

Georgia State Board of Education
O.C.G.A. § 20-2-73 • Official Hearing
Montgomery County School Board of Education

August 24, 2011

Following a proffer by the Montgomery County School Board of Education, the Georgia State Board of Education entered into a Consent Order with the Montgomery County School Board of Education on Tuesday August 24, 2011. A copy of the transcript is attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

Motions & Votes Entered by the State Board of Education:

1. A motion to accept the Consent Order proffered by the Montgomery County School Board of Education.

Motion- Grant Lewis Second to the Motion- Kenneth Mason

Vote:

Wanda Barrs	Yes	Barbara Hampton	Yes
Linda Zechmann	Yes	Mike Royal	Yes
Elizabeth Ragsdale	Yes	Larry Winter	Yes
Helen Odom Rice	Yes	J. Grant Lewis	Yes
Dan Israel	---	Brian Burdette	Yes
Kenneth Mason	Yes	Allen Rice	Yes
		Mary Sue Murray	---

2. A motion to postpone the August 24, 2011 hearing to a date no later than March 31, 2012. A reconvening may occur if deemed necessary by the State Board of Education to reconsider a recommendation to the Governor.

Motion- Mike Royal Second to the Motion- Allen Rice

Vote:

Wanda Barrs	Yes	Barbara Hampton	Yes
Linda Zechmann	Yes	Mike Royal	Yes
Elizabeth Ragsdale	Yes	Larry Winter	Yes
Helen Odom Rice	Yes	Brian Burdette	Yes
Dan Israel	---	J. Grant Lewis	Yes
Kenneth Mason	Yes	Allen Rice	Yes
		Mary Sue Murray	---

Statement read at the conclusion of the hearing by State Board of Education Chair, Wanda Barrs:

Pursuant O.C.G.A. § 20-2-73 relating to the recommendation for potential suspension of local boards of education for governance related issues the Georgia State Board of Education has received, reviewed and approved the Consent Order and Agreement brought forward by the Montgomery County Schools. The order includes stipulations required toward satisfying the eight "Required Actions" outlined in the report provided by the SACS Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. Under these circumstances with the dire need for leadership and support of the corrective action plan put forth by Superintendent Randy Rogers the State Board agrees to suspend the August 24, 2011 hearing and do agree to reconvene the hearing at its discretion no later than March 31, 2012.

We are deeply concerned for the leadership in the Montgomery County Schools and are committed to support the monitoring of the leadership teams as they make every effort to meet the stipulations of the consent orders. Our greatest desire is to ensure students in Montgomery County as well as ALL systems around our state have exceptional learning opportunities. It is our belief that high functioning local board and superintendent leadership teams are essential to the success of Georgia's public schools.