

June 1, 2009  
**Date**

Special  
**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  
Mrs. Brenda Guilford, District 1  
Mr. Franklin Jones, District 2  
Ms. Gayla White, District 3  
Mr. Jimmy Addison, District 4

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Hays McKay, District 5

The Chairman, Dr. Steve Stokes, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Franklin Jones led in prayer.

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Steve Stokes gave the School System News stating Mr. Scott Faulk, Acting Principal, Honeysuckle Middle School, reports that good things are happening at Honeysuckle:

1. Nine 8th grade students received the presidential award for academic excellence.
2. The staff awarded Anna Armstrong - Teacher of the Year, and Gail Tew -Support Staff of the Year.
3. Students that received a 3 or higher on the writing assessment test were taken on a field trip to the Marianna Caverns.
4. Students that made the honor roll for the 3rd 9 weeks were taken on a field trip to the movie theatre.
5. All students that were present for testing every day received a bowling trip, double PE, or a dance as a reward for their dedication.
6. The HMS lunchroom staff received a 99 rating from the health department.
7. Two of our students received the Michelin Award for academic excellence.
8. Alanah Brackin received the scholar award for making all A's the entire year.

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

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Mr. Chris Maddox to adjourn into a Work Session as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Stokes, Addison. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" - None.

1. Dr. Sam Nichols introduced staff members to give an update for the next school year.
  - a. Mr. Mike Manuel gave an update on the portable classrooms, new desks being ordered, the roofing project at DTC and NHS will be finished in a couple of months, the DHS additions on the band room, cafeteria and continuing the remodeling effort.
  - b. Ms. Susan Loftin stated she and Mrs. Morgan have been working on the transfer of materials to take place over the summer, teacher units have been identified by grade level, procedures have been put into place to transfer textbooks so teacher units and textbooks will be in place by the middle of June, Mr. Hall will help coordinate the transfer and only teacher units that have been approved are being transferred.
  - c. Dr. Jimmy McCarty reviewed the process of having the high schools become Title I schools, to become a school-wide Title I school we must have 40% of our students from low income families, the State of Alabama has been encouraged by the Feds to encourage districts to make high schools Title I schools to have the additional resources since so many high schools have not made AYP, these additional resources will hopefully enable our high schools make AYP and no Title I funds will be pulled away from any of the other schools.
  - d. Mr. Ted Hall stated Heard Magnet School is currently 15 students under capacity with room in grades 2 and 3, Montana Magnet is currently 7 students under capacity with room in grade 5 only, Beverlye Magnet is currently 33 students under capacity with room in grades 6 and 8 and Carver Magnet is currently 76 students under capacity with room in all three grades, applications will be accepted through October 1<sup>st</sup>, the next drawing is June 18<sup>th</sup>, we expect enrollment to be up again this year. It has been up approximately 150 students a year for the last three years. The capacity for Heard and Montana Magnet is 447 and Beverlye and Carver Magnet is 516.
  - e. Dr. Dell Goodwin stated Dothan City Schools is one of the larger employers in the City of Dothan with close to 1,200 employees and this summer between the 72 transfers we have advertised for 56 certified positions and 33 support positions as of today.

2. Dr. Sam Nichols reviewed the proposed Agenda for the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to reconvene into Regular Session as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Stokes, Addison. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" - None.

Dr. Dell Goodwin presented the Personnel Agenda and clarified that the Summer Bridge Program is paid out of money from the City of Dothan.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Chris Maddox to approve the Personnel Agenda pulling Item 3.2.4 as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Stokes, Addison. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" - None. (See Attachment "A")

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to approve Item 3.2.4 of the Personnel Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, White, Stokes, Addison. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" - Maddox. (See Attachment "A")

Dr. Steve Stokes requested that the Personnel Agenda be brought to the Board earlier, by fax or email, so the Board will have enough time to review it before voting. Dr. Dell Goodwin stated she had a Principal call in right before they left. Dr. Steve Stokes stated the Principals needed to be given a deadline. Dr. Dell Goodwin stated they have and she would be glad to adhere to that.

Dr. Steve Stokes stated the Board would adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character of an Employee. Mr. Jere Segrest stated he is an attorney licensed to practice law in Alabama and currently have that privilege and I will be discussing a matter that is likely to be litigated and another matter that is imminently going to be involved in litigation if the Board pursues a certain course. This is to satisfy the Statute. Dr. Steve Stokes stated no action will be taken it will be for information gathering only.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Ms. Gayla White to adjourn into Executive Session as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Stokes, Addison. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" - None.

Dr. Steve Stokes reconvened the meeting emphasizing again that no action was taken in Executive Session it was for information purposes only.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Dr. Steve Stokes announced the Board would meet on June 15, 2009, at the Teachers' Center, 500 Dusy Street, July 6, 2009 at Heard Elementary School and July 20, 2009 back at Dusy Street.

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

Discussion was held. Dr. Sam Nichols recognized Mrs. Vicki Davis as the new Principal for Highlands Elementary School. Ms. Gayla White thanked Mrs. Walker for hosting the Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved: July 20, 2009

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Dr. Steve Stokes, Chairman

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Sam Nichols, Superintendent, Secretary