

Board Meeting  
February 6, 2020

The Scottsboro City Board of Education met in regular session on February 6, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at the Page Administration Building.

Dr. Jose Reyes, Jr., Superintendent, and the following Board Members were present: Mr. John Esslinger, Mrs. Julie Gentry, Mrs. Patricia Stewart and Mr. Jason Williams. Mr. Lee Benson was absent.

Mrs. Gentry, Board President, called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Austyn Shelton, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Collins Intermediate School and a prayer by Mr. John Esslinger.

The Board recognized the following **Individual Members of the Scottsboro High School Bowling Team** for their achievement in winning First Place at the 2020 AHSAA Boys Bowling, Class 1A-7A Regional 16: **Colin Beddingfield, Dylan Chastain, Zac Cushman, Xavier Lassetter, Brody Mason, Palmer Shannon, and Eli Woods.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Agenda**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gentry to go into **Executive Session** and a second was made by Mr. Williams. The vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Mrs. Stewart to return to Regular Session and a second was made by Mr. Williams. The vote was unanimous to return to **Regular Session**. Mrs. Gentry stated that during the Executive Session there was no Board Action taken and the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the good name and character of an employee.

### **Consent Agenda**

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mr. Esslinger and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Consent Items**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Consent Items which consists of the following:

- A. Board Minutes
  - 1. December 17, 2019 Called Board Meeting
  - 2. December 17, 2019 Board Work Session
  - 3. January 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Financial Statement & Bank Reconciliation for December, 2019
- C. Fund Raisers

### **Action Items**

#### A. Personnel

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Personnel Agenda**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Personnel Agenda.

I. RESIGNATIONCERTIFIED

1. HAYNES, Jonathan – Third Grade Teacher, Caldwell Elementary School, effective January 24, 2020.

II. RESIGNATIONCLASSIFIED

2. HAYNES, Kimberly – Instructional Assistant, Nelson Elementary School, to Teacher, Caldwell Elementary School, effective February 7, 2020, replacing Beth Ann Mason.

## B. Additions to Substitute Teachers

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Esslinger to approve the **Additions to Substitute Teachers for 2019-2020**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Additions to Substitute Teachers for 2019-2020.

## C. Contract for Principal Contract for Jason Hass

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Principal Contract for Jason Hass**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Principal Contract for Jason Hass.

## D. Preschool Coordinator Supplement

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Preschool Coordinator Supplement** in the **amount of \$1,000.00**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Preschool Coordinator Supplement. It was noted that the supplement will not be new funding but a reallocation of existing funds.

## E. 2020-2021 School Calendar

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mr. Williams and a second by Mr. Esslinger to approve the **2020-2021 School Calendar**. The vote was unanimous to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

## F. Scottsboro High School Football Mower Shed

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Scottsboro High School Football Mower Shed**. The shed will cost **\$10,960** and will be purchased and installed by Gibson's Portable Building. The vote was unanimous to approve the Scottsboro High School Football Mower Shed. It was noted the cost for the shed will be paid by the Quarterback Club.

G. Scottsboro Water Works, Gas & Sewer Board Permanent Utility Easement

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mrs. Stewart and a second by Mr. Esslinger to approve the **Scottsboro Water Works, Gas & Sewer Board Permanent Utility Easement**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Scottsboro Water Works, Gas & Sewer Board Permanent Utility Easement.

H. Resolution Opposing School Start Date Legislation

As recommended by Dr. Reyes, a motion was made by Mr. Esslinger and a second by Mr. Williams to approve the **Resolution Opposing School Start Date Legislation**. The vote was unanimous to approve the Resolution Opposing School Start Date Legislation. The resolution will be signed and forwarded to Alabama Association of School Boards.

**Resolution Opposing  
School Start Date Legislation**

WHEREAS, the Scottsboro City Board of Education is aware that members of the Alabama Legislature may consider legislation that would outline school start and/or end dates for public schools in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, each local board of education already is required by Alabama Code §16-8-30 to set a uniform start date for all schools within its system, thereby recognizing that school calendars are local decisions; and

WHEREAS, unique decisions take place in 138 Alabama school systems regarding student achievement, holiday preferences, community events, teacher professional development, partnerships with local colleges and universities, and workdays for educators to meet with parents; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsboro City Board of Education is charged with making decisions that are in the best interest of its students and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsboro City Board of Education is held accountable for student achievement not only by the community, but under both state and federal accountability programs; and

WHEREAS, local decisions about school calendar directly impact student performance, student and faculty morale, and community input; and

WHEREAS, a statewide school start date would compromise the Scottsboro City School System’s academic calendar and force students to lose instructional time prior to standardized testing; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsboro City School System’s academic calendar is an education priority and not a business or tourism decision; and

WHEREAS, the education community urges policymakers to Leave Our Calendar Authority Local

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Scottsboro City Board of Education unequivocally oppose statewide efforts to mandate a school calendar and ask all lawmakers representing the Scottsboro City Schools System to vote against any bill which proposes to outline a statewide start and/or end date for Alabama public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the board minutes and provided to the Alabama Association of School Boards, each member of its Legislative delegation and the Governor.

Done this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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Julie Gentry, Board President

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Patricia Stewart, Board Vice-President

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Lee Benson, Board Member

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John Esslinger, Board Member

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Jason Williams, Board Member

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Dr. Jose Reyes, Jr., Superintendent

**Information**

## A. Bond Refinance/Fine Arts Center

Dr. Reyes shared information with the Board members in regard to the Bond Refinance and stated this is just a discussion about a Fine Arts Center at Scottsboro High School. He gave Board members a copy of information received from Raymond James and reviewed the figures with them. He also stated that he and Ken Holder would be talking to Mr. Rob VanPeurseem, architect from Huntsville, who our system has used before. Dr. Reyes did state that our system does need to refinance the bond because we would lose money if we do not.

## B. SRO – Caldwell Elementary

Dr. Reyes shared that he had spoken with Chief Ralph Dawe and Doug Franks will be the SRO at Caldwell Elementary on March 2, 2020. He stated that the SRO positions are hired through the city not the school board.

## C. Drama – Wizard of Oz

Dr. Reyes shared that in the Wizard of Oz there will be a part in the play that the actor will be flying and asked Mr. Brewer to share information with the Board in regard to this. Mr. Brewer stated that this was done two (2) years ago in the play “Aladdin” and the same company will be used for the Wizard of Oz that was used in Aladdin. He will get information to Dr. Reyes to share with the Board members in regard to the company that will be used. He also shared an update on the Drama Program.

**Dates for Board Work Session, Budget Hearings and Board Meetings**

- A. Board Work Session – February 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Board Meeting – March 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Gentry and a second by Mrs. Stewart, the vote was unanimous to **Adjourn.**

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President

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Secretary