

Date	Kind of Meeting	Where Held
March 8, 2010	Special	Honeysuckle Middle School - Auditorium, 1665 Honeysuckle Road
Presiding Officer	Members Present	Members Absent
Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish, Chairman	Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish, Chairman Mrs. Brenda Guilford, District 1 Mr. Franklin Jones, District 2 Mr. Charles Woodall, District 3 Mr. Jimmy Addison, District 4 Mr. Ben Armstrong, District 5	Mr. Chris Maddox, Vice-Chairman, District 6

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Franklin Jones led in prayer.

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

School System News:

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

1. Mr. Matthew Humphrey, Principal at Dothan High School reports: Eight football players and four softball players signed scholarships within the last month. The drama department presented an original play this year that was written and directed by Dothan High students. Terry Collins was honored at DHS as plans were unveiled to complete a field house for the baseball program to be named in his honor.
2. Mr. Ron Snell, Principal at Northview High School reports: Congratulations to David Grace, BJ Chitty, Derrick Thomas and Preston Hatcher for signing a letter of intent to play college football next year. Also, congratulations to Haley Hart for being chosen as the Region 3 Byrant-Jordan Scholar Athlete. She will join 7 other state winners in Birmingham for the chance for more scholarship money. Mrs. Guilford also thanked Mr. Snell and Mr. Fleming regarding the Black History Program stating that Shante' Goodman coordinated the program. There were two inspirational songs and a skit regarding Brown vs. Board of Education.

Delegations:

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish stated that the Delegations would be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting after Dr. Nichols' presentation.

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish acknowledged the YES WE CAN Delegation and stated they have done some tremendous and very positive things for our school system.

Approval of Agenda and Proposed Agenda Modifications:

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Mr. Charles Woodall 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, Parrish, Addison, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Personnel Services:

Dr. Dell Goodwin presented the Personnel Agenda.

Mr. Jimmy Addison 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, Parrish, Addison, Armstrong. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None. (See Attachment "A")

Superintendent Recommendations:

1. Dr. Sam Nichols addressed the Board regarding the budget stating it is a statewide issue with some systems facing more serious problems than others. Dr. Nichols began the budget update showing a video clip of Mr. Craig Pouncey with the State Department of Education stating the seriousness of the budget issues facing the State and school systems across Alabama. Dr. Nichols continued with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the budget situation. (See Attachment "B") Discussion was held regarding educating the public on the crisis, transportation funds, furloughs being illegal in Alabama, construction and renovations being part of a bond issue for capital improvements, researching Section 16-25-4 regarding furloughs, our school system being above the State minimum, federal funds absorbing some of the salaries for teachers and nurses, we spent IDEA to keep people employed, the money will be gone after 2011 unless there is a

significant improvement, Head Start, CNP and IDEA are specific earmarks and cannot be co-mingled. Dr. Nichols stated in 2009 we cut \$5.5 million and we could not terminate teachers after the school year started, and in 2010 it happened again with \$3.5 million after everyone was employed. We need a "real" budget without inflated revenues and we need to be proactive, it is the responsible thing to do and move forward. Discussion continued regarding P.A.S.S., consolidation could save jobs and programs could be saved because of the duplication, making an educated not emotional decision, looking at the 5 additional days that were added, increasing PEEHIP and reducing some benefits, looking at creative ways or emergency uses of the funds, having input from elementary, middle and high school administrators, and making capital improvements with \$3 million that is available. Dr. Nichols stated he has never seen it this bad and that he sent all employees an email.

Delegations:

Mr. Ed Vaughn addressed the Board with a Plan to raise \$20 million in the next 2 years. (See Attachment "C")

New Business:

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish announced the Board would meet again on March 22nd.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED: April 19, 2010

Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish, Chairman

Sam Nichols, Superintendent, Secretary