

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
MACON DIVISION

LESTER MILLER, GARY BECHTEL, and BRENDA )  
SUTTON, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

THE BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; MACON- )  
BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND )  
VOTER REGISTRATION; and ELAINE CARR, in her )  
official capacity as Executive Director of the Bibb County )  
Board of Elections and Voter Registration, )

Defendants. )

CIVIL ACTION FILE  
NO.: 5:12-CV-00239-HL

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**CONSENT ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT**

This matter came before the Court on December 3, 2012, at which time the Court heard oral argument from counsel on the Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment filed by Defendant Bibb County School District (Doc. 13) (“School District Motion”) and the Plaintiffs’ Motion for Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses (Doc 18) (“Fee Motion”).

Following the hearing, counsel for all parties engaged in settlement discussions and reached a full and final settlement of all remaining issues in the case, subject to approval of the Defendants. That approval has now been obtained and the settlement is final. The terms of settlement, as set forth below, are now made the Order of this Court:

(1) The School District Motion is hereby voluntarily dismissed with prejudice.

(2) The Fee Motion is hereby granted with the consent of both Defendants. Plaintiffs shall recover \$60,000.00 in attorneys’ fees and expenses of litigation. The School District shall pay \$38,000.00, and Bibb County, on behalf of the Bibb County Board of Elections, shall pay

\$22,000.00 of the fee award. The fee award shall be paid in full no later than December 20, 2012.

This Consent Order shall conclude the case. The Clerk is hereby directed to enter a Final Judgment in this case incorporating the Consent Order entered June 29, 2012, and this Consent Order.

SO ORDERED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

s/Hugh Lawson  
HONORABLE HUGH LAWSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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