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
   Mike Royal           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.