

<b>Date</b>	<b>Kind of Meeting</b>	<b>Where Held</b>
September 21, 2009	Regular	Dothan City Board of Education, Teachers' Center, 500 Dusy Street
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Dr. Steve Stokes, Chairman	Mrs. Brenda Guilford, District 1 Mr. Franklin Jones, District 2 Ms. Gayla White, District 3 Mr. Jimmy Addison, District 4 Dr. Hays McKay, District 5 Mr. Chris Maddox, Vice-Chairman, District 6	

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

Dr. Hays McKay led in prayer.

Dr. Steve Stokes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jimmy Addison read the Mission Statement of Dothan City Schools.

Dr. Hays McKay gave the School System News as follows: Mr. Willie Brown, Principal, Landmark Elementary School, reports they have received enough donations to start their own Uniform Clothes Closet. Linda Kies, Counselor, has done a wonderful job buying clothes in various sizes, assistance has been given to seven families, and they are very appreciative of the donations.

Mrs. Libby Krietemeyer thanked Dr. Steve Stokes, Ms. Gayla White and Dr. Hays McKay for their endless hours working toward the betterment of Dothan City Schools. She further thanked the entire Board for the successes we are celebrating in our schools. She also thanked Steve and Angela Stokes for their help with the education foundation and Dr. Stokes for donating his monthly Board stipend to the foundation. She thanked the Board for their professionalism and leadership for the last four years.

Senator Harri Anne Smith and Representative Lewis made a presentation to Dr. Steve Stokes, Ms. Gayla White and Dr. Hays McKay for their service and thanked the Board for their service to the community and for helping put excitement back in Dothan City Schools.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford made a motion seconded by Mr. Franklin Jones to approve the Agenda and proposed modifications as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Addison, McKay. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Ms. Gayla White requested Item 3.6 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mrs. Brenda Guilford to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 3.6, Principal Contracts, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Addison, McKay. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Minute(s): August 17, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting - TA5, G21  
 Monthly Financial Reports and Accounts Payable/Payrolls -TA4, G14 (See Attachment "A")  
 Project Updates - TA4, G14  
 At-Risk Community Partnership  
 Bids: Five Package Units for NHS Gym and CNP: Frozen Slush Service – System wide  
 Continuous Improvement Plans (CIP): Dothan High School and Northview High School  
 Job Description for High School Graduation Coach  
 Donation(s)

Discussion was held.

Mr. Jimmy Addison made a motion seconded by Dr. Hays McKay to approve Item 3.6, Principal Contracts, of the Consent Agenda as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Addison, McKay. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

Dr. Dell Goodwin presented the Personnel Agenda.

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

Dr. Sam Nichols presented the Proclamation for Beverlye Magnet School and Dothan Technology Center. Representatives from Beverlye Magnet School and Dothan Technology Center spoke.

Ms. Gayla White made a motion seconded by Mr. Jimmy Addison to accept the Proclamation for Beverlye Magnet School and Dothan Technology Center to make October 10<sup>th</sup> Best Robotics Day as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Addison, McKay. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None. (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. (See Attachment "D")

Dr. Sam Nichols recognized Dr. Steve Stokes, Ms. Gayla White, Dr. Hays McKay and Mrs. Margaret Johnson and Board for their accomplishments as follows: we came out from under the 35 year desegregation court order, rezoning of schools in school clusters and addition of two magnet schools in 2007, successfully navigated years of proration while still providing quality services, increased the number of nurses, created the YES WE CAN Partnership and adopted the Co-Owned Strategic Plan in May 2008, all Schools this past year made AYP, Employee Dress Code -July 2009, Student Uniform Policy went into effect this school year, websites were established for all our schools, SchoolCast which is a mass notification of parents through telephone, email and texting informing parents of emergencies or other school news that can be done from the Central Office or individual schools, million dollar allocation from the City in 2008 hiring graduation coaches in the high schools, fine arts teachers in the middle schools, 9<sup>th</sup> grade centers, purchased 40 active classrooms at each middle school, instructional coaches in all middle schools, instructional software purchased for all middle schools, 9<sup>th</sup> grade coordinators at both high schools, Board agendas and minutes are now posted on the DCS website, FACES Initiative (Faine and Grandview project) partnered with the Wiregrass Foundation in July 2008, music teachers in all the elementary schools as of September 2007, elementary enrollment has grown almost 500 students in the last 4 years, creation of three new elementary schools occupied during the 2001-2002 school year, all elementary schools are ARI sites, reading coaches in all the elementary schools, six elementary schools have keyboarding labs, two AMSTI Schools (Alabama Math, Science and Technology), massive secondary reform initiative partnering with the City of Dothan and The Wiregrass Foundation in *Making Middle Grades Work* and *High Schools That Work* starting in October 2008, we have gone to a 7-period day, both high school cafeterias were renovated and modernized, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academies and Summer Programs were implemented at both high schools, Instructional Specialist was hired to meet AYP, come out from school improvement and implement the corrective action plans, reroofed NHS and DTC, Convocation Center was completed at NHS, Parent Involvement Summits were held starting 2009, job postings are now on the website, certified and support applications are done online now, teacher certificates are renewed online, contracted with AASB to revise the current School Board Policy Manual, Board monthly financial statements are posted on the website, check registers are posted on the website, online purchase orders have been implemented, we continue to receive unqualified audits each year from our auditors, budgets are online and published in the newspaper, lawn maintenance contracts, 2001-2002 we spent \$1,800,000 on electrical upgrades, major renovations at the Preschool / Head Start Center, added canopies to BMS, HMS, Hidden Lake, Highlands, Landmark, NHS and GMS, electrical upgrades at DHS in 2002, enclosed walkways at the Preschool Center, reroofing projects at elementary schools in 2005, pavilion, covered walkway at CMS, NHS and DTC in 2005, new band room at CMS in 2005, asphalt basketball court, door replacements and basketball equipment upgrades at NHS, renovations at the Arts and Science building to become the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy at DHS, CNP equipment upgrades system wide, upgraded the school bus fleet – 90 new school buses (most modern fleet in the State of Alabama), wireless access in all the schools, recycling program, ACCESS Labs at DTC, DHS and NHS, purchased 400 laptops for teachers, 3,000 pieces of electronic equipment for classrooms, Technology Professional Courses are now offered online, 15 plus computer labs system wide, installed IMAC labs at GMS, Heard, DHS, NHS, DTC and Central Office, and installed security cameras system wide. Dr. Nichols thanked them for their willingness to serve, countless hours of service and difficult decisions that were made. (See Attachment "E") Dr. Nichols presented plaques to: Mrs. Margaret Johnson serving from April 1993 to August 2008, Ms. Gayla White serving from October 2001 to October 2009, Dr. Hays McKay serving from October 2005 to October 2009, Dr. Steve Stokes serving from October 2005 to October 2009. Each Board Member expressed their appreciation and the opportunity to serve the community acknowledging the change in the attitude of the community, working with YWC, the City, the Chamber and the Wiregrass Foundation and thanked Dr. Nichols.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Dr. Steve Stokes announced the following Board meeting dates: Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Swearing In Ceremony, Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Special Board Meeting and Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated she has been appointed to the Academy Board and stated the importance of becoming a part of the Academy and that we have representation.

Mr. Jimmy Addison expressed his appreciation to the Board and their leadership.

Dr. Hays McKay made a motion seconded by Mr. Chris Maddox to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Voting was as follows: "YEA" – Stokes, Jones, Guilford, White, Maddox, Addison, McKay. "NAY" – None. "ABSTAIN" – None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED: October 19, 2009

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Dr. Harry Wayne Parrish, Chairman

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Sam Nichols, Superintendent, Secretary