

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION**  
**ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**5:00 pm**

The Anniston City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday November 15, 2018, in the Board Room of the Central Office, 4804 McClellan Boulevard. The members present included the following: Mr. Robert Houston, Dr. Mary Harrington, Mrs. Rebecca Brown and Mrs. Trudy Munford. Mrs. Joan Frazier was not present. President Houston called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Councilman David Reddick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. He updated the Board and community about some projects the city is working on.

Superintendent Douthitt recognized and welcomed all guests.

**Reorganization of the Board-Election of Officers**

The officers of the Anniston City Board of Education were re-organized.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrington and seconded by Mrs. Brown to keep Mr. Robert Houston as President.

The motion was approved 4-0. Mr. Robert Houston is the Anniston City Board of Education's President.

For Vice President, a motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Munford for Mrs. Joan Frazier.

The motion was approved 3-1, with Dr. Harrington abstaining. Mrs. Joan Frazier is Anniston City Board of Education's Vice President.

## **Compensation of the Board**

Superintendent Douthitt mentioned that the compensation to the Board remained at \$600.00.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended approval of the agenda as amended.

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

This motion was approved 4-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **B. Financial Report and Check Register Accountability Reports: August 2018**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the Financial Report and Check register for August 2018.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **C. Formal Agreement with Coosa Valley Youth Services**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the Formal agreement between Coosa Valley Youth Services and Anniston City Schools.

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

Before the vote, Dr. Harrington asked if there was anything different about this agreement. Superintendent Douthitt replied that he did not think anything was different. Then Dr. Harrington asked if anything should be different. Mrs. Baker, Special Education Director for Anniston City Schools, stated there are some special services that have to be given to the students that she and Dr. Jones have not discussed.

Mr. Houston suggested that this item be tabled until it can be reviewed by Dr. Jones and Mrs. Baker. Dr. Harrington asked what happens if this item is not approved today. Mr. Houston stated he wants some questions answered about what is expected from us in this agreement. Dr. Harrington asked when this was due and stated that if it's past due, we need to stop doing that. Mrs. Baker explained how it is 11 counties that send students to Coosa Valley Youth Services and she contacted the state department because she was concerned if the students were receiving the services needed. Superintendent Douthitt stated they are still trying to get clarification from the state department. Mr. Thompson stated that we are only the fiscal agents for them and the state says they would be getting whatever is needed out of the money that they get.

This item is tabled.

### **D. Field Trip- Anniston Middle School (Addendum)**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the field trip for Anniston Middle School.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **E. Selection of Delegate and Alternate for the AASB Assembly (Addendum)**

Superintendent Douthitt recommended the approval of the use of the President and Vice-President for the delegates for the AASB assembly.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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

- Congratulated Coach Ware for his selection for induction into the Hall of Fame
- Saluted Coach Rico White and staff for making to the first round of the playoffs
- It's time for Basketball. We'll make sure everyone gets a schedule. Let's support our Bulldawgs.
- Working on a way to implement the Strategic plan.
- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

### ***The Board Speaks***

- Dr. Harrington thanked Councilman Little for coming out. She stated we have to be doing as much for education as we are for athletics. We need to hear more about what's going on in our schools.
- Mrs. Munford stated she would like to thank Councilman Reddick and Little for coming and also Mr. Montgomery. She stated to the Superintendent that we need to make deadlines on time. If it's something that the Board can help with, communicate that. She asked him to have the Central office staff to be available during meetings. She stated that we are complacent and we need to get some things done.
- Mrs. Brown stated she wants to think of the strategic plan as a hymn of promise. She further stated that the promise is in the plan.
- Mr. Houston stated he woke up that morning thinking about the word "Bondage." He feels that if you are in mental bondage, it can lead to physical bondage. He asked the Superintendent to get the staff to buy in to the Strategic plan and have a way to implement it at the next meeting.
- Mrs. Frazier's husband is ill; that's the reason for her absence.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. AASB Winter Convention, December 6-8, 2018, Hyatt Regency Birmingham Wynfrey Hotel**

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Munford, the Board adjourned. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.

Approved: December 20, 2018

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Robert Houston, President

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Darren Douthitt, Superintendent