MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
January 15, 2009

The Augusta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2009, in the administrative offices. James Harston presided over the meeting. Members present were Debbie Briscoe, Katina Briscoe, Janice Collier, Amanda Hanna, Buddy Porter and Willie Powell. Superintendent Richard Blevins was also present

James Harston opened the meeting with a prayer.

The board approved the minutes of the November 25, 2008, regular meeting as presented without reading.

James Harston welcomed the visitors.

Elsie Chestnutt, ACPEA representative, addressed the board. She expressed thanks to the board and the administration for the hams and turkeys given to all personnel.

Patricia Perusich, PPC representative, presented a request by the committee for the school district to pay the certificate renewal fee with the understanding if the teacher leaves the district within a 2 year period the district will be reimbursed.

On a motion by Amanda Hanna and a second by Buddy Porter the board approved the committee's request concerning the certificate renewal fee.

The board ratified payment of the bills for periods 5 and 6.

Richard Blevins presented the superintendent information. He discussed a Math Grant that Ms. Lombardi will be receiving, tax money, and the regional basketball tournament.

On a motion by Buddy Porter and a second by Janice Collier the board approved selling the property on Hwy 64 to White River Rural Health for $38,000.00.

The building requests by the Class of 1979 and 1989 to use the LCC were approved for the usual cost and considerations.

On a motion by Amanda Hanna and a second by Katina Briscoe the board approved adding item 8C, Old Maintenance Shop; CP Building Request, and Out of State Trip, to the agenda.

The board approved tearing down the old maintenance shop by Joseph Smith, on his own time, for the bricks; the building request by Randy Palmer for a Community Empowerment meeting at the Cotton Plant Elementary on Saturday, January 31, 2009, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; and the out of state trip requests by Jackie Powell, Sonny Shields, and Jessie Harston to attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC.

The board retired to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The board returned to open session.

On a motion by Willie Powell and a second by Buddy Porter the board accepted the resignation of Reginald Murphy effective June 30, 2009; hired Laura Ladd as a long term substitute pending out come of teacher hearing; and extended Richard Blevins contract.

The February regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 23, 6:30 PM, in the administrative offices.

The board was adjourned.

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Board President

ATTEST: _____ _____
Superintendent Board Secretary