Dietrus Jones requested approval of the Academy of Fulton Charter petition in February; Blanche Smith expressed concern about unitary status; Donna Thomas spoke about being included in the bid process for school photography needs; Brenda Thompson listed concerns about SPLOST and the Westlake Cluster; and Benny Crane voiced his concerns about unitary status. At board meeting, Kim Grant addressed the Board regarding rezoning; Linda Steindorf spoke about the math curriculum; Jack Devine expressed opposition about a proposed site for Milton High School; and Lynn McIntyre issued an invitation to Georgia PTA Day at the Capitol.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The minutes of the December 10 and 12 pre-board and board meetings were approved as submitted.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Ron Jackson
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the revised agenda and revised executive session on January 16:

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Linda Bryant
Vote: Unanimous

Spotlight on Achievement

The State of the System Address was presented by Interim Superintendent Mike Payne. Dr. Payne highlighted gains in test scores, stakeholder involvement, and parent and teacher satisfaction, as well as other notable achievements in the school system.

Information and Community Relations

Elizabeth Ackerman, Executive Director

IX A, Recognitions.

- ◆ Oak Knoll, Conley Hills and Parklane Elementary Schools – CRCT Gains
- ◆ Tri-Cities HS – State One-Act Play Champions
- ◆ Milton HS – Bronco Marching Classic Grand Champions
- ◆ Geri Collins, River Trail MS Teacher – Georgia Council for Social Studies Award
- ◆ River Eves ES, Weyerhaeuser School of Excellence Recycling Grant
- ◆ Roswell Women’s Club – Friend of Public Education Award

Instructional Services

Barbara N. Hill, Associate Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

X A, Year-Round School Proposal;

The Board received the following for first reading:

X B, Health Advisory Committee;

X C, K-8 Language Arts Textbook Adoption;

X D, K-8 Language Arts Textbook Adoption for Special Education;

X E, Proposed New Courses;

The Board received the following for action:

X F1, Atlanta School of Performing Arts Charter School Petition;

X F2, Knowledge Is Power Program Charter School Petition;

X F3, North Fulton Language Academy Charter School Petition;

X F4, Oxford Academy Charter School Petition;

X F5, Technical Skills Academy Charter School Petition;

X G. Field Trips. The Board approved the list of student groups to participate in school approved out-of-state trips.

Composite Motion for Items X A through G:

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Ron Jackson
Vote: Unanimous

Board Matters

Martha T. Greenway, Executive Director of Planning, Research and Policy

The Board received the following for information:

XI E, Policies and Procedures Review Schedule;

The Board received the following items for second reading:

XI C, Proposed 2003-04 South Fulton Elementary School Attendance Zones; There was consensus to proceed with Brookview and College Park.

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

Amended motion to allow Barrington Trace to be zoned to Randolph Elementary subject to revisiting the numbers in 2005:

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Katie Reeves
Vote: Unanimous

XI D, Proposed 2003-04 North Fulton Middle School Attendance Zones; There was consensus to move "red and blue" sections back to original schools.

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Linda Bryant
Vote: Unanimous

The Board received the following item for third reading:

XI F, Board Policy Revision DCH, Periodic Budget Reconciliation; There was Board consensus to revert to original levels.

Motion: Zenda Bowie
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

The Board received the following items for action:

XI A1, Election of Board President; At pre-board, nominations to elect a president for a two year term were accepted. Katie Reeves was unanimously elected to serve as president.

XI A2, Election of Board Vice President; Also at pre-board, President Katie Reeves accepted nominations to elect a vice president for a one year term. Zenda Bowie was unanimously elected to serve as vice president.

XI G, Policy Revision DJE, Purchasing; There was Board consensus to revert to original levels.

XI H, Procedure Revision DJE Purchasing;

Composite motion for items XI G and H:

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

XI I, Policy Revision IEB Charter Schools;

Motion: Zenda Bowie
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

Amended motion to delete “upon request” and add “within five days of final execution”:

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

XI J, Out of System Travel for Board Members and Out of State Travel for Employees. The Board approved the following requests for travel outside the state. The Board requests that the recruitment schedule be provided to the Board prior to the beginning of recruitment season.

Apple Core Leadership Conference

Key West, FL

January 23-26, 2003

\$0 ecd

Employee: Katie Lovett, Chief Information Officer

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Fort Craig School Visit

Maryville, TN

January 30 – February 1, 2003 \$900 ecd

Employees: Vivian Gaines, High Point ES Principal; Bobby Allen, Jill Schlosser, Dominica A. Barrera, Letsa D. Marietta, Cindy Brown, High Point ES Teachers

National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network Conference

Washington, DC

February 1-4, 2003 \$900 ecd

Board Member Zenda Bowie

Eighth Annual Four Block Conference

Winston Salem, NC

February 1-3, 2003 \$100 ecd

Employee: Charlotte Connah, Esther Jackson ES Teacher

Campus Safety Conference

Austin, TX

February 2-4, 2003 \$735 ecd

Employees: Richard A. Newman, Felipe Usury, School Police Commanders; Marquenta Sands, Deputy Chief Police

Conscious Discipline Brain-Based Research

Tampa, FL

February 6-10, 2003 \$645 ecd

Employee: Phyllis Webb, High Point ES Teacher

Seminar for Administrators of Bilingual Programs and International Collaboration

Miami, FL

February 10-14, 2003 \$380 ecd

Employee: Marcia A. Spielberger, Coordinator

National Association of Secondary School Principals

San Diego, CA

February 21-24, 2003 \$1200 ecd

Employees: Brian Newhall, Roswell HS Principal; Ernest Killum, Westlake HS Principal; Edward Echols, Riverwood HS Principal

K-12 Consortium for School Networking

Arlington, VA

February 25-28, 2003 \$715 ecd

Employee: Katie Lovett, Chief Information Officer

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development National Conference
San Francisco, CA

March 7-11, 2003 \$1235 ecd

Employees: Deloris Bryant-Booker, Staff Development Director; Vicky L. Ferguson,
Milton HS Assistant Principal; Judy Dennison, Science Director

National School Boards Association Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA

April 5-8, 2003 \$1700 ecd

Employee: Martha T. Greenway, Executive Director

Board Members Linda Bryant, Ron Jackson, Julia Bernath, Zenda Bowie, Gail
Dean, Liz Hausmann, Katie Reeves
Interim Superintendent Thomas M. Payne

Early Childhood Educator Academy
Boston, MA

April 6-8, 2003 \$380 ecd

Employee: Patricia A. Lyons, Pre-K Liaison

International Reading Association
Orlando, FL

May 4-11, 2003 \$1050 ecd

Employee: Laura C. Woods, Bethune ES Media Specialist

2002-2003 Recruitment Schedules

Pre-approval of teacher/administrator recruitment activities is requested as notices may come within the 60 day time limit thereby giving insufficient time to meet travel guidelines.

The teacher/administrator recruitment schedule for this year will include but is not limited to the following states:

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. In addition, travel expenses for the following locations will be paid by Visiting International Faculty: South Africa and the United Kingdom. Only registration fees will be charged to the district.

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Linda Bryant

Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Linda Bryant)

Amended motion to strike the last two locations:

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Linda Bryant, Julia Bernath)

The following item was discussed and approved on January 14, 2003:

XI B, School Attendance Zone Redistricting Schedule.

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

Human Resources

Mike Gray, Assistant Superintendent

The Board approved the following items (all attached):

XII A, Personnel Action Report; The Board approved the adoption of the Personnel Action Report.

<u>Status of Personnel</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Adm.</u>
Personnel to be hired	6	4	1	
Personnel to be re-hired	1	1		

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

The following items were discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 14:

XII B1, Student Discipline Tribunal Case #098;

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Linda Bryant
Vote: Unanimous

XII B2, Student Discipline Tribunal Case #101;

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

XII B4, Tribunal Panel Recommendation #149

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Linda Bryant
Vote: Unanimous

The following item was discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 16:

XII B3, Student Discipline Tribunal Case #169;

Motion: Zenda Bowie
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Ron Jackson), 1 abstention (Gail Dean)

Support Services

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Assistant Superintendent

The Board approved the following items:

XIII A, Purchasing Report;

XIII B1, Approval of Lease for Sheltering Arms Child Development and Family Support at the Oakley Township Site;

XIII B2, Capital Programs Board Action Report;

- a. New Schools – Cogburn Road ES Site, Cogburn Road MS Site, Oakley Township ES Site
- b. Needs Assessments I – Milton/Roswell Cluster, Lake Windward ES
- c. Needs Assessments II – Creekside/Westlake Cluster, Gullatt ES, Systemwide

Composite motion for Items XIII A, B1 and B2:

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

The following item was discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 14:

XIII C, Approval to Close on North Fulton HS Site.

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Linda Bryant
Vote: Unanimous

Business Services
W. Harold Grindle, Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

XIV A, Monthly Financial Report;
XIV B, Budget Management and Reconciliation Report;
XIV C, Tax Collection Report;

The Board received the following for first reading:

XIV D, Tentative Budget Calendar;
Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

The Board received the following for action:

XIV E, Workers' Compensation Administration;
Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

The following item was discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 16:

XIV F, Proposed Board of Education Compensation Legislation; The monthly salary of the Board President will be \$1,700 and \$1,500 monthly for all other Board Members effective July 2003 with increases each July 1 as commensurate with principals and assistant principals.

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Ron Jackson
Vote: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Zenda Bowie), 1 abstention (Julia Bernath)

The following item was discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 14:

XIV F. Worker's Compensation Settlement Claim.
Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

Linda P. Bryant, Board President

Attendees (January 16)

Charles Sipos, staff
Randall Coleman, staff
Michael Barr, staff
Jack Devine, parent
Kim Grant, parent
Frank, Dana and Andrew Dalton, parents
and student
Susan Hale, staff
Linda Steindorf, parent
Kate DeGorge, student
Victoria Lavinder, student
Joanne and Meredith Lorys, parent and
student
Charles and Sarah Anders, parent and
student
Molly Smith, parent
Amy and Victoria Lavinder, parent and
student
Ann Medlock, staff
Jennifer Schau, staff
RaeAnn Gerhardt, staff
Nancy Shelley, staff
Trisha Durham, staff

Attendees (January 18)

Wilma Matthews, staff
Lisa Boucher, staff
Donna Thomas, citizen
Al Boucher, staff
Woody Lott, staff
Patricia Mosley, staff
Charlene Pope, staff
Kim Painter, parent
Karen Kerlin, staff
Bob Flowers, staff
Jim van der Hewel, staff
Ed Herber, staff

Thomas M. Payne, Board Secretary

Mary Beth and Rachel Bishop,
student/parent
Janet Lane, staff
Mitzi Edge, staff
Richardean Few, staff
Michelle Yancey, staff
Emmett Shaffer, staff
Susan Wildes, staff
Melinda Springman, staff
Marcia A. Spielberger, staff
Shannon LaPorte, staff
Tom LaPorte, staff
Sarah Ware, staff
Raymond Lee, staff
Lydia Kopel, staff
Marni Rohr, citizen
Clifford Hepburn, parent
Woody Lott, staff
Tracy Trussell, staff
Luther Burton, staff
Ed Herber, staff

Tauheedah Al-Amin, parent
Joy Gravitt, staff
Mitzi Edge, staff
Steve Monroe, staff
Catherine Smith, staff
Nicolette Wheeler, staff
Judy Dennison, staff
Susan Bates, staff
Carole Guerin, staff
Katie Lovett, staff

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Nancy Shelley, staff

Luther Burton, staff

Delores Hall, staff

Linda Newman, staff

Mary Rulo, staff

Sue Derison, staff

Kathi Southerd, staff

Randy Cason, staff

Charlotte Pritchett, staff

Jackie Smith, staff

Kay Young, staff

Shannon LaPorte, staff

Lou Dunnagen, staff

Lee Adams, staff

Josette Lumpkin, staff

Margaret Hugg, staff

Yoland MacPherson, staff

Stephanie Murray, staff

Sarah Ware, staff

Julia Allen, parent

Doris Henderson, staff

Sterling Love, staff

Coretta Stewart, staff

Trish Durham, staff

Mittie C. Monteith, staff

Ellen Garver, staff

Susan Parr, staff

Vanessa Johnson, staff

Susan Dorenkamp, staff

Anita Willingham, staff

Dorothy Pettes, staff

Michelle Hall, staff

Margaret King, staff

Gayle Nelson, staff

Charlene Baker, staff

Vicki Bulluch, staff

Annie Gist, parent

Montreal Grove, staff

Annie Thomas, staff

Susan Hale, staff

Muriel Hepburn, parent

Richardean Few, staff

Deloris Bryant-Booker, staff

Bruce Moody, parent

Sara Snyder, staff

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