



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, September 19, 2013
6:30 p.m. (Announced)**

The Board of Education for Bibb County met in regular session on **Thursday, September 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m.** at the Bibb County Board of Education, 484 Mulberry Street.

Members present: Dr. Wanda S. West, President- presiding; Susan K. Sipe, Dr. Thelma D. Dillard , Ella S. Carter, Jason E. Downey, Thomas E. Hudson, Lynn Farmer and Lester M. Miller. Staff members present: Dr. Steven Smith, Interim Superintendent, Jane Drennan, Ron Collier, Dr. Kelley Castlin-Gacutan, Edward Judie, Sylvia Hooker, Myra Abrams, Cleta Long, Bruce Giroux, Stephanie Hartley, Kimberly Pelt, Officer Louis Foster and Randy Howard, In-House Attorney. Also, the Telegraph Staff reporter was present.

Dr. West called the meeting to order at **6:34 p.m.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Emma Wright**, 4th grade student at Alexander II Magnet School.

Invocation was done by Mr. Jason E. Downey.

OTHER REMARKS:

PRESIDENT – INVITATION TO VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
Please limit your comments to three (3)

Honorable Mayor Robert Reichert: Addressed the board regarding how the Mayor's office can collaborate with the Bibb County School District; Offer suggestions in the areas of safety, afterschool programs, and work-force development, enhance the level of parental involvement and look closely at charter schools' applications.

Vincent M. Oddo: Addressed the board regarding his company's strong interest in education in Bibb County; company is very interested in being involved with issues with the school district; supports the Macon Charter Academy.

Dr. Smith commended Ms. Drennan for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the School District. He presented her with a glass plaque.

Ms. Drennan thanked Dr. Smith, Board Members and Staff for their support during her two years with the district. She stated that her focus work was in the best interest of the students; all kids are successful and all kids can learn; great honor and privilege to have

worked with Board Members and in the Bibb County School District.

Dr. West acknowledged that Ms. Jane Drennan, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, has taken a position in Canton, Ohio working with Charter Schools. Dr. West commended Ms. Drennan for her outstanding contributions with the AdvancED Accreditation for the Bibb County School District in May 2013; test scores increased in every area except the new math piece from the State Department of Education; Ms. Drennan is to be commended for her exceptional contributions in the area of teaching and learning.

Dr. Smith introduced Mr. Terry Smith, who presented the Proclamation Texting and Driving; Drive 4Pledges Day, September 19, 2013 is part of the nationwide, *It can Wait* campaign (www.itcanwait.com), a 30-minute documentary which aims to draw attention to the dangers of texting and driving. As part of the Drive 4 Pledges Day, *It Can Wait* advocates are asking every driver to make a personal commitment not to text and drive and to recruit others to do the same.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2013 were presented for approval by Mr. Hudson; seconded by Mrs. Sipe and approved 8-0.

Called Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2013 were presented for approval by Dr. Dillard; seconded by Mr. Downey and approved 8-0.

Called Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2013 were presented for approval by Mr. Miller; seconded by Mrs. Carter and approved 8-0.

III. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Ms. Sylvia Hooker, Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement presented the Superintendent's Report.

Bibb County Quick Think Competition Winners Honored:

During the spring, second-grade students from each elementary school competed in the District's Quick Think Competition, which is sponsored by the Macon Exchange Club. The Quick Think Program teaches students about life and personal safety issues and how to address them. As part of the program, each second-grade classroom hosts a competition and the top two winners from each class participate in a school competition. School winners then competed at the District level on May 16th.

Students who placed at the District level were **Onyla Raines** of Riley Elementary School, first place winner **Sophia Tang** of Springdale Elementary School, second place winner and **Sam Whitley** of Alexander II Magnet School, third place winner.

Outstanding Students Participate in 2013 Governor's Honors Program:

Ten students who participated in the distinguished Governor's Honors Program during the summer were recognized.

- **Ryan Beckmann** of Central High School (Mathematics);
- **Roland Jay Brunner** of Howard High School (Communicative Arts);
- **Kelton Ellis** of Central High School (Social Studies);
- **Luke Felty** of Central High School (Communicative Arts);
- **Caroline Martin** of Central High School (Communicative Arts);
- **Darby Mowell** of Central High School (Spanish);
- **Tucker Preston** of Rutland High School (Executive Management);
- **Ian Roughen** of Howard High School (Social Studies);
- **BreAnna Smith** of Central High School (Theatre Performance); and
- **Thomas Young** of Central High School (French).

Governor's Honors is a four-week enrichment program for talented rising high school juniors and seniors. It is held at Valdosta State University, and it is the longest continually running summer enrichment program in the nation. It celebrated its 50th anniversary this summer.

Maintenance Workers Recognized for Help with Greenhouse at Carter Elementary: Ted Emig, Coordinator for the Junior Master Gardeners of Central Georgia.

The greenhouse was purchased with grants from the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia and a donation from a Carter Elementary School teacher. Three Master Gardeners assembled the greenhouse, but in order for the greenhouse to be fully functional, plumbing and electrical lines connections were needed.

Employees from the Maintenance Department were able to help the Master Gardeners complete their project. **Dan Horton, Jay Johnson** and **Bruce McLaughlin** plumbers provided the Master Gardeners with the technical aspects of putting in an irrigation system for the seven raised beds and water to the greenhouse. Also, they traveled to a plumbing warehouse with the Master Gardeners and helped them purchase the correct materials and delivered them to the school. Once the irrigation lines were run, the plumbers connected the line to the water supply at the school. Employees **Larry Brewer** and **John Knight** helped provide electrical assistance in setting up the greenhouse. They surveyed the area and ran electrical lines to the greenhouse and inside the greenhouse. "They emphasized the need for safety and installed several outlet boxes that were 'kid proof,'" Mr. Emig said.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Friday and Saturday, September 20-21, 2013	Board's Retreat – Friday, 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins
Tuesday, September 24, 2013	Capital Improvement Parent Meeting at Heard – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 30, 2013	Town Hall Meeting – Rep. Nikki Randall and Rep. James Beverly at Central High School

	– 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 2, 2013	100 Black Men of Macon-Middle GA Banquet, Hawkins Arena, Mercer University Center – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 17, 2013	Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. and Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Southwest High School

IV. Report of Standing Committees:

1. Instructional Services:

IS-1 Proclamation Texting and Driving

Mrs. Farmer made a motion to amend the agenda to make **IS-1** an Action Item, “*Proclamation Texting and Driving*”; seconded by Mrs. Sipe and approved 8-0.

Mrs. Farmer made a motion to proclaim September 19, 2013 as, “*Drive 4 Pledges Day*”; seconded by Mr. Downey and approved 8-0.

IS- 2 Macon Charter Academy, Inc.

Mrs. Farmer made a motion to **approve** the Macon International Charter Academy application; seconded by Mr. Hudson and approved 7-1. Mrs. Carter opposed.

Mrs. Carter commented that charter schools would take too much funding away from regular schools and should be implemented based on all student needs, not just a select group of students.

IS- 3 The Academy of Classical Education

Mrs. Farmer made a motion to **approve** the Academy for Classical Education application; seconded by Mr. Downey and approved 6-2. Mrs. Carter and Mr. Hudson opposed.

2. Fiscal/Support Services:

FSS-4 Superintendent’s Recommended FY-2014 Budget Amendment No. 1

Mr. Downey made a motion to **approve** the Superintendent’s Recommended Fiscal Year FY2014 Budget Amendment No. 1; seconded by Mrs. Sipe and approved 8-0.

FSS-5 VALIC Retirement Plan Offerings

Mr. Downey made a motion to **approve** the additional retirement plans offered by VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Miller and approved 8-0.

3. Support Services:

SS-2 Video Surveillance/Elam Alexander @ Burke Campus

Mr. Miller made a motion to **authorize** the Technology and Capital Improvement Departments to negotiate and present a contract to Interim Superintendent Dr.E. Steven Smith for an audio and video surveillance system at Elam Alexander at Burke; seconded by Mrs. Sipe and approved 8-0.

SS-3 Award of Paper Supplies Bid for SY 2013-2014

Mr. Miller made a motion **authorizing** the Nutrition Department to award a bid for paper supply items to Southeastern Paper Group for an approximate amount of \$235,291.93 for the 2013-2014 school year; seconded by Mrs. Farmer and approved 8-0.

SS-4 Award of Propane Fueling Pump and Fuel

Mr. Miller made a motion to **authorize** the Superintendent and Transportation Department to enter negotiations with Amerigas Inc., to provide a contract for the provision of two 2,000-gallon fueling stations and a supply of propane fuel for the operation of 31 alternative fuel school buses; the provision of the contract will extend for 36 months; seconded by Mrs. Farmer and approved 8-0.

4. Policies and Rules:

None

5. Personnel Services:

PS-1 Appointments and Transfers – Certified/Classified Personnel

Mrs. Carter made a motion to **approve** the Certified Employees appointments and Transfers; Employment by the school district and all first time employees or those with a break in service are approved for employment for a maximum term of twenty (20) days, subject to extension for a full contract term by the Interim Superintendent upon obtaining a Professional Clearance Certificate from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission; seconded by Mr. Downey approved 8-0.

PS-1a Appointment – Cartese Dillard – Special Programs

Mrs. Carter made a motion to **approve** the appointment of **Cartese Dillard**, Special Programs; seconded by Mrs. Farmer and approved 7-0. Dr. Dillard abstained from voting.

PS-2 Separations from Employment – Certified/Classified Personnel

Mrs. Carter made a motion to **approve** the Separations from Employment for Certified/Classified Employees; seconded by Mr. Downey and approved 8-0.

PS-3 Appointment

Mrs. Carter made a motion to **approve** the appointment of **Elaine M. Wilson** as Director of Procurement; seconded by Mr. Hudson and approved 8-0.

Also, Dr. Smith announced that the District has submitted its final payment to retire its Series 2004 bonds for the Central Office building. Dr. Smith, Dr. West and Board Members gathered to burn the bond.

V. Old Business:

None

VI. New Business:

NB-1 Location of October Committee and Board Meetings to be held at Southwest High School Auditorium

Dr. West: The next Committee and Board Meetings will be conducted at Southwest High School. Teachers of the Year 2013 will be honored at this meeting.

Dr. Smith: The 2013 Teacher's of the Year Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at Mercer University.

Mrs. Carter: What is the status with GSBA search for the Superintendent? Dr. West indicated this will be discussed at the Board's Retreat on Friday, September 20, 2013.

Mr. Hudson: What is the percentage of black females on operating business contracts? Dr. Smith stated that he would provide the information.

VII. Adjourn:

Mr. Downey made a motion to **adjourn**; seconded by Mrs. Carter and approved 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at **7:35 p.m.**

Dr. Wanda S. West, President

E. Steven Smith, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent

These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on: **October 17, 2013**

Minutes prepared by: Dianne W. Patterson, Board Clerk