

The Chickamauga City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday May 11, 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 Mr. Chambers to give the invocation.

Chairman Jewell welcomed the visitors to the meeting: Laurel Neel, Leigh Ann Guthrie, Mary Kate Pritchett, Allie Pritchett, Kaitlyn Cromer, Janice Martin, Ansley Neel, Gary Guthrie, Derek Roberts, Diane Miller, Lynne Edwards, Cindy Gamblin, Hannah Cordell, Logan Edwards, Kalei Kimbrell, Katelyn Lee, Kim Towns, Lorrie Edwards, Benny Ashley, Devin Shields, and Morgan Smith.

Chairman Jewell and the Board of Education recognized the following groups/individuals for their accomplishments: Laurel Neel, Tyler Trivett, A.J. Whitlock, and Chase Newell were invited to a luncheon at the state level for their outstanding earnings on the Stock Market team; Fair Bear Essay Winners were Mary Kate Pritchett (4th Grade winner and system winner), Hannah Cordell (5th Grade winner), and Katlyn Cromer (6th Grade winner); Gordon Lee High School students who scored a perfect score of 600 in the area of math on the Georgia High School Graduation Test were Brittany Jackson, Jarad Heimer, Devin Shields, and Morgan Smith; Gordon Lee Girls Golf Team players, Jorden Watson, Rachel Mason, Alli O'Neal, and Danielle Watson, finished runner up in the 2009 GHSA Class A State Golf Tournament; Gordon Lee Middle School Girls Track Team won the LFO Invitational and the NGAC track championship. Two team members, Katelyn Lee (shot and discus) and Kalei Kimbrell (high jump), won the NGAC in their individual events. Kalei also set a new school record in the high jump (5 feet); Gordon Lee High School Boys Track team members who placed in the state were Derek Roberts, 1st place in pole vault (13 feet) and Josh Guthrie, 3rd place in high jump (6 feet.8 inches) to tie the school record.

Motion to approve the May 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 April 2009 Regular Board Meeting; Minutes of the April 2009 Called Meeting; adopt textbooks for Language Arts K-8 (Chickamauga Elementary-Scott Foresman and Gordon Lee Middle School-Prentice Hall); approve High Cotton Publication; approve excavation and piping at the Chickamauga Elementary playground and parking lot; approve field trip for Gordon Lee Middle School classes, taught by Lynn Jewell, to the Smokehouse Restaurant on May 15th; also contained in the Consent Agenda were the May menus. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the May Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Financial reports presented for approval were: Chickamauga Elementary School Profit and Loss, March 2009; Gordon Lee Middle School Profit and Loss, March 2009; Gordon Lee High School Profit and Loss, March 2009; K.I.D.S. Profit and Loss, March 2009; Chickamauga City School Nutrition Financial Statement, February and March, 2009. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented, with second from Mr. Chambers. Motion carried.

As a point of personal privilege, Chairman Jewell allowed Knox Edwards, currently attending 5th grade at Chickamauga Elementary, to speak to the Board concerning the length of hair for male students as addressed in the dress code for Chickamauga City Schools. Chairman Jewell assured Mr. Edwards that his concern would be taken into consideration by the Board of Education.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the Advanced Power & Lighting, Inc. bid of \$181,918.00 for the underground utilities scope of work on the Gordon Lee campus. The Advanced Power & Lighting, Inc. bid was the only one received. Mr. Chambers made the motion to grant approval, with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried.

The Superintendent's Report consisted of the following: a list of forty-five students who scored Advanced Proficiency, Honors, or Pass Plus on all four sections of the Georgia High School Graduation Test; between August 2008 and May 2009, 25 teachers and paraprofessionals in elementary, middle, and high school completed a 50-60 hour voluntary program for the purpose of identifying struggling readers and learning strategies to assist the students once they are identified. Completing the program were Steve Bennett, Pam Quinn, Jotham LaPorte, Janet O'Neal, Tony McAllister, Ed Clendenen, Cindy Coulter, Stephanie Jarrett, Priscilla Leonard, Amy Littleton, Brenda Hankins, Lynn Jewell, Annette Geer, Joy Sweeton, Pam Holcomb, Teresa Brooks, Cynthia Jones, Wanda Shell, Stacy Schrader, Candice Frost, Tammy Cobb, Carmen Davis, Nancy Pitts, Teresa Lee, and Jeff Sikes; on the 8th grade writing assessment at system level, Gordon Lee Middle School scores are 2nd in the state; update on H1N1 Virus; copies of Board & Administrator were given to each Board member.

Chairman Jewell noted with sorrow the passing of Wayne Pitts, who had faithfully cared for the system grounds for many years as a contract employee and the husband of Nancy Pitts, paraprofessional at Chickamauga Elementary School. Chairman Jewell extended the Board's condolences to the family.

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 accept the retirement of Peggy Sult, 7th Grade Science teacher, effective at the end of the current academic year. Ms. Landers made the motion to accept the retirement request as presented. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried. Chairman Jewell extended the Board's appreciation to Ms. Sult for her service in the Chickamauga City School System.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the employment of Lauren Bryan Costanzo as teacher at Gordon Lee Middle School. Mr. Ellis made the motion to extend employment as requested, with second from Mr. Chambers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve Alisha Lee as substitute teacher at Chickamauga Elementary School. Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the employment as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried.

Chairman Jewell recommended Superintendent Day be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the period of April 14, 2009-May 11, 2009 in the amount of \$134.66. 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, June 8, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Recorder

Date

Board Chairman

Superintendent

Date Approved

May '2009