

The Chickamauga City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday April 13, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room. Members present were: Chairman, D.A. Jewell, V; Vice Chairman, Grant Parrish; Paul Chambers; Billy N. Ellis; Janet Landers and Melody Day, Superintendent.

Chairman Jewell called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Landers to give the invocation.

Chairman Jewell welcomed the visitors to the meeting: Shelley Green, Dalton Green, Hollis Houston, Stanley Houston, Lisa Clayton, Sara Clayton, Lorrie Edwards, Logan Edwards, Devin Edwards, Betts Berry, Taylor Shook, Ellen Bohannon, Diane Miller, Lester Galyon, Heather Solmon, Julie Jones, Randall Barker, Nichole Boles, Jim Tahler, Landon O'Neal, Morgan Boles, Jordan Bohannon, Shauna Gallahar, Beth Scott, Abby Smith, Benny Ashley, and Kristen Bradley.

Chairman Jewell and the Board of Education recognized the following groups/individuals for their accomplishments: Dalton Green, Devin Edwards and Logan Edwards were recognized for placing 1st in their 4-H district project achievement competitions; Kassidy Blevins, Morgan Boles, Sara Clayton, Ashley Easley, Travis Eberhardt, Kaitlyn Hensley, Jameson Mullinax and Landon O'Neal were recognized for testing in the exceeds range on the 8th Grade Writing Assessment. Sara Clayton made a perfect score on the assessment; Hollis Houston was recognized for placing 1st in the Region 6-A Girls' Literary Meet along with Taylor Shook who placed 1st in Dramatic Interpretation; Gordon Lee High School Girls' Basketball Team recognized for a season 25 wins and only 4 losses, which is the best season ever at Gordon Lee High School.

Motion to approve the April Meeting Agenda was made by Mr. Ellis, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried.

Chairman Jewell called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda containing the following items: Minutes of the March 2009 Board Meeting; approve the program for Credit Recovery tabled at the March Board Meeting; approve policy JBC (1)-Homeless Students and DJED-Bids and Quotations tabled at the March Board Meeting; approve the ground maintenance contract awarded to Donnie Hunt; approve renewal of contract with Vocational Rehabilitation Services; approve addition of AP Psychology and AP English Language Composition to Gordon Lee High School curriculum; approve use of facilities request by Chickamauga Lion's Club for use of Gordon Lee High School auditorium to hold Miss Chickamauga Beauty Contest and horseshoe drive for Antique Car Show and to waive fees; approve field trips-Chickamauga Elementary First Grade to the Chattanooga Zoo and Kindergarten class to Science Theater and Chuck E. Cheese; Gordon Lee Middle School-National Jr. Honor Society to the Walker County Animal Shelter, school athletics to Lookouts Game and 7th grade to Chattanooga Zoo; fund raisers-Chickamauga Elementary School PTO to sponsor Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, Gordon Lee Middle School Cheerleaders to sell Chick-Fil-A coupon books, Gordon Lee High School Cheerleaders to sell sponsor T-shirts, Gordon Lee High School girls basketball to sponsor Belk Charity Sale, Gordon Lee High School wrestling team to hold raffle for big screen TV. Also contained in the Consent Agenda were the March menus. Ms. Landers requested the Consent Agenda be amended to reflect a change in Policy DJED-Bids and Quotations so as to read under the Bid Procedures section, "purchases over \$25,000.00 or more require three qualified bids." Mr. Ellis made the motion to amend the Consent Agenda, Policy DJED-Bids and Quotations, as requested. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Financial reports presented for approval were: Chickamauga City Schools General Fund Report, February 2009; Chickamauga City Schools Bus Account, February 2009; SPLOST 2002, February 2009; SPLOST 2006, February 2009; Chickamauga Elementary School Profit and Loss, February 2009; Gordon Lee Middle School Profit and Loss, February 2009; Gordon Lee High School Profit and Loss, February 2009; K.I.D.S. Profit and Loss, February 2009. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented, with second from Mr. Chambers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day introduced Heather Solmon, Science instructor at Gordon Lee High School, who brought three students from the A.P. Biology class to give a powerpoint presentation on an oceanography study sponsored by the University of Georgia. Sixteen A.P. Biology students participated in the study.

Superintendent Day spoke to the Board concerning the school athletic trainer program which had been provided by Hutcheson Medical until they dropped the program in February. Erlanger Medical Center has proposed a program for the high school for the coming year in which a yearly fee of \$30.00 per student athlete will be imposed with the fee being used to supply equipment for the school trainers to use. The fee will cover a physical, performed by a medical doctor, for high school athletes who choose to get their physicals at school.

Superintendent Day informed the Board that she had received a letter from Martha Reichrath, Ph.D, Division for Special Education Services, Georgia Department of Education, stating that the system had met the requirements of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act Part B for 2009. The determination was made after reviewing the data from the 2007-2008 school year.

Superintendent Day also gave the Board copies of 2007-2008 School Social Worker service report.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve \$38,184.87 SPLOST expenditure for wireless internet for Gordon Lee Middle School and Gordon Lee High School. Mr. Ellis made the motion to grant approval, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board authorize bid advertising for an energy management project discussed in a previous Board meeting. The program is expected to save the system approximately 20% on electricity and gas. Mr. Chambers made the motion to move forward with advertising for bids, with a second from Mr. Ellis. The motion carried.

The Superintendent's Report consisted of the following: Update on summer projects; request for a called meeting on Thursday, April 23rd to consider bids which will be received on the stadium and press box project; bids for underground utilities project will be opened on April 29th; list of the 180 school districts in the state who now have all Highly Qualified Teachers. Chickamauga City School District is one of the 41 schools who have achieved the status; update on legislative action, funding, and results of State Audit Report for Year Ending June 30, 2008 (no findings and/or questioned costs); Georgia Future Problem Solving Program announced Gordon Lee Middle School team of 7th and 8th graders placed 2nd in competition for their project "Sparkle the Springs" and also an 8th Grade team placed 3rd for their project of "Get Fit or Get Fat"; ExploraVision competition announced a 7th Grade team received an Honorable Mention for their project entitled "Which Way Rollercoaster", which places them in the top 10% of all entries submitted; the high school concert band received all superior ratings in the band concert evaluation held at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and the middle school was awarded an overall excellent rating along with a superior rating in the area of sight reading; copies of Board & Administrator were given to each Board member.

Chairman Jewell asked if there were matters to be considered in Executive Session. Superintendent Day answered in the affirmative. Mr. Ellis made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Motion to reconvene was made by Mr. Chambers, with second from Mr. Ellis.

Superintendent Day recommended the Board accept the resignations of Kimberly Parvin, teacher, Chickamauga Elementary and Janet Robinson, teacher, Gordon Lee Middle School. The resignations will be effective at the end of the current academic year. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to accept the resignations as presented. Ms. Landers seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Superintendent Day also requested the Board accept the retirement of Connie Capehart, teacher, Chickamauga Elementary, to be effective at the end of the current academic year. Mr. Chambers made the motion to accept the retirement as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried. Chairman Jewell expressed the Boards appreciation to Ms. Capehart for 32 years of faithful service to the students at Chickamauga Elementary.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the employment of Derrell O’Neal, Joy Sweeton, and Carmen Davis as instructors at Chickamauga Elementary School. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the employment as presented, with second from Mr. Chambers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the renewal of contracts for Chickamauga Elementary certificated personnel for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Kristen Bradley, Principal. Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented, with second from Ms. Landers. Vice Chairman Parrish abstained from voting for Stacey Blaylock and Mr. Ellis abstained from voting for Kelly Ellis due to familial connection. Motion carried. (Attachment 511A)

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the renewal of contracts for Gordon Lee Middle School certificated personnel for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Benny Ashley, Principal. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Ms. Landers abstained from voting for Greg Landers due to familial connection. Motion carried. (Attachment 511B)

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the renewal of contracts for Gordon Lee High School certificated personnel for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Randy Barker, Principal. Ms. Landers made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Vice Chairman Parrish abstained from voting for Jared Willerson due to familial connection. Motion carried. (Attachment 511C)

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the rehire of Ryan Free to work in the summer K.I.D.S. Program at \$10.00 per hour. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Superintendent Day recommended the Board approve Kay Wilson as substitute teacher at Gordon Lee High School. Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day recommended the Board approve the following reduction in work force due to budget cuts: One pre-first position at Chickamauga Elementary; three study skill teaching positions at Gordon Lee Middle School (one position each for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades); one middle school graduation coach. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the reductions as recommended. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Chairman Jewell recommended Superintendent Day be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the period of March 10, 2009-April 13, 2009 in the amount of \$ 9.75. There were no objections.

With no further business, Chairman Jewell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chambers made the motion to adjourn, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried and the Board meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chickamauga City Board of Education will be held Monday, May 11, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Recorder

Date

Board Chairman

Superintendent

Date Approved

April '2009