

Fulton County Board of Education

Minutes

January 13 and 15, 2004

The Fulton County School Board met on January 13, 2004, at 4:40 p.m. at Dunwoody Springs Elementary School for the monthly pre-board work session, and on January 15, 2004, at Fulton County Schools' Administrative Center for the legislative meeting. President Katie Reeves presided. All Board members were in attendance at both meetings.

Recognitions

National Board Certified Teachers and Paul West Middle School were recognized for outstanding achievement.

Audience to Visitors

At pre-board meeting, Beverly Miller addressed the Board regarding a joint natatorium project with the City of Roswell and support for the Interim Superintendent; Richardean Anderson spoke regarding Victory Charter School's Evaluation; Susan Campbell spoke about Capital Programs funded by SPLOST and in support of the Interim Superintendent; David Monde spoke against a proposed pay raise for Board Members; Nada Diab requested support of the Amana Academy charter petition; Harry Ross and Marnessa Vital spoke regarding Board decisions; and the Honorable Ralph Moore, Mayor of Union City, and Sheryl Barnes requested Board support of the Cascade Academy Charter School Petition. At board meeting, Catherine Maddox spoke regarding Communication and Closing the Student Achievement Gap; The Honorable Patsy Jo Hilliard, Mayor of East Point, spoke regarding Education on the Southside; Brenda Thompson spoke about equalizing education in the north and south; Reginald Tatum spoke regarding inequities; and Margaret Bowman addressed the Board regarding Woodland Middle School.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The minutes of the December 9 and 11 pre-board and board meetings were approved as submitted.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of the Revised Agenda on January 15:

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: Unanimous

Spotlight on Achievement

The Men of Randolph Elementary (M.O.R.E.) Group was the January spotlight. The M.O.R.E. Group consists of dads, teachers and other male citizens of the community who volunteer at Randolph to help with morning and afternoon traffic, provide tutoring and mentoring, and assist with special projects. Principal Bobby Tuggle and other members of the group talked about how the experience has enriched their lives while also promoting positive attitudes and role models for the students.

Board Matters

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Interim Superintendent

The Board received the following for action:

IX A, Election of Board Vice-President;

Julia Bernath nominated Zenda Bowie for a second one-year term as Board Vice-President. Ron Jackson seconded the nomination. Ms. Bowie was unanimously approved as Vice President through December 2004.

IX B, Superintendency; A motion was made to appoint Interim Superintendent

Michael J. Vanairsdale as Superintendent for a three year term.

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Ron Jackson
Vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay (Linda Bryant)

Motion to approve the employment contract for the Superintendent dated January 13, 2004, with authorization for Board officers to execute as necessary.

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Linda Bryant)

IX C, Carver Governance Model Field Trips; There was Board consensus to choose three locations with three individuals attending each trip.

IX D, Board Roundtable Schedule. Board members were asked to submit possible roundtable topics for the remainder of this school year.

Instruction

Sam Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

X A, Victory Charter School Evaluation;

The Board received the following for first reading:

X C, Year Round School Proposal for McNair Middle School;

The Board received the following for second reading:

X D1, Brimarsh International School of Excellence Charter Petition;
X D2, Cascade Academy Charter Petition;
X D3, Georgia Can Charter Petition;
X D4, Jackson Academy Charter Petition;
X D5, Life Lyceum Charter Petition;

The Board received the following for action:

X B, Naming of New School at North Point Site; The name selected for the new

high school was Alpharetta High School.

Motion: Katie Reeves

Second: Ron Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

X D6, Academy of Fulton County Charter Petition;

X D7, Hapeville Middle School Charter Petition; Motion to grant an extension

for 30 days.

Motion: Gail Dean

Second: Ron Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

X E, Fulton Science Academy Middle School Amendment;

X F, Field Trips.

Composite motion for Items X C and D1 – D6:

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

The following items were discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 13:

**X G1, Informal Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #003;
X G2, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #174;
X G3, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #180;
X G4, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #182;
X G5, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #185;
X G7, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #210;
X G8, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #225.**

Composite motion for Cases 003, 174, 180, 182, 185, 210 and 225:

Motion: Zenda Bowie
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

Curriculum

Tawana Miller, Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

XI A, State Quality Core Curriculum Revision Process;

The Board received the following for first reading:

XI B, ESOL K-12 Textbook Adoption;
XI C, 4-12 Foreign Language Textbook Adoption;
XI D, 9-12 Language Arts Textbook Adoption;
XI E, Language Arts 9-12 Special Education Supplemental Textbook Adoption;

The Board received the following for action:

XI F, Curriculum Advisory Council.

Composite motion for items XI B, C, D, E and F:

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

Business

W. Harold Grindle, Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

XII A1, Monthly Financial Report;
XII A2, Monthly Budget Report;
XII A3, Tax Collection Report;

The Board received the following for first reading;

XII B, 2004-05 Budget Calendar;

The Board received the following for action:

XII C, Monthly Budget Amendments for Board Approval;

Composite motion for Items XII B and C:

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Linda Bryant
Vote: Unanimous

The following items were discussed in Executive Session and approved on January 13:

XII D, Proposed Workers' Compensation Settlement;
XII E, Proposed Workers' Compensation Settlement.

Composite motion for Items XII D and E:

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

Planning and Communications
Martha T. Greenway, Chief Officer

The Board received the following for information:

XIII A1, Review of Autrey Mill Attendance Zone;

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: 3 yeas (Katie Reeves, Linda Bryant, Liz Hausmann), 4 nays

XIII C, Policies and Procedures Review Schedule; motion to add monitoring to the review schedule.

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

The Board received the following for first reading:

XIII A, Proposed Modification to the 2004-05 Esther Jackson and Hillside ES Attendance Zones;
XIII C1, Board Policy Revision IFCB, Field Trips and Excursions;
XIII C2, Administrative Procedure Revision IFCB, Field Trips and Excursions;
XIII C3, Board Policy/Administrative Procedure Rescission IFCBA, International Educational Travel and Exchange Program for Students;

The Board received the following for second reading:

XIII B, Proposed 2004-05 South Fulton Middle School Attendance Zones;

Composite Motion for Items XIII A, B, C1 through C3:

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

Human Resources

Vicki Warren, Interim Chief Human Resources

The Board received the following items for action:

XIV A1, 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	5		2

Personnel to be rehired	3	4	5
Personnel requesting leave	3	1	
Personnel resigned	4		1
Personnel terminated	1		

XIV A2, Superintendent's Recommendations;

Motion: Liz Hausmann

Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: Unanimous

XIV A3, Out of System Travel for Board Members and Out of State Travel

for Employees;

XIV A4, Out of State Travel for Recruitment;

XIV A5, Approval of Job Description;

XIV A6, Approval of Direct Appointment;

XIV A7, Approval of Addition to Superintendent's Recommendations;

XIV A8, Approval of Elimination of Positions;

XIV A9, Approval of Revised System Organizational Chart.

Composite motion for Items XIV A1, A3 – A9;

Motion: Ron Jackson

Second: Gail Dean

Vote: Unanimous

Operations

Trish Durham, Interim Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

XV B1, Memorandum of Understanding with Alpharetta on Cost-Sharing Options

for Manning Oaks Intersection Improvements;

XV B2, Agreement with Alpharetta for Repair of Sinkholes on Webb Bridge Road at

the Northpoint HS Site;

XV B3, Status Report on Elementary School Master Plan;

The Board approved the following items:

XV A, Purchasing Report;
XV B4, Approval of Proprietary Specifications;
XV B5, Capital Programs Board Action Report;
 New School Construction: Freemanville Road and
 Northpoint HS Sites;
 Infrastructure: Banneker HS, North Springs HS,
 Riverwood HS
 Needs Assessment II: Centennial/Chattahoochee Cluster,
 Creekside/Westlake Cluster

The following item was discussed in executive session and approved on January 15:

XV C, Wilmer Condemnation Settlement.

Composite Motion for Items XV A, B4, B5 and C:

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

Information Technology
Katie Lovett, Chief Information Officer

The Board received the following for information:

XVI A, SPLOST Technology Program Update.

Katie Reeves, Board President
Secretary

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Board

Attendees (January 13)

Sheryl Barnes, citizen
Hatti Brown, staff
Robin Suter, citizen
Wayne McKie, staff
Lydia Kopel, staff
Ed Herber, staff
Trish Durham, staff
Karen Cox, staff
Elaine Binnevin, staff
Joel McElvaney, staff
Judy Fritz, staff
Cathy Cochran, staff
Karen Bass, staff
Susan Parr, staff
Janet Lane, staff
Shari Lane, student
Sam Lane, student
Susan Hale, staff
LaJuana Ezzard, staff
Charlia Faulkner, staff
Susan Campbell, parent
Laura Murphy, citizen
Judy Dennison, staff
Connie Lester, staff
Mike Rast, citizen
Sharon Bennett, staff
Elizabeth Fogartie, staff
Linda Carrier, staff
Rebecca Jones, citizen
Gerry Landrum-Barge, citizen
Gloria Holder, citizen
Becky Owen, staff
Lydia Glaize, parent
Denise Carter, parent
Richardean Anderson, citizen
Joyce Rozelle, staff
Karen Sperber, staff
Donna Faulkner, staff
Wilma Matthews, staff
Brenda Blanton, staff
Sue Derison, staff
Ernest Adams, staff
Kimothy Jarrett, staff
Lorie Moore, staff
Eddie Echols, staff
Jennifer Klein, parent

Kim Price, staff
Tommie Goodgames, staff
Carla Dean, staff
Jennifer Schau, staff
Barbara Adams, staff
David Monde, parent
Richardean Few, staff
Katie Lovett, staff
Ann Kingrea, staff
Martin Neuhaus, staff
Betty Swanson, staff
Polly Williamson, citizen
Karen Kerlin, staff
Aaron Moore, staff
George Freiburger, staff
J.E. Trey Martin, staff
Sarah Ware, staff
Ed Spurka, staff
Denise Jennings, staff
Cindy Kiernan, staff
Darrell Williamson, staff
Brenda Blanton, staff
Patsy Jo Hilliard, Mayor
Jo Cranford, staff
Dion McClure, parent
Laura Grounsell, staff
Cathy Maddox, staff
Charles Sipos, staff
Betty Burke, citizen
Lee Ann Howard, citizen
Myrtle Zappa, citizen
Laura Murphy, citizen
Flora Davis, citizen
April Tomlin, parent
Dylan Tomlin, parent
Lance Tomlin, parent

Ashlyn Tomlin, student
Joy Montgomery, parent
Bill Whittock, citizen
Lori Moffitt, parent
Rodney Roberts, parent

Heather and Jerome Sigur, citizen
Randall Cason, staff
Susan Bailey, citizen
Therese McGuire, staff
Darrell Williamson, staff
Eric Wheeler, student
Tricia Durham, staff
Ted Russell, staff
Rosella Fisher, staff
Noris Price, staff
Barb Liptor, staff
Shannon Flounnary, staff
Michelle Hedgebeth, parent
Vanessa Johnson, staff
Erica Richardson, staff
Janice Green, parent
Tracy Roberts, staff
Ehab Jaleel, parent
Peter Gaddis, staff
Raymond Thomas, parent
Pam Burton, parent
Cynthia Rainey, parent
Claudia Phillips, staff
Sue Derison, staff
Annie Duvall, staff
Anna Thomas, parent
Margaret Bowman, citizen
Shirley Barbour, staff
Bernadette Peters, parent
Shannon LaPorte, staff
Richardean Anderson, citizen

Attendees (January 15)

Maher Budeir, citizen
Bob Flowers, staff
Jeanne Wood, staff
Cheryl Williams, staff
Jim Walker, staff
Bev Miller, parent

Shannon LaPorte, staff
Sara Snyder, staff
Marcia Spielberger, staff
Peter Gaddis, staff
Ann Bersson, parent
Cheryl Clemons, staff
Dara Jones, staff
Kim Poole, parent
Nicolette Wheeler, staff
Gerry L. White, parent
Woody Lott, staff
Lee Adams, staff
Laura Grounsell, staff
Luther Burton, staff
Frances Boyd, staff

Deena Genauer, staff
Sherry Branes, citizen
Mick McGuire, citizen
Therese McGuire, Citizen
Linda Shultz, parent
Lynn McIntyre, parent
Warren Collier, parent
Marquenta Sands, staff
Hosny Mohamed, citizen
Mimi Davis, staff
R. Tracy Trussell, staff
Dan Sullivan, staff
Dee Taylor, staff
Ehab Jaleel, parent

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