

**Regular Meeting
Montgomery County Board of Education
Board Room, 703 Dobbins Street, Mount Vernon, Georgia
December 16, 2013**

The December regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Education was held December 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board Room, 703 Dobbins Street, Mount Vernon, Georgia. Members present were Dr. Jim Paul Poole, Henry Price, Terry Outler, Charlie Robison, and Mr. Pete Ward.

The invocation and Pledge of the Allegiance to the United States flag were delivered and led by Mr. Randy Rodgers.

The agenda was approved as presented after a motion by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Outler with a 5 -0 vote.

The minutes that were presented from November 18, 2013 were approved on a 5-0 vote following a motion by Mr. Robison and a second by Mr. Ward.

There were no citizens that signed up or spoke during the Public Participation segment of the meeting.

The Superintendent's report was as follows:

Mr. Rodgers acknowledged that the Teacher of the Year Awards for the three Montgomery County Schools as well as the Teacher of the Year Award for the School System would be presented. MCES Assistant Principal, Mrs. Melanie McLemore, presented MCES Teacher of the Year award to Mrs. Amber Durrence. Next, the Middle School Principal Mrs. Juanita Boatwright presented Mrs. Janeth Coleman as the Middle School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Pamela Richards presented the Montgomery High School Teacher of the Year Award to Mr. Phillip Richards. Superintendent, Randy Rodgers, then presented the Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year award to Mr. Phillip Richards.

Mr. Rodgers addressed the Action Items and General Administration points in the superintendent's report, which included the report on finances. Mr. Rodgers reminded everyone of the overall decrease in SPLOST funds each month due to a change in State of Georgia law where the sales tax on vehicles has been changed to a value tax to be paid when ownership on a title is changed. Traditionally the sales tax on vehicles went directly to the SPLOST account but now it is considered a type of Ad Volorem tax, which will be paid out by the county to the Board's General Fund. A copy of the schedule of accrued local option sales tax projects was provided and will be published in the Montgomery Monitor. A copy of the amended budget was provided. Mr. Rodgers pointed out that the amount of revenue as well as expenditures have been increased. This increase is due to the overall increase in FTE which is directly associated to the FTE for the Virtual School. There were no fundraisers presented for the month of December. This concluded the Superintendent's report.

A motion was then made to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Mr. Robison and seconded by Mr. Ward. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote and the Board entered into executive session at 6:24 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 7:58 pm with a motion by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Robison with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Rodgers recommended that Danielle Beck Blaxton be released from her contract with the Montgomery County School System due to her husband's recent employment with a company located in South Carolina. Motion for Mrs. Blaxton to be release from said contract was made by Mr. Price and the second was made by Mr. Outler. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Rodgers recommended that the Accounts Payable report be approved as presented. Mr. Price made the motion that the Accounts Payable report be approved. Mr. Robison seconded the motion. The motion was passed, 5-0.

Mr. Rodgers recommended the approval of Action Item B, the SPLOST Schedule for 2013 report provided in the board packet. Mr. Price made a motion to approve. Mr. Robison seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Rodgers recommended approving the amended budget for FY14 as well as the Consolidated Budget for FY14. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Ward and a second by Mr. Robison. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The Chairman of the Board, Dr. Poole, stated that the Superintendent's evaluation for the year was satisfactory and recommended that Superintendent Rodgers' contract be renewed for another three years. Said contract would be effective as of December 16, 2013 through December 16, 2016. Mr. Charles Robison made the motion to renew Superintendent Rodgers' contract due to the outstanding job done by Mr. Rodgers and that motion was seconded by Mr. Pete Ward. Public confirmation was then made by Mr. Price attesting to the outstanding job performance by Superintendent Rodgers. After which, a vote was made and Superintendent Rodgers' contract was renewed with a vote of 3-2. Approval votes were made by Poole, Robison and Ward with dissenting votes by Price and Outler.

With no further business to conduct, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Outler and seconded by Mr. Price, and passed on a 5-0 vote.

Read and approved this 21st day of January, 2014.

Dr. Jim Paul Poole – Board Chair

Randy Rodgers - Superintendent