

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION

**ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
4804 McClellan Boulevard- Central Office Boardroom
Anniston, Alabama 36201**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

5:00 p.m.

The Anniston City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday February 21, 2019, in the Central Office Boardroom, at 4804 McClellan Boulevard 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 5:07 pm.

Dr. Marlon Jones, Interim Superintendent led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Cindy Swain, Anniston City Schools Parent Specialist, led the group in prayer.

Interim Superintendent Jones recognized and welcomed all guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the agenda as amended and presented.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. James Wright- State Department of Education

Dr. Wright reintroduced himself and stated he is there to provide any assistance that the System may need from the State department.

Special Presentation: Audit Report- Mr. Keith Hundley (ADDENDUM)

Mr. Keith Hundley presented the independent audit report from September 30, 2017. There were two findings. One was that the System does not have one-month reserve operating funds and the second was that the Child Nutrition Program did not properly tag or complete an inventory for the equipment purchased with USDA money.

After the presentation, Mr. Houston asked if Mr. Hundley remembered what his recommendation for CNP was during the prior year. Mr. Hundley replied, “Yes and that it was to do an inventory and properly account for the items purchased and this must be done every two years.”

Mr. Hundley also stated that he plans to complete the September 30, 2018 audit and present information on it in the May meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the minutes from the Special Called Session on January 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the recommendation with the noted correction. The motion was approved with a 4-1 vote with Mrs. Frazier abstaining because of her absence.

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the minutes from the Regular Session on January 17, 2019.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the recommendation. The motion was approved with a 4-1 vote with Mrs. Frazier abstaining because of her absence.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Recommendations (Addendum)

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the personnel recommendations as presented.

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

Before the vote, Mrs. Munford asked if the Curriculum Chairs have a duty list or job description. Interim Superintendent Jones replied, "Yes, and that it is posted right outside on the Job Board." Mrs. Munford then asked for a copy and also an organizational chart. Interim Superintendent Jones stated he would get that for her.

The motion was approved 5-0.

B. Financial Report and Check Register Accountability Reports: October and November 2018

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the November and December 2018 Financial report as presented.

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

Mrs. Frazier asked for a brief overview of the Reports for October and November 2018. Mr. Thompson explained that the revenue is coming in slow and that the property taxes are now picking up. Mrs. Munford asked if they could start receiving the reports one at a time. Mr. Thompson stated yes he would start presenting them during the work session or monthly meetings. Mrs. Frazier then asked if he planned on presenting December, January and February to get them caught up. Mr. Thompson replied, "If that is what the Board wants."z She further stated if they could receive them with only the prior month. Dr. Harrington stated

she wanted to remind the Board that in order to stay ahead, we have to approve them monthly and not postpone approval like in the past. Mr. Thompson stated that the information that will be presented in the monthly meetings will be the same information. Mrs. Munford then asked if this was all the information needed. Mr. Thompson stated, “Yes this is all the information.”

The motion was approved 5-0.

C. Approval for Use of Anniston High School Performing Arts Center

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the Use of Facility request for the Anniston High School Performing Arts Center as presented.

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

Before the vote, Mrs. Munford stated that the Board needs to investigate the policy or agreements surrounding the use of the Performing Arts center. She further stated since the System is in need of money and they should be charging For-profit groups for the rental. Dr. Jones stated he has been looking into this matter.

The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Field Trips

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the field trips as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Munford and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the Interim Superintendent’s recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Munford the Anniston City School Board retired to an Executive session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was approved at 5:47 p.m.

On a motion made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 5:58 p.m.

E. Approval of the Crawford Clinic Agreement (Addendum)

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the agreement between the Crawford Clinic and the School Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the Interim Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Munford voting no.

Interim Superintendent Update

- Congratulated the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams for making it to Regionals
- Congratulated the Girls Team on making it to State and asked everyone to support them and travel to State
- Talked about the System-wide celebration to be held on March 19 at 5:00 pm; invited everyone to come out
- Thanked Mrs. Hall for bringing almost the whole school to the tournament

Board Speaks

- Dr. Harrington thanked everyone for supporting the children. She apologized to the Board for missing the meeting, but she had been caring for her mother.
- Mrs. Frazier also apologized for missing the meetings during January and explained that her husband is critically ill. She further stated she appreciated the gift cards given to her by the schools. Mrs. Frazier thanked the Interim Superintendent, Central Office Administrators and Principals for their presentations at the Work Session, and said she looks forward to the things to come.

- Mrs. Brown complimented Mrs. Hurst for all her work on the Chromebooks. She also stated she wanted to clarify the misinformation about the purchase of 11 Chromebooks because we are buying more than that, and it must have been a typo.
- Mrs. Munford stated that the Anniston City Schools and the Board has made her young again. She enjoyed going to the Basketball games and sitting near the Cheerleaders. She also encouraged the teachers to continue to work hard and try to work as a unit. She asked that the Community reach out to the Board members with any concerns so that it can be addressed and fixed.
- Mr. Houston stated the Work Session was outstanding and it gave him HOPE (helping our people excel). He further stated we have to decide who we want to be and be it. We have resilience.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Officers Workshop- Saturday February 23, 2019, 9 am- 3pm AASB office, Montgomery, AL

B. AASB Spring Conference March 1-2, 2019, Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel, Birmingham, AL

C. Board Work Session March 20, 2019 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrington, the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:14 pm.

Approved: March 21, 2019

Robert Houston, President

Dr. Marlon Jones, Interim Superintendent

