

Fulton County Board of Education

Minutes

December 9 and 11, 2003

The Fulton County School Board met on December 9, 2003, at 4:40 p.m. at Fulton County Schools' Administrative Center for the monthly pre-board work session, and on December 11, 2003, at 6:47 p.m. at Dunwoody Springs Elementary School for the legislative meeting. President Katie Reeves presided. All Board members were in attendance at both meetings.

Recognitions

Students, staff members and the school system were recognized for outstanding achievement.

Audience to Visitors

At pre-board meeting, Larry Young and Linda Bain addressed the Board regarding a proposed Sandy Springs TAD; Jo Cranford spoke regarding Hapeville Charter School; Richardean Anderson petitioned the Board regarding renewal of Victory's charter; Julia Allen spoke about a nationwide superintendent search; and Maher Budeir spoke regarding Amana Academy Charter. At board meeting, Eva Galambos and Ellen Gleason spoke in support of a Sandy Springs TAD.

Approval/Correction of Minutes

The minutes of the November 11 and 13 pre-board and board meetings were approved as submitted.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of the Revised Agenda on December 11:

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: Unanimous

Spotlight on Achievement

The December Spotlight featured the Woodland Charter School Canine Program, K9 Kids. Principal Noris Price, Teacher Bonnie Fantauzzo and Woodland students explained that the program involves dogs helping children read. Each Friday, EIP and Reading Recovery

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students spend eight minutes reading to a special canine guest. The students must also take their books home and read to their parents. Parents sign a K-9 log. Students have

experienced an increase on the Basic Literacy Test as well as increased self-esteem. Five Fulton County schools now participate in the program which began at Woodland.

Instruction

Sam Taylor, Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

- X A, School Admission Process;
- X B, Charter School Evaluation;

The Board received the following for first reading:

- X C, Fulton Science Academy Middle School Amendment;
- Motion:** Julia Bernath
- Second:** Linda Bryant
- Vote:** Unanimous

- 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 second reading:

- X D6, Academy of Fulton County Charter Petition;
- X D7, Hapeville Middle School Charter Petition;

Composite motion for items X D6 and D7:

- Motion:** Gail Dean
- Second:** Julia Bernath
- Vote:** Unanimous

- X D8, Lewis Academy of Fulton County Charter Petition;

The Board received the following for action:

X D9, Amana Academy Charter Petition; The petitioner was granted a 60 day extension.

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays (Liz Hausmann, Katie Reeves)

X E, Field Trips.

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

Composite motion for Items X D1 – D5:

Motion: Julia Bernath
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

The following items were discussed in Executive Session and approved on December 9:

X F1, Appeal of Disciplinary Tribunal Recommendation Case #025;

Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

X F2, Appeal of Disciplinary Tribunal Recommendation Case #072;

Motion: Linda Bryant
Second: Julia Bernath
Vote: Unanimous

X F3, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #149;

Motion: Ron Jackson
Second: Zenda Bowie
Vote: Unanimous

X F4, Tribunal Panel Recommendation Case #168.

Motion: Liz Hausmann
Second: Gail Dean
Vote: Unanimous

Curriculum
Tawana Miller, Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for first reading:

XI A, Curriculum Advisory Council;
Motion: Gail Dean
Second: Liz Hausmann
Vote: Unanimous

The Board received the following for action:

XI C, Health Education Advisory Committee Members;
XI D, New Course Proposal;
XI E, Special Education Parent Advisory Board;

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

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

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 action:

XII B, Monthly Budget Amendments for Board Approval;
Motion: Zenda Bowie
Second: Ron Jackson
Vote: Unanimous

XII C, Sandy Springs Tax Allocation District;

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Motion: Gail Dean

Second: Julia Bernath

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

The following items were discussed in Executive Session and approved on December 9:

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 A, First Semester End of Course Tests;

XIII B, Proposed Process for Input on Grading and Reporting;

The Board received the following for first reading:

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

The Board received the following for second reading:

XIII D, Administrative Procedure Revision IFCBA, International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs for Students;

Composite Motion for Items XIII C and D1:

Motion: Zenda Bowie

Second: Liz Hausmann

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	4		7	
Personnel to be rehired	5	2	1	
Personnel requesting leave		1		
Personnel resigned	3	2	6	
Personnel retired			1	
Personnel deceased		1		

XIV A2, Superintendent's Recommendations;

XIV A3, Out of State Travel for Employees;

Composite motion for Items XIV A1- A3:

Motion: Ron Jackson

Second: Gail Dean

Vote: Unanimous

Operations

Trish Durham, Interim Assistant Superintendent

The Board received the following for information:

XV A1, Systemwide Identification Card;

XV B1, Status Report on Elementary School Master Plan;

The Board approved the following items:

XV A2, Purchasing Report;

Motion: Gail Dean

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Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: Unanimous

XV B2, Two-Story Prototype Elementary School for the Oakley Township Site;

Motion: Ron Jackson

Second: Julia Bernath

Vote: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Linda Bryant), 1 abstention (Liz Hausmann)

XV B3, Two-Story Prototype Middle School for Woodland Middle Replacement;

Motion: Ron Jackson

Second: Zenda Bowie

Vote: 5 yeas, 1 nay (Linda Bryant), 1 abstention (Liz Hausmann)

XV B4, Capital Programs Board Action Report;

- **New School Construction: Freemanville Road and Northpoint HS Sites;**
- **Program Driven Renovations and Additions: Campbell ES Infrastructure Improvements, Banneker HS**
- **Needs Assessment II: Centennial/Chattahoochee Cluster, Banneker/Tri-Cities Cluster, Creekside/Westlake Cluster**

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Ron Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

The following items were discussed in executive session and approved on December 9:

XV B5, Authorization for the Superintendent to Approve the Purchase of Land;

XV B6, Authorization for the Superintendent to Purchase One Parcel of Land.

Composite Motion for Items XV B5 and B6:

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Zenda Bowie

Vote: Unanimous (Linda Bryant and Liz Hausmann absent)

Board Matters

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Interim Superintendent

Information items discussed:

XVI A., Carver Workshop Travel; Groups of two will visit school sites to meet with Board Members, Community Members and Staff.

XVI B, Other Matters;

XVI C, Fulton County Pension; Information will be compiled and delivered to the Board in January prior to the next meeting.

The following item was approved:

XVI D, Resolution Requesting Increased Compensation for Fulton County Board Members.

Motion: Julia Bernath

Second: Liz Hausmann

Vote: 5 yeas, 2 nays (Zenda Bowie, Ron Jackson)

Katie Reeves, Board President

Michael J. Vanairsdale, Board Secretary

Attendees (December 9)

Patrick Burke, staff

Maher Budeir, citizen

Harvey Beasley, staff

Richardean Anderson, citizen

Gregory Manner, citizen

Trish Durham, staff

Bernadette Peters, parent

Melinda Pabst, parent

Brenda Blanton, staff

Charles Sipos, staff

Shannon LaPorte, staff

Polly Williamson, citizen

Pinky Henry, citizen

Ed Rae, citizen

Julia Allen, parent

Micki McGuire, citizen

Annie Duvall, staff

Woody Lott, staff

Tommie Goodgames, staff

P.V. Sullivan, staff

Cathy Cochran, staff

Carla Dean, staff

Therese McGuire, staff

Peter Gaddis, staff

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Carolyn Davidson-Taylor, staff

Sue Derison, staff

Dan Gillette, staff

Phyllis Minte, parent

Craig Thaxton, parent

Sarah Ware, staff

Ann Medlock, staff

Jo Cranford, citizen

Darrell Spergus, citizen

Laura Murphy, citizen

Vickie Stanford, parent

Lori Moffitt, parent

Rebecca Jones, citizen

Janice Green, parent

Richardean Few, staff

Erica Richardson, staff

Pat Guillory, staff

Karen Kerlin, staff

Deloris Bryant-Booker, staff

Susan Hale, staff

Muriel Hepburn, parent

Roz Thomas, parent

Tracy Trussell, staff

Karen Lewis, parent

Cynthia Rainey, parent

Attendees (December 11)

Maher Budeir, citizen

Theresa McGuire, staff

RaeAnn Gerhardt, staff

Mouma Ibrahim, citizen

Bill Boshell, citizen

Brenda Blanton, staff

Shermean Johnson, staff

Joan Boorman, staff

Susan Hale, staff

Noris Price, staff

Micki McGuire, citizen

Ann Bersson, parent

Khaled Rasheed, citizen

Hatem Selim, citizen

Woody Lott, staff

Sharon Albright, parent

Julie Pitman, parent

Roger Blichfeldt, citizen

Michael Hiffa, citizen

Tracey Roberts, staff

Linda Schultz, parent

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