

The Chickamauga City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday January 12, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room. Members present were: Chairman, D.A. Jewell, V; Vice Chairman, Grant Parrish; 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 recognized the honorable and conscientious service of the late Don Littleton, who served in the school system and on the Chickamauga City Schools Board of Education for over three decades. Mr. Littleton's selfless decisions reflected his deep concern for the students of Chickamauga City Schools and the community in general.

Chairman Jewell turned the meeting over to Superintendent Day for the election of Board Chairman.

Superintendent Day entertained nominations for Board Chairman. Mr. Ellis made the motion that the present Chairs, Mr. Jewell, Board Chairman, and Mr. Parrish, Vice Chairman, remain the same for 2009. Ms. Landers seconded the motion, and motion carried.

According to policy, the Superintendent shall serve as the Ex-officio Secretary of the Board.

Chairman Jewell welcomed the visitors to the meeting: Randall Barker, Diane Miller, Benny Ashley, and Kristen Bradley.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on December 8, 2008 was made by Mr. Ellis. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Financial reports presented for approval were: Chickamauga City Schools General Fund Report, August, September, October, and November 2008; Chickamauga City Schools Bus Account, August, September, October, and November 2008; SPLOST 2006, August, September, October, and November 2008; SPLOST 2002, August, September, October, and November 2008; Van Prooyen Fellowship Fund, August 2008; Chickamauga City Schools Nutrition Financial Statement, November 2008; K.I.D.S. Profit and Loss, November 2008; Chickamauga Elementary School Profit and Loss, November and December 2008; Gordon Lee Middle School Profit and Loss, December 2008; Gordon Lee High School Profit and Loss, December 2008. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented, with second from Ms. Landers. Motion carried.

Chairman Jewell stated that the Board must declare a vacancy left by the passing of Board Member Don Littleton. The City Council will appoint an interim to serve until the regular November election which will contain an additional item in order to fill the unexpired term of the vacant seat. Mr. Ellis made the motion to declare a vacancy, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried.

Chairman Jewell stated that the following individuals expressed interest in serving on the Board as interim until the regular election: Harold Brock, Paul Chambers, Jim Powell, and Jim Tahler. Mr. Ellis made the motion to recommend Paul Chambers to the City Council to serve as interim. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2009. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the dates as presented with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried. (Attachment 504A)

With no objections, Chairman Jewell tabled appointments to the 2009 Standing Committees pending the appointment of an interim Board Member by the City Council.

By acclamation the Board designated Harben, Hartley, and Hawkins, LLP to continue as legal council for 2009.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve Revised Administrative Regulation Descriptive Code: DIB-R (Financial Reports-Capitalization Policy for Capital Assets). Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the revised regulation as presented, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried. (Attachment 504B)

Superintendent Day presented the following field trips for approval; High school - Gordon Lee High School Band to Calhoun High School, February 5-7: FFA to State Capitol, February 17; FFA to Cass High School, February 12, February 24, March 24, March 26, and April (date to be announced) ; Horticulture Class to Chickamauga hydroponic greenhouse in February/ March; Natural Resources Class to Tennessee Aquarium and Cohutta Fish Hatchery in February/March; FFA to State Capitol, March; FFA to Macon, Georgia, April 23-25; FFA to North LaFayette Elementary in April; FFA to LaFayette High School in early May; FFA to Rome Technical College, May 14. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the field trips as presented, with second from Ms. Landers. Motion carried.

Preceding Superintendent Day's report to the Board, Chairman Jewell noted that the City of Chickamauga Board of Education would honor the memory of Board Member Don Littleton in an appropriate manner in the future.

Superintendent Day presented the following items in her report to the Board: Gordon Lee High School has been utilizing the Star Reading Program in which each school day, for fifteen minutes, all students delay any other activity and read. A count is kept of the number of pages read per term. The total number of pages for the first term was 594,409. Superintendent Day commended the high school for making reading a priority. Superintendent Day congratulated three teachers who are completing their Masters Degree: Josh Groce and Terri Saylor, Gordon Lee Middle School, and Brent Raby, Gordon Lee High School. In addition, congratulations are due Chickamauga Elementary school for receiving the 2008-2009 Title I Distinguished Schools Award. For seven consecutive years Chickamauga Elementary School has met Adequate Yearly Progress and for five consecutive years has been named a Title I Distinguished School. The school will receive a monetary award of \$1,263.00. Superintendent Day gave Board members copies of January menus and January "Board And Administrator."

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. Ms. Landers seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Motion to reconvene was made by Vice Chairman Parrish, with second from Ms. Landers.

Superintendent Day recommended the Board approve Joy Sweeton as instructor at Chickamauga Elementary School. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board grant Family Medical Leave to Linda Johnson and Christina Lewis, Food Service Assistants at the elementary cafeteria. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the request, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve Elizabeth Cross and Bonnie Harbin as food service substitutes. Ms. Landers made the motion to approve the request as presented. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Chairman Jewell recommended Superintendent Day be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the period of December 9, 2008 through January 12, 2009 in the amount of \$ 9.00. There were no objections.

The Board had previously authorized the Facilities Department to begin the planning process to reconstruct seating at Billy Neil Ellis Stadium. The architect proposed renovation was deemed not adequate and unsafe. Superintendent Day requested authorization to pursue complete demolition and reconstruction by developing recommendations and specifications. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to authorize the request, with second from Ms. Landers. Motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman Jewell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ellis made the motion to adjourn, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried and the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chickamauga City Board of Education will be held Monday, February 9, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Recorder

Date

Board Chairman

Superintendent

Date Approved

January '2009