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**Final Budget Hearing and Regular Session Minutes**  
**ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

The Anniston City Board of Education met in a Regular Session on Thursday September 13, 2018, in the Board Room of the Central Office, 4804 McClellan Boulevard. The members present included the following: Mr. Robert Houston, Mrs. Joan Frazier, Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Dr. Mary Harrington and Mrs. Trudy Munford. President Houston called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.

Mr. Scott Whitney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Freddy Rimpsey led the group in prayer.

Superintendent Douthitt welcomed all guests.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the Approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

**Anniston City Board of Education FY 19 Final Public Budget Hearing**

**A. Mr. Jimmie Thompson,III Chief School Financial Officer**

Mr. Thompson presented a more detailed packet at the request of the public. He created an addendum with more detailed information for the public to understand the budget.

**B. Board and Public Comments**

Mr. Thompson answered several questions from the public on how to match the cost center codes with where the funding was coming from. He also explained that the city's budget is totally different but he tried to mirror the city's budget so that the public could understand. Mr. Thompson passed out

comment cards for the audience to complete with questions and he would email the answers to them.

Attorney Donald Stewart asked for a question about the budget allocation for the Chromebooks. Superintendent Douthitt stated he would answer his questions by mail by the next Monday. Attorney Stewart continued to ask questions about how technology is implemented at each school. Superintendent Douthitt explained how technology is used throughout the system.

Rev. Freddy Rimpsey addressed the Board about the rental of the building at Anniston High School to Dr. Crawford. President Houston stated that the Board would prepare a written response to Rev. Rimpsey.

Mr. Clay Gresham asked about the replacement of the computers in the library. Mrs. Brown stated they were replaced.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Personnel Recommendations (Addendum)**

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

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

### **B. Approval of the FY 19 Budget**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the FY19 budget as presented.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

### **C. Request for use of the Anniston High School Performing Art Center**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the request for the use of the AHS Performing Arts Center by Mr. Scott Whitney from CAST Kids.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

### **D. Request for waiver of fees for meeting space at Anniston Middle School**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the request for the waiver of fees for meeting space at AMS by Worship Center Christian Church.

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

Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier asked about the open door policy. Superintendent Douthitt answered that everyone has access to request to use the building. Mrs. Brown also asked if they would be using classroom space and Superintendent Douthitt replied that they have to go through Ms. Garrick and she would assign them space. Mrs. Munford then asked about the agreement for use of space. Mr. Douthitt stated that it was approved by the previous Board and he would get all the Board members a copy of the agreement.

The motion was approved 5-0.

### **E. Field Trip- Cross Country Track Team**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of a field trip for the Cross Country Track Team.

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

### ***Superintendent's Update***

- Congratulations to Mrs. Hall and the Randolph Park staff for their Reading Grant Award of \$20,000.
- Thank you to the Principals and teachers for the smooth start to the school year
- Shout out to Coach White for the strong effort the football team is making. Looking forward to some more wins!
- Thanked F & M bank for the awesome magnet

### ***Board Speaks***

Dr. Harrington thanked the principals and teachers for the great start to the school year. She stated she had her best experience at the Middle School. She was also excited about the first football victory and asked everybody to support them and the band.

Mrs. Frazier thanked the Finance department for the great preparation of the budget presentation. She stated she hopes it helps people understand.

Mrs. Munford thanked anyone that helps with the Anniston School district. She further stated we need to change the mindset into more of a business mindset. She suggested we bring in more revenue to help ourselves.

Mrs. Brown stated she agrees that we have some hard decisions to make to better our school district. She stated she is proud of Anniston and Anniston schools.

Mr. Houston stated that the schools are a business and a most valuable resource for our children. He further stated that our school system is at war and we have to be ready to fight for our children. We have to come together for a common cause, our children. He stated we need radical, massive change.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. District 6 Meeting September 17, 2018 6:00pm-8:30pm Classic On Noble

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Brown, the Board adjourned. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Approved: October 18, 2018