

Date	Kind of Meeting	Where Held
October 19, 2009	Regular	Dothan City Board of Education, Teachers' Center, 500 Dusy Street
Presiding Officer	Members Present	Members Absent
Dr. Steve Stokes, Chairman	Mrs. Brenda Guilford, District 1 Mr. Franklin Jones, District 2 Mr. Charles Woodall, District 3 Mr. Ben Armstrong, District 5 Mr. Chris Maddox, Vice-Chairman, District 6	Mr. Jimmy Addison, District 4

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Franklin Jones led in prayer.

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford gave the School System News as follows:

1. Mr. Greg Yance, Principal, Girard Middle School reports: The GMS Cheerleaders cheered at the Auburn vs. Ball State Game on September 26th. The girls did a great job representing GMS and Dothan City Schools. The GMS Ovations performed for our September PTO. Parents, students and teachers were impressed with the 1950's themed music. Connie Wehner, our adopt a school sponsor from Regions Bank, met with LinC students explaining about the stock market.
2. Ms. Sue Clark, Principal, Montana Magnet School reports: Montana completed our Learn-a-thon in September. It was a great success. The students collected almost \$37,000.00! Our Learn-a-thon is our school's only fundraiser in which students collect money (similar to Jump Rope for Heart). In return the students get to visit four learning stations related to our school theme which this year is "western". Through skits performed by parents, they learned about "Montana Jones meets Phineas and Ferb for a visit with the Indians", "A Barn Raising", "A Night at the Museum: The History of the Cowboy" and "Bedtime Stories: The Westward Expansion." Learn-a-thon was a learning experience for all that attended. Thank you to all who participated and contributed their time and money.

Delegations:

1. Mr. Edward Vaughn addressed the Board regarding PASS Academy stating their objective is to serve the most undeserved student population in the city school system, these children have been thrown away, we must all work together to save and improve PASS Academy, the coalition started a paper drive to supply the school with toilet paper, tissue, bleach, hand sanitizers, feminine products, and paper towels, we now have a volunteer counselor-Catrina Copeland and we thank Dr. Nichols' office for recruiting Dr. Copeland and we hope she will be added to the permanent staff, the lunches come from Montana Magnet School and tend to be cold with burnt pizza, many times raw bread and frozen food, they get no breakfast with 90% of the students at PASS are on the free lunch program because they are poor, lack of substitute teachers with special education teachers being put in the classrooms as substitutes and if we work together we can make PASS Academy a model school in the city system and that is the objective of the citywide citizens coalition to save and improve PASS Academy.
2. Mrs. Amelia Gerald Tsukuda addressed the Board regarding her child's Algebra teacher not be highly qualified, NCLB stipulates that teachers hired in Title I schools must be immediately highly qualified, Title I schools are highly at risk students, suggest you extend your search beyond Houston County seeking out highly qualified teachers, you put my child at risk, when you hired this individual or individuals how many did not speak clear text English, if you just made AYP why would you hire unqualified teachers in a Title I school, in the future when you hire new teachers they should be able to speak clear texted English, and a child should not have to sit in the classroom and try to figure out the subject matter as well as what the teacher saying.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Mr. Chris Maddox to approve the Agenda and proposed modifications as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Mr. Ben Armstrong to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Minute(s): September 8, 2009–Special Board Meeting and September 21, 2009-Regular Board Meeting-TA5, G21
 Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable/Payrolls -TA4, G14 (See Attachment "A")
 Child Nutrition Program – TA4, G14
 Project Updates - TA4, G14
 Donation(s) – TA4, G14
 Bids: Carpet/Floor – Systemwide – TA4, G14

Dr. Dell Goodwin presented the Personnel Agenda.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Mr. Ben Armstrong to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None. (See Attachment "B")

Dr. Dell Goodwin stated it was time for the nomination of the AASB Delegates for the December meeting. Mrs. Brenda Guilford nominated Mr. Franklin Jones and Mr. Chris Maddox, Vice-Chairman, as Delegates and herself as the Alternate. Mr. Ben Armstrong stated his concerns about the cost of sending the entire Board in light of what we are facing asking is it going to be a necessity to send more than two members. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated our Board is slacking in attendance as represented by their level because in order to go up the Academy level you have to attend the conferences, that's how you learn to be a Board Member. We not only come to the meetings but there are a lot of things we can learn from the Academy. I am a representative and I was appointed on the committee and I went to a meeting in September in Birmingham that the State paid for and we have 82% in all of Alabama who attend the Academy and our project now is to work on the others so it is important that we attend. I do not think Mr. Manuel will have a problem with that.

Dr. Sam Nichols introduced the following:

1. Ms. Rosalind James, Coordinator for the YES WE CAN Student Involvement Committee, gave an overview of the committee and introduced the student representatives: McKenzie Stewart - NHS Student Representative, Dalton Stacks – NHS Alternate, Tolver Dozier – DHS Student Representative, Katie Andrews – DHS Alternate, YWC Executive Committee Members: DHS – Beatrice Onadeka-12th Grade, Amanda Gaster-11th Grade, Morgan Moulton-10th Grade, Zhane Thomas-9th Grade, NHS – Stephen Tsukuda, Summer Creel, Dalton Starks, Jarred Griffin, Michael Jimentel, Local School Chairperson-Haley Hart and Assistant School Chairperson-Dana Diaz.
2. Mr. Chris Manasco, teacher at BMS, stated the Best Robotics program is a 6 week program, pre-engineering class; they had to do an oral presentation, table display and build a robot. Students in the program danced and presented a PowerPoint giving the timeline and how well they scored. Mr. Justin Sanders, teacher at DTC, addressed DTC's performance, the electronic parts had to be given back to Auburn so the robots were destroyed and we would like to establish a HUB here. Dr. Nichols stated the students toured the Auburn department and stated they were using the same problem solving processes Auburn uses. He thanked them for their hard work.
3. Mr. Mike Manuel gave a Budget Update reviewing the General Fund Balance Comparison, Local Revenue Comparison, General Fund Revenues FY 2007, FY 2008 and FY 2009, Analysis of General Fund Expenditures FY 2007, FY 2008 and FY 2009 and General Fund Recap. Dr. Nichols stated he would present a plan to the Board at the first November meeting and come back at the regular November meeting asking for approval. This would give the Board time to review the information, ask questions and comment. (See Attachment "C")
4. Mrs. Allyson Morgan gave an update on H1N1 stating the lead SDE Nurse met with them, they have a tentative plan for the 8 county area, permission slips from the SDE will go home with the students, an announcement will be made through SchoolCast for two nights in a row and it is tentatively set for November. Dr. Nichols stated we will not send anything out unless it is from the Department of Health.

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish thanked the students for their hard work and said they had set a standard and the next time we need to be the champions. He stated the Board is very proud.

Mr. Franklin Jones made a motion seconded by Mrs. Brenda Guilford to adjourn into Executive Session for Student Hearings as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Mr. Chris Maddox made a motion seconded by Mr. Ben Armstrong to reconvene into Regular Session as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Mr. Jere Segrest, Board Attorney, stated there was no action taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Charles Woodall made a motion seconded by Mrs. Brenda Guilford to send Mr. Jones and Mr. Maddox as our Delegates to AASB and Mrs. Guilford as our alternate. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish. "NAY" – Armstrong. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Mr. Ben Armstrong reiterated what he said earlier, if we need two Delegates to just consider two in light of the financial situation. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated we cannot do that. Mr. Ben Armstrong asked we cannot send two? Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated what you have to understand is going to the conference, this is the Academy, it is for training. As Board Members we need training, we do not just come and sit on the Board. Mr. Ben Armstrong stated I am not arguing that we do not need some training but do we all need it at the same time and at \$500 per Board Member. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated yes we need it and you do not have to go for training if you do not want to but those that want to go then it should be approved. Now if somebody does not want to approve it then we will deal with

that but it should be approved and all Board Members need to go through some training. We do not need to stay on the Board for one year and not move into one level. Dr. Parrish asked how often is there training. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated we have training probably about five or six times a year. Dr. Parrish asked Mrs. Guilford to explain again the levels. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated you get core credits and you should be getting information through the mail now about the Academy. You can reach Master Level; you go 1, 2, 3, 4 and then Master Level. It's like education you do not just stop because you get to a level, just like teachers need to go to workshops because something is changing all the time on the State level. Mr. Ben Armstrong stated I understand because in my profession I get so many hours of continuing education every year but I was just reiterating in our firm we try to manage our costs as we do that. Mrs. Guilford stated exactly, this is a job just like your job and we have to take it that way. Dr. Parrish stated we can think about it and if we do not want to go we do not have to go. If further asked if they wanted the motion to stand or redo the motion. Mr. Ben Armstrong stated the motion did not address any expenses, did it. Dr. Parrish stated we leave it like it is I assume. Mrs. Guilford stated you've got to.

Dr. Sam Nichols recommended student number 70331 be expelled for the remainder of this school year.

Mr. Charles Woodall made a motion seconded by Mr. Ben Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation (that student number 70331 be expelled for the remainder of this school year). The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – Guilford. "ABSTAIN" - None.

Mr. Chris Maddox made a motion seconded by Mrs. Brenda Guilford to adjourn. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, Woodall, Maddox, Parrish, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVED: November 16, 2009

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish, Chairman

Sam Nichols, Superintendent, Secretary