

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday, March 15, 2018~2:00pm

The Anniston City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday March 15, 2018, at the Anniston City Schools Board Room, 4804 McClellan Boulevard, Anniston, AL. The members present included the following: Mr. Robert Houston, Mrs. Joan Frazier and Mrs. Rebecca Brown. Dr. Mary Harrington and Mrs. Trudy Munford were absent. President Houston called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Darren Douthitt, Superintendent of Anniston City Schools, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Charles Gregory, Principal at Anniston High School, led the group in prayer.

Superintendent Douthitt recognized and welcomed all guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Douthitt recommended approval of the agenda as amended and presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. This motion was approved 3-0.

Special Presentation: Attorney Burgin Kent-Lee V. Macon Report

Attorney Kent presented the Board with the final report for the desegregation order, Lee V. Macon, for this school year. Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier asked if the Anniston City School System still has to abide by the Singleton Ratio, and if so, was it the whole district or was it by school. Mr. Kent replied that the rule refers

to the whole district. Mrs. Frazier then asked what happens to the extra capital improvement funds when they are not used. Mr. Thompson replied that they go into an equity account which can only be used for future capital improvements. She then suggested that the Board use the equity accounts for improvements and save the local funds for other things.

Item F moved to accommodate the Attorney.

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the Lee V. Macon report as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the Regular Session minutes from January 23, 2018 and February 15, 2018.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was approved 3-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Recommendations (Addendum)

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the personnel recommendations as amended and presented.

The motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 3-0.

B. Financial Report and Check Register Accountability Report December 2017

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the December 2017 Financial report as amended and presented.

The motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Before the vote, Houston asked Mr. Thompson if they should be looking at January reports instead of December. Mr. Thompson replied that they have 45 days to finish reports and that January will be with the next month. Mrs. Frazier then asked if Mr. Thompson meant to include all those figures in his report. Mr. Thompson replied that he left all the figures in so that they could compare the figures from year to year but he could take them out if they want. "You can take them out so it will be clear", Mr. Houston replied. Mrs. Frazier also stated he could take that out.

The motion was approved 3-0.

C. Field Trip

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of field trips as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The motion was approved 3-0.

D. Requests for Use of Grounds: Anniston High Baseball Field

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the request to use the AHS baseball field.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. Before the vote, Mr. Houston asked for what use and Superintendent Douthitt explained that the request came from a baseball team comprised of some AHS Alumni and other people from the area. Mrs. Brown then asked if they knew if they had to be finished by night because there are no lights. Superintendent Douthitt replied, "Yes."

The motion was approved 3-0.

E. Wellness Policy Adoption

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the updated Wellness Policy. A motion was made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier asked who would oversee the Tri-Annual Assessment. Superintendent Douthitt replied that Mrs. Alexander would oversee that assessment.

The motion was approved 3-0.

F. Approval of Lee V. Macon Report (Addendum)

Item F was moved to after the presentation.

Superintendent Speaks

- Superintendent Douthitt stated he supports the students on their peaceful protest on the National Day of Walkout against non-violence.
- Superintendent Douthitt thanked everyone for their help with the device roll out.
- Superintendent Douthitt thanked Mrs. Hall for the Walkout activities on the Elementary level.

Board Speaks

- Mr. Houston stated that he was excited about the massive change that the device roll out had at the High School. He stated the people that have to lead this revolution are the teachers. He further stated that we must prepare the students to be critical thinkers.
- Mrs. Frazier stated all five Board members attended training at the beginning of the month sponsored by the AASB. She stated she was excited about everyone being able to attend the training. She stated she was full of Joy and excitement about the technology roll out.

- Mrs. Brown was also excited about the technology roll out and the Science Fair that took place. She stated she felt we are on the brink of greatness.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items to come before the Board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the vote was unanimous to adjourn at 2:53pm.

Approved: May10, 2018

Robert Houston, President

Darren Douthitt, Superintendent

