

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
September 20, 2011

The Harmony Grove School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the superintendent's office on the Harmony Grove School Campus.

Mr. Joe Rogers, Jr., president of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members present at 7:30 p.m. included Todd Bearden; Marcus Ellis; Jeremy Givens; Angel Pigott; Joe Rogers, Jr.; and Wayne Sharp. Board member Raymond Furlow arrived at the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2011 and the special meeting of September 13, 2011 were read and approved without objection.

The financial report and payment of bills were discussed and approved without objection.

The first item of business was an audience with Mr. Ken Key, a parent from the Sparkman Community. Mr. Key asked to address the board concerning a student dress code issue and school personnel. Mr. Rogers declared the board in executive session at 7:33 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Rogers thanked Mr. Key for his comments and stated that a committee would be formed to examine the student dress code with Mr. Key being asked to serve on the committee. Mr. Key stated that he would be willing to serve on such a committee.

Mr. Davidson, superintendent, reminded board members of the change in date for the audit training at SCSC from October 18th to October 17, 2011 for board members. He also asked the board to let him know if they did not plan to attend the regional board training on October 25th so that those going could be registered.

Mr. Givens made a motion to approve the revised student handbook with the exception of the student dress code. Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0. Mr. Davidson was directed to form a committee to make recommendations on a student dress code to be presented to the board for its consideration on October 11, 2011.

A detailed budget for 2011-2012 was presented to the board for its examination. Mrs. Beasley, district treasurer, explained the budget and answered questions concerning it. The board had previously approved the budget but had not reviewed it in detail.

The board was presented with a revised licensed personnel policy handbook that included all recommended revisions to policy and inclusion of new laws. The board agreed to examine the handbook and act on it at the October board meeting.

A request from board member Angel Pigott to consider purchasing lockers for 5th and 6th graders to use at Harmony Grove was discussed. Mrs. Courville, elementary principal, gave comments on the issue and had reservations about the need for the lockers. She stated that students did have to carry their books from home room during the day from class to class. Some board members voiced concern about the weight of the books being carried. Mr. Furlow moved to purchase 150 lockers for the elementary school at the bid price of less than \$10,000 with installation included. Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Givens made a motion to grant Chris Davis, a senior at Harmony Grove High School, with an honorary diploma. Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Davidson asked Mr. Rogers to amend the agenda to allow an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Rogers agreed to do so and declared the board in executive session at 8:55 p.m. At 9:18 p.m. the board entered open session. No personnel action was taken.

At 9:19 p.m. Mr. Bearden moved to adjourn and Mr. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education