

June 15, 2009
Date

Regular
Kind of Meeting

Teachers' Center
Where Held

Dr. Steve Stokes, Chairman
Presiding Officer

Members Present:

Dr. Steve Stokes, Chairman
Mr. Chris Maddox, Vice-Chairman, District 6
Mr. Franklin Jones, District 2
Ms. Gayla White, District 3
Mr. Jimmy Addison, District 4
Dr. Hays McKay, District 5

Members Absent:

Mrs. Brenda Guilford, District 1

The Chairman, Dr. Steve Stokes, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Hays McKay led in prayer.

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Hays McKay read the Mission Statement of Dothan City Schools.

Mr. Franklin Jones gave the School System News as follows:

1. Dr. Betty Armstrong, Principal, Hidden Lake Elementary School reports several Hidden Lake students participated in the Autism Walk at Eastgate Park on Saturday, April 18th. The students and parents met at Hidden Lake Elementary School after the walk to work on and rejuvenate the Outdoor Science Classroom. Taylor Blackwell, 4th grade student, won the 2008-2009 Spelling Bee at Hidden Lake. She competed against 7th graders and placed 10th. Hidden Lake Elementary also received grant money in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Sam's Club.
2. Mr. Matthew Humphrey, Principal, Dothan High School reports three FBLA student members received recognition at the state FBLA Competition held in Birmingham: Jay Shah (Sr.) - 1st Place in Help Desk (tech support) Category; Brandon Baker (Sr.) - 2nd Place in Computer Problem Solving; Alexis Smith (Soph) - 2nd Place in Word Processing. These students are eligible to attend the National FBLA Competition in Anaheim, California. FBLA will be diligently working to secure funds to make the trip possible. The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce recently recognized DHS JROTC Cadet Chelsea Hassell as Cadet of the Year. She is SGA Vice-President and a Member of the Key Club and has been awarded a 4-year scholarship to Auburn University. Two members of the "The Best Band in Tiger Land" were recognized with honors at the ALL STATE Band Competition held in Auburn, Ethan Kelley (Bass Clarinet) was selected as part of the Blue Band and Marcus Lisenby (French Horn) was selected as part of the White Band. The DHS Softball Team won first place at the Opelika Softball Tournament and finished their season by having the best area game record. The DHS Baseball Team really "knocked one out of the park" by winning their area and finishing their season with a trip to regional competition. The Spring Choral Concert was held April 23, 2009, the DHS Drama Department presented "Steel Magnolias" on May 8th-9th, the DHS Show Choir and Ladies Ensemble hosted their annual dinner theatre event on May 21st-23rd at the Cultural Arts Center. It sold out each night. On May 30th DHS graduated 257 students. The 2009-2010 graduating class has been awarded \$1,328,260 in scholarship monies.
3. Mr. Ron Snell, Principal, Northview High School reports the 2008-2009 Northview graduates have received 3 million dollars in scholarships, grants and awards. Coach Noble, Softball, and Coach Bruner, girl's soccer, were Coaches of the Year. NHS was third place in the state for softball. NHS had 6 Super 12 players for spring sports and one Player of the Year, Alanna Vincent, for Soccer.
4. Mr. Greg Allen, Principal, Dothan Technology Center reports the following students will be going to compete with SkillsUSA on the national level in Kansas City, MO. It will be held on June 22-27. Ashley Windsor-Job Skills Demonstration, Taylor Williams and Sharron Peters – Promotional Bulletin Board, Micah Hayes – Prepared Speech and Antonio Snell – Plumbing.

Dr. Steve Stokes stated Mr. and Mrs. Guiler, Delegations registered to speak, would wait until later in the meeting to speak if necessary.

Mr. Kelvin Hardamon, Executive Director of Big Brothers, addressed the Board and requested the Board reconsider his request for zoning. Discussion was held. Dr. Steve Stokes requested Mr. Franklin Jones and Mr. Jimmy Addison meet with Mr. Hardamon. Ms. Gayla White requested Mr. Matt Humphrey be present also.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to approve the Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, Addison, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Chris Maddox to approve the Consent Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, Addison, McKay, Maddox. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Minute(s): May 18, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting - *Co-Owned Strategic Plan, Target Area 5, Goal 21*
Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable/Payrolls - *Co-Owned Strategic Plan, Target Area 4.14*
(See Attachment "A")

Child Nutrition Program – Monthly Financial Report - *Co-Owned Strategic Plan, Target Area 4.14*
Project Updates - *Co-Owned Strategic Plan, Target Area 4.14*

Bid(s): Printing for Elementary, Secondary and P.A.S.S. Academy Code of Student Conduct
Delivery, Installation and 24 Month Leasing of Structural Precast Concrete Ramps and Elevated Platform
Units for 13 Portables

Donation(s) - *Co-Owned Strategic Plan, Target Area 4.14*

Approval to Purchase Computers and Computer Related Equipment through CSI Leasing – Third Equipment
Schedule – *Co-Owned Strategic Plan, Target Area 4.14*

Dr. Dell Goodwin presented the Personnel Agenda deleting Item 4.4.9. Ms. Gayla White pulled Item 4.6.1.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Dr. Hays McKay approve the Personnel Agenda deleting Item 4.4.9 and pulling Item 4.6.1, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, Addison, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None. (See Attachment "B")

Mr. Franklin Jones asked about the number of minorities. Dr. Dell Goodwin stated she would get back with him.

Dr. Hays McKay made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to approve Item 4.6.1 of the Personnel Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, Addison, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – White. "ABSTAIN" – None. (See Attachment "B")

Discussion was held.

Ms. Susan Loftin reviewed the Student Code of Conduct stating Mr. Segrest, Board Attorney, had reviewed same and all was in order.

Ms. Gayla White addressed the following: (1) requested information on page 99 regarding student driving privileges on campus be put in student handbooks at both high schools, (2) sexting messaging issues and encouraging the middle and high schools to invite the Police to come in and educate the students on legal issues as soon as school starts. Dr. Sam Nichols stated that it is a great idea and the Code of Conduct is taught to the students. Ms. Susan Loftin stated she would contact the Principals.

Mr. Jimmy Addison made a motion seconded by Dr. Hays McKay to accept the Student Code of Conduct as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, Addison, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Dr. Sam Nichols stated Dothan City Schools was recognized for the 12th year regarding the "What Parents Want" National Survey. (See Attachment "C")

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. Discussion was held. (See Attachment "D")

Dr. Steve Stokes stated the Board will adjourn into Executive Session for student hearings.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to adjourn into Executive Session for Student Hearings as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, Addison, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Mr. Jimmy Addison left the meeting before the Board reconvened.

Dr. Steve Stokes reconvened the meeting stating no action was taken.

Dr. Sam Nichols recommended that student number 55538 be expelled from Dothan City Schools for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year at the end of the first semester the student can reapply to P.A.S.S. Academy and if she is successful at P.A.S.S. Academy the second semester next year can reapply to her regular school the following year.

Mr. Franklin Jones made a motion seconded by Mr. Chris Maddox that student number 55538 be expelled from Dothan City Schools for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year at the end of the first semester the student can reapply to P.A.S.S. Academy and if she is successful at P.A.S.S. Academy the second semester next year can reapply to her regular school the following year as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Steve Stokes acknowledged the YES WE CAN! Dothan delegation.

Dr. Steve Stokes announced the following Board meeting dates: July 6, 2009 to be held at Heard Magnet School and July 20th to be held in the Teachers' Center.

Mr. Chris Maddox and Mrs. Allyson Morgan discussed dual enrollment jeopardizing possibility of Salutatorian or Valedictorian of the class, honors, AP weighted classes, and standing in the class is found on the report card.

Ms. Gayla White requested Dr. Nichols meet with Ron Snell and concerned parents about all the stuff going on at NHS and make them aware of what is going on, what the process will be so they will be educated and all this turmoil will be put to rest.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to adjourn. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, White, McKay, Maddox, . "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED: July 20, 2009

Dr. Steve Stokes, Chairman

Sam Nichols, Superintendent, Secretary