

Fulton County Board of Education

Minutes

March 8 and 10, 2005

The Fulton County School Board met on March 8, 2005, at 4:44 p.m. at Dunwoody Springs 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 March 10, 2005, at 6:40 p.m. at Hamilton Holmes Elementary School for the board meeting. Vice President Katie Reeves presided initially. President Gail Dean presided for the remainder of the meeting. All other Board Members were present.

Recognitions

On Tuesday, Chattahoochee High School Cheerleaders were recognized for being Class VA Champs. Also recognized was River Trail Middle School as a Lighthouse School to Watch. On Thursday, Brookview Elementary was recognized as a 90-90-90 school.

Spotlight on Achievement

Brookview Elementary School was featured as the March spotlight. Principal Paul Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation. Brookview has made great strides due to the philosophy of the principal that children deserve the best and will get the best at Brookview. Mr. Brown has improved communication with staff and incorporated team planning. Smaller class sizes, student responsibility, staff development, more student communication, power writing, graphic organizers and active word walls have all contributed to the gains Brookview has experienced during this school year.

System Highlights

The Superintendent invited interested citizens to attend upcoming job fairs on March 25 and May 7. Also mentioned was School Board Member Appreciation Week from March 14 through 18. Staff members were invited to NetDay, a collaborative effort with Instructional Technology and BellSouth, at Hopewell Middle School. Also, Webb Bridge Middle School student, Nandhini Sandaverson, will represent the school system at the State Spelling Bee. On Thursday, the Superintendent mentioned the High School Improvement Conference, the TEACH High School and Dunwoody Conversion Charter Schools, and that a plan would be brought soon for the housing of students.

Public Comments

On Tuesday, the following individuals addressed the Board: Randy Grayson, Laura Fancher and Sirka Hummell regarding pre-k inclusion; Melissa Devlin and Mary Reid regarding overcrowding at Woodland Elementary School; Leslie Rose regarding overcrowding at High Point; and Myron Sheron regarding Riverwood High School. On Thursday, the following individuals addressed the Board: Patti Grayson regarding pre-k inclusion; Don Johnson regarding Riverwood; John Davis and Reggie Tatum regarding south Fulton schools; Karen

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Lewis regarding Creekside High School; Valerie Roberson yielded her time to John Trotter who spoke regarding school issues; and Muriel Hepburn regarding county issues.

**Approval of the Agenda
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Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

**Amended Agenda
March 10, 2005**

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: Unanimous

IX. Board Matters

IX A. Legislative Update

IX B. Board Matters

- *Best Practices Committee Initial Report – Katie Reeves
An RFP to develop a cost model for funding will go out in June.*
- *Attendance Protocol Committee – Bringing report to the Board in April –
Linda Bryant. Atlanta City Schools and Fulton County Schools must have the
same document. There is a July 1 implementation date. The protocol must be
accepted or rejected by June. The Board can adopt the protocol and then set
procedures.*
- *Liz Hausmann has been asked to serve on Tom Price's Congressional Advisory
Council*

IX C. Open Discussion

IX D. 2005-06 Monthly Board Meeting and Roundtable Calendars

Motion: Katie Reeves
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

X. Consent Agenda

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Composite motion for Items X A1, X A2, and XA3 (March 8):

Motion: Katie Reeves

Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: Unanimous (Linda Bryant temporarily absent)

**A1
Composite motion for Items XIII, IX D, XI A, XII E, XIII A1, XIII A2, XIII A4, XV
and XV A2:**

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Katie Reeves

Vote: Unanimous

XI. Academics

XI A. K-12 Curriculum Textbook and Supplemental Materials Request to Catalog

XII. Business Services

XII A1. Monthly Financial Report

XII A2. Budget Reconciliation Report

XII A3. Tax Collection Report

XII B. School Cost Center Guidelines

XII C. FY2006 Georgia Pre-Kindergarten Grant Program Application

Motion: Katie Reeves

Second: Liz Hausmann

Vote: Unanimous

XII D. Budget Amendments

Motion: Katie Reeves

Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: Unanimous

XII E. Bank Signature Resolutions

XII F. State Investments Pool Resolutions – SPLOST I and II

Motion: Liz Hausmann

Second: Katie Reeves

Vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays (Zenda Bowie, Linda Bryant)

XIII. Planning and Evaluation

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- XIII A. Policies and Procedures Review Schedule
- XIII A1. Administrative Procedure JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals
- XIII A2. Board Policy IHA Grading and Reporting

XIII A3. Board Policy BCBI Public Comment

- Motion:** Katie Reeves
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays (Linda Bryant, Zenda Bowie)

XIII A4. Board Policy JBD Attendance and Absences

- XIII B1. Fulton Science Academy Charter School Evaluation
- XIII B2. KIPP Charter School Evaluation

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

XV. Operations

XV A1. State Bridge Crossing ES Needs Assessment II

XV A2. Woodland ES Entrance

XV A3. High School Educational Specifications

- Motion:** Katie Reeves
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Linda Bryant)

XV A4. Capital Programs Board Action Report

- Critical A/E Agreements, Jones Hall and SF High School
- Critical Change Orders, Freemanville Road HS Site and Riverwood HS
- Centennial/Chattahoochee Clusters, Creekside/Westlake Clusters

Motion to approve with the exception of #26:

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

XV B. Purchasing Report

- Motion:** Julia Bernath
Second: Linda Schultz
Vote: 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Linda Bryant)

XVI. On the Horizon

- XVI A. Paperless Board Meeting Presentations – March 24, 2005, Roundtable
- XVI B. External Audit Report for 2003 and 2004

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Gail Dean, Board President

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Board Secretary

Attendees (March 8)

Merrill Nemeroff, parent
Leslie Rose, parent
Cheryl Clemons, staff
Dawn Melin, staff
Charles Sipos, staff
Susan Bates, staff
Wilma Matthews, staff
Nancy Wadel, staff
Pat Lyons, staff
Donna Faulkner, staff
Lori Fancher, parent
Caren Hudson, staff
Nancy Thweatt, staff
Kimothy Jarrett, staff
Cephus Jackson, staff
Carole Guerin, staff
Jan van Willigen, staff
Joseph Dell, staff
Sara Snyder, staff
Trish Durham, staff
Nicolette Wheeler, staff
Dan Gillette, staff
Warren Collier, parent
Sirka Hummel, parent
Tracy Trussell, staff
Vivian Bankston, staff
Jeri Colton, parent
Trey Martin, staff
Mary Twiner, parent
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Alice F. Pruett, staff
Jimmy Zoll, staff
Renee Bartley, staff
Mary Ann Bush, staff

Woody Lott, staff
Shirley Shields Hendley, staff
Mitzi Edge, staff
Harvey Beasley, staff
Sophia Wann, parent
Joan Miller, parent
Andy Ross, staff

Attendees (March 10)

Andy Ross, staff
Muriel Hepburn, parent
Elizabeth Moore, staff
Christel Jackson, parent
Chevon Jackson, parent
Deborah Hersey, parent
Brenda Aiken, parent
Valerie Robinson, parent
Kristy Goodson-Frazier, parent
Therese McGuire, staff
Sharon Hudgins, staff
Brannon Gaskins, staff
Marie Lester, staff
Joseph Dell, staff
Karen Lewis, parent
Al Irvin, citizen
Charles Sipos, staff
Kevin Robinson, staff
Nareem Roberts, staff
John Trotter, citizen
Darron Franklin, staff
Gornata Ross, staff
Pat Lyons, staff
Hazel Bryant, parent
Sonya Floyd, staff

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Robbie Keards, staff
Jeanne Reed, staff
Nancy Wadel, staff
Kimothy Jarrett, staff
Charles Demars, staff
Marsha Anderson, staff
Donna Markland, staff
L.T. Smith, staff
Anita Willingham, staff
Grace Smith, staff
Betty Nesmith, staff
Catherine Maddox, citizen
Cherie Batey, staff
Peggy Jackson, staff
Shadelle Densen, staff
John Davis, citizen
Lucille Clayton, staff
Lorrie Green, parent
Susan Bates, staff
Vivian Pritchard, citizen
Clifford C. Hepburn, parent
Share de Gourville, parent
Maria Holder, staff
Annie M. Thomas, parent
Okajide Agunloye, staff
Bessie Okafor, staff
B. Johnson, parent
Janice Green, parent
Deb Hagon, parent

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