

Fulton County Board of Education

Minutes

February 8 and 10, 2005

The Fulton County School Board met on February 8, 2005, at 4:40 p.m. at Hamilton Holmes Elementary School for the pre-board meeting. President Gail Dean presided. All other Board Members were in attendance. The Fulton County School Board met on February 10, 2005, at 6:40 p.m. at Dunwoody Springs Elementary School for the board meeting. President Gail Dean presided. All other Board Members were present.

Recognitions

On Tuesday, a Westlake High School Senior, Brian Lee, was recognized for winning the 2004 Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award, and the Purchasing Department was recognized for receiving the 2004 Best of the Web - Digital Education Achievement Award. On Thursday, a Northview High School Senior, Sisi Chen, was recognized for being one of five finalists at the Siemens Westinghouse 2004 Math, Science and Technology national competition.

Spotlight on Achievement

Mimosa Elementary School's Artist-in-Residence Program was the featured spotlight for February. Students participated in field trips where they were able to use key elements of principles of design. The program encompasses language arts and visual arts components. Students also use aerial maps to have discussions and use symbolism to relate to those maps. Students researched regions in the United States and created symbols to represent particular groups. Principal Jeanne Wood along with staff and students gave enthusiastic examples of what has been accomplished at Mimosa through this program.

System Highlights

The Superintendent announced that the Technology Fair was a huge success with over 500 students participating. Also announced was the Spelling Bee at Campbell Elementary School with winners moving on to the State Spelling Bee on March 25th. Interested citizens and staff were invited to attend the upcoming job fair at Northview High School. Finally, Carolyn Mattingly will be honored at a leadership luncheon on February 25th.

Public Comments

On Tuesday, the following individuals addressed the Board: Shari de Gourville regarding the moratorium on building projects; Commissioner Bill Edwards regarding economic development and inadequate schools; Reggie Tatum spoke about south Fulton issues; John Davis regarding the forensic audit; and Leslie Hurst, Greg Williams and Jennifer Klein about Riverwood High School and Sandy Springs. On Thursday, the following individuals addressed the Board: Sue Guthrie, DeeAnn Weprinsky, Joan Miller, and Malessa Devlin and students regarding Woodland Elementary School overcrowding; Susan Campbell regarding north Fulton schools;

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John Davis regarding south Fulton issues; Len Box concerning leadership; and Jim Brinker regarding the Chattahoochee High School track.

**Approval of the Agenda
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Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: Unanimous

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Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: Unanimous

IX. Board Matters

IX A. Board Matters

*Attendance Protocol Update from Linda Bryant
Report on FRN from Julia Bernath and Zenda Bowie
CUBE information will be sent to the Board – Julia Bernath
Website Development Update from Katie Reeves and Linda Schultz*

IX B. Open Discussion

IX C. 2005 Georgia General Assembly Update

Jim Welsh gave a verbal report about legislative issues on Thursday.

X. Consent Agenda

X A1. Personnel Action Report (February 8)

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

Composite motion for Items VIII, XI B, XI C, and XII C (February 10):

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

XI. Academics

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- XI A. High School Academic Needs Assessment Update
- XI B. Year Round School Calendar for 2005-2006
- XI C. Adoption of Career Technology Course Proposals

XI D1. Dunwoody Springs Charter School Amendment

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: Unanimous

XI D2. TEACH Charter School Amendment

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay (Zenda Bowie), 1 abstention (Linda Bryant)

XII. Business Services

- XII A1. Financial Interim Report
- XII A2. Budget Reconciliation Report
- XII A3. Tax Collection Report

XII B. 2005-2006 Budget Calendar

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Katie Reeves
Vote: Unanimous

XII C. Bank Signature Resolutions

XII D. Temporary Loan from General Fund Reserves for SPLOST II Construction

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Katie Reeves
Vote: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Zenda Bowie), 1 abstention (Linda Bryant)

XII E. SPLOST II Performance Review Audit Final Report

XII F. Board Audit Committee Report

Motion to accept audit report from Linda Schultz and Liz Hausmann:

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath

Amended motion to receive the report for information:

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

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XIII. Planning and Evaluation

- XIII A. Program Evaluation Review
- XIII A1. Summer School 2004 Elementary and Middle School
- XIII A2. Summer School 2004 High School
- XIII A3. 2003-04 Supplemental Educational Services
- XIII A4. Second Year Voyager Universal Literacy System
- XIII A5. 8-Step Process
- XIII B. Policies and Procedures Review Schedule
- XIII B1. Board Policy BCBI, Audience to Visitors
- XIII B2. Board Policy JBD, Attendance and Absences

XIII B3. Board Policy IHA, Grading and Reporting System

Motion to delete one line:

Motion: Linda Bryant

Second: Zenda Bowie

Motion to strike the “significant” and “achievement” sentence and substitute the following, “opportunities designed for students to recover from a failing cumulative grade or one that indicates a decline in the cumulative grade of ten points or more will be allowed when all work required to date has been completed and the student has demonstrated a legitimate effort to meet all course requirements including attendance”:

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Katie Reeves

Vote: 4 yeas, 3 nays (Zenda Bowie, Linda Bryant, Linda Schultz)

XIII C. Adjustments to School Attendance Zones: Autrey Mill and River Trail Middle Schools

Motion: Katie Reeves

Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Liz Hausmann)

XIV. Human Resources (items listed as part of the consent agenda – February 8)

XIV A1. Personnel Action Report (as discussed in Executive Session on February 10).

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Katie Reeves

Vote: Unanimous

XIV A2. Personnel Action Report (as discussed in Executive Session on February 10).

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Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays (Zenda Bowie, Linda Bryant)

XV. Operations

XV A. Purchasing Report

(Delete Jones Hall for February)

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay (Linda Bryant)

XV B1. Program Management Update

XV B2. Changes to the High School Educational Specifications

XV B3. Tennis Court Resurfacing

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: Unanimous

XV B4. Cell Tower Relocation at the Riverwood HS Practice Field

Motion to move funds from needs assessment to master plan:

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: 4 yeas, 1 nay (Zenda Bowie), 2 abstentions (Linda Bryant, Linda Schultz)

XV B5. Capital Programs Board Action Report

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Katie Reeves
Vote: Unanimous

XV B6. Creekside HS Addition

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Katie Reeves)

XV B7. Update on Sandtown MS Connectivity

XVI. On the Horizon

XVI A. Paperless Board Meeting Presentations – March 24, 2005, Roundtable

XVI B. Budget Meeting to Review Calendar/Process Template

XVI C. Program Evaluations – Initial Report February 24, 2005, Roundtable

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XVI D. External Audit Reports for 2003 and 2004

XVI E. Board Retreat

Gail Dean, Board President

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Board Secretary

Attendees (February 8)

Woody Lott, staff
Margaret Bowman, citizen
Kenny Koslow, staff
Shari de Gourville, parent
Dara Jones, staff
Georgana Potesta, staff
Mona Haygood, staff
Sonya Hicks, parent
Lee Adams, staff
Sara Glynn, staff
Tracy Trussell, staff
Tishana Bennett, staff
Denise Jennings, staff
Paula Clarke, staff
Nancy Wadel, staff
Cephus Jackson, staff
Catherine E. Maddox, citizen
Mose James, staff
Darron Franklin, staff
Annette W. Miles, staff
Gregory King, staff
Darryl Felker, staff
Bob Flowers, staff
John Davis, citizen
Susan Bates, staff
Tamela Gordon, staff
Randall Cason, staff
Bruce Moody, parent
Tracy Dubois, staff
Alicia Payne, parent
Richardean Few, staff

Katie Lovett, staff
Kenneth Rucker, staff
Pamela Wooley, staff
Annie Duvall, staff
Sue Derison, staff
Dan Gillette, staff
Sara Snyder, staff
Joseph Dell, staff
Charles Sipos, staff

Attendees (February 10)

Shanell W. Butler, staff
Heather Echemendia, parent
Nicolette Wheeler, staff
Vicky Ferguson, staff
Sue Derison, staff
Tracy Trussell, staff
Chris Matthews, staff
Judith McCoy, staff
Warren Collier, parent
Rick Mohrig, parent
John Davis, citizen
Robyn Benjamin, staff
Julie Bromstad, parent
Eddie Echols, staff
Katie Lovett, staff
Richardean Few, staff
Lee Smith, staff
Dara Jones, staff
Georgana Potesta, staff
Pam Couch, staff

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Gale Steinberg, staff

Toby Stenley, parent

Olajide Agunloye, staff

Joseph Dell, staff

C. Knight-Batey, staff

Sherry Epstein, parent

Camille Carmen, staff

Subramaniam Chetty, student

Eleanor Tillman, parent

Veronica Walker, staff

Maria Volder, staff

Darron Franklin, staff

Tricia Lovett-Durham, staff

Sara Snyder, staff

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