

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, January 23, 2018 ~ 11:00 am**

The Anniston City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 23, 2018, in the Board Room of the Central Office, 4804 McClellan Boulevard. The members present included the following: Mr. Robert Houston, Mrs. Joan Frazier, Dr. Mary Harrington, Mrs. Trudy Munford and Mrs. Rebecca Brown. President Houston called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

Mrs. Teresia Hall, Principal of Randolph Park School, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Betty Merriweather, Principal of Golden Springs School, led the group in prayer.

Superintendent Douthitt recognized and welcomed all guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Douthitt recommended approval of the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Munford to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. This motion was approved 5-0.

Introduction of "Girls Who Code" Presentation

Mrs. Calix explained a new program called "Girls Who Code" which is a nationally recognized program that exposes 6-8 grade girls to STEAM career opportunities. Ms. Marcella Stovall is the teacher, and she explained how they go on enrichment trips to different business or museums that will expose them to the technology of today. They will be attending the Space Camp in Huntsville during the summer of 2018.

Special Recognition~ Board Appreciation Month

Randolph Park Elementary presented

Golden Springs Elementary presented

Anniston Middle School presented

Anniston High School presented

Tenth Street Elementary presented

Cobb Pre-K Academy presented

Special Recognition Teachers of the Year Nominees

Special Recognition ~ Mrs. Tiffphanie Hall, Instructor, Anniston High School

Special Recognition~ Ms. Michelle Jackson, Instructor, Anniston Middle School (Secondary)

Special Recognition~ Mrs. Simonia Cunningham Hutchinson, Instructor, Anniston Middle School (Elementary)

Special Recognition~ Ms. Mashonda Turner, Instructor, Golden Springs Elementary

Special Recognition~ Ms. Jill Cross, Instructor, Randolph Park Elementary

Special Recognition~ Ms. Nikki Echols, Instructor, Tenth Street Elementary

Special Recognition~ Ms. Nancy Hasty, Instructor, Cobb Pre-K

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Superintendent Douthitt recommended approval of the minutes from the Regular Sessions of November 16, 2017 and December 5, 2017.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Recommendations (Addendum)

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the personnel recommendations with one correction of the removal of item 1 on the addendum.

The motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

B. Financial Report and Check Register Accountability Report October 2017

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the October 2017 Financial report as presented.

The motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

C. Field Trips

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of field trips as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Requests for Use of Facility: Anniston High Performing Arts Center Auditorium

1) Dancing with the Stars

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the request by Dancing with the Stars for the use of the facility by Cornerstone Church.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier stated that we should be careful when approving something that uses a name of something that is already in existence. Superintendent Douthitt stated he will discuss it with Cornerstone when he hears from them. Mrs. Munford then asked when the building is being used if we ever receive any money from that. Superintendent Douthitt states that when non-profit organizations request rental, there is usually an in-kind offer given such as the children in the school system get to attend the event for free. He further that stated they do have to pay the maintenance fees.

The motion was approved 5-0.

2) CAST Kidz

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the request by CAST Kidz for the use of the facility.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Munford to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Before the vote, Mrs. Brown asked if we have a date conflict on February 23rd. Superintendent Douthitt and Mr. Gregory stated that the students can use the gym if there is a conflict.

The motion was approved 5-0.

E. The approval of the vendor for 1:1 Initiative (In-Care)

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the 1:1 Initiative.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Superintendent's Update

- Superintendent Douthitt congratulated the Girls on their County Championship and the Boys on their great participation.
- Great presentations at the MLK Breakfast from the Anniston City Schools.
- Discussed Inclement weather days and how the decisions are made
- Thanked Alabama Power for the \$2500.00 grant that we received.

Board Speaks

- Dr. Harrington asked that we try to meet with our community stakeholders. She also congratulated all the teachers of the year.
- Mrs. Munford thanked the teachers and the "Girls who Code". She stated that there are so many wonderful things going on in the school system. She encouraged them to be transparent and they can help you.
- Mrs. Frazier stated she has been on both sides of this issue and you have to be ready to take the comments and be positive and work for our children. She thanked all the teachers of the year.
- Mrs. Brown stated she is proud of the teachers of the year and she's a great advocate for the schools.
- Mr. Houston stated that the word "relevance" has been on his heart all morning. He stated that the teachers are very relevant. He appreciates the recognition from the schools to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 12:06pm.

Approved: March 15, 2018

Robert Houston, President

Darren Douthitt, Superintendent