

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

South Highland Community Center

Thursday, February 15, 2018

5:00 pm

The Anniston City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday February 15, 2018 at the South Highland Community Center, 229 Allen Avenue, Anniston, AL. 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 5:00 pm.

Mrs. Brenda Anderson, CNP Manager at Golden Springs Elementary, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Edward Sturkie, Director of Career Tech at AHS, led the group in prayer.

Superintendent Douthitt recognized and welcomed all guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Douthitt recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

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

Special Presentation: Child Nutrition Manager, Brenda Anderson

Ms. Brenda Anderson was honored as the Cornbread Dressing Champion for the School District. She is the CNP Manager at Golden Springs Elementary School.

Special Announcement: Dr. Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D, District 6 Alabama State Board of Education Member

Dr. McCarty presented the Board with information about the new class that has been awarded a \$2800.00 grant for an “Exploring Technology “class which will train a teacher to instruct students on Robotics. The teacher will receive training (during the summer and several times during the school year), a stipend, a laptop loaded with robotic software and a set of classroom robots.

Dr. McCarty also discussed the grant awarded to the Health Sciences class which will allow for a collaboration between NHC Healthcare and Anniston High School. The Health Sciences class will allow the students to train and become a Certified Nursing Assistant before graduation.

Anniston High School is also the first school collaborating with JSU to use the CORE grant program called “ED Ready Math” which tests the students after completing a math course to see if they are ready to progress. Dr. McCarty stated most of the children scored in the 90th percentile.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Recommendations

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the personnel recommendations as presented.

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

Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier asked if the afterschool tutoring resignation was because of scheduling conflicts. Superintendent Douthitt explained that the person may have thought that they could have fit this into their schedule but could not.

The motion was approved 5-0.

B. Financial Report and Check Register Accountability Report November 2017

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

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

C. Field Trip

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of field trips as presented.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

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

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the request from the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Foundation for the use of the facility.

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

Before the vote, Mrs. Munford asked if the children will have to pay a fee. Superintendent Douthitt replied, "No". Mrs. Frazier then asked about the dates if it would be day or evening hours. She further stated she just wants to make sure the dates don't overlap with anything the High School might be having. Superintendent Douthitt stated he would make sure before anything is finalized.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Superintendent Speaks

- Superintendent Douthitt congratulated the AHS basketball teams on their great season

- Great presentations for Black History programs upcoming; a schedule will be released soon
- Discussed the trip to Athens to observe the Renaissance Academy
- The Board training will be the week of March 4-9, this is for the upcoming evaluations

Board Speaks

- Mrs. Brown stated that what we have heard tonight is very exciting and that track practice has started. She's excited about the Dawgs going digital.
- Mrs. Frazier stated she appreciates all the great care and communication Dr. McCarty provides to this area. Mrs. Frazier asked if the schools have had active shooter training. Mr. Gregory stated they have had some but he is working with Officer McGraw to prepare for more with the students. Superintendent Douthitt stated he will work with the police department to get some more training completed.
- Dr. Harrington thanked Dr. McCarty for what she is doing for this district. She further stated she is excited for all the new things and is proud for her grandchildren to attend Anniston City Schools. She states she is supportive of Superintendent Douthitt and is proud of the Board members for "jelling" together.
- Mrs. Munford stated she also wanted to thank Dr. McCarty for everything she is doing. She further states she wants to partner with the parents and have more meetings in the community. She stated if children know you care, they will do the rest.
- Mr. Houston also wanted to thank Dr. McCarty. He stated he is going to try to keep the Board focused on completing tasks. He also talked about trust, character and competency. He stated the Board must model this behavior for the community and have one vision and culture for the school system.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items discussed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Frazier, the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 5:49 pm.

Approved: March 15, 2018

Robert Houston, President

Darren Douthitt, Superintendent

