# MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Thursday, March 21, 2019

# 5:00 p.m.

The Anniston City Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday March 21, 2019, at the Anniston City Schools' Board Room, 4804 McClellan Boulevard, Anniston, AL. The members present included the following: Mr. Robert Houston, Mrs. Joan Frazier, Mrs. Rebecca Brown and Dr. Mary Harrington. Mrs. Trudy Munford was absent. President Houston called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Dr. Marlon Jones, Interim Superintendent of Anniston City Schools, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Charles Miller led the group in prayer.

Interim Superintendent Jones recognized and welcomed all guests.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended approval of the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

This motion was approved 3-0.

# Special Presentation: Coach Samuel Green

Coach Green presented to the Board information about his upcoming event the "Stop the Violence Fashion Show". He encouraged everyone to come out and support this event to be held on April 27, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the South Highland Community Center.

Dr. Mary Harrington enterd at 5:15 pm.

# Special Presentation: Anniston High School Athletic Department (Addendum)

**Football Coach Rico White,** his staff and the team were presented with a plaque and congratulated for making it to the playoffs.

**Boys' Basketball Coach Torriano Brown**, his staff and the team were presented with a plaque and congratulated for making it to the playoffs.

**Girls' Coach Eddie Bullock**, his staff and team were presented with a plaque and congratulated for making it to the finals in the State Basketball Championship. Each Girls' basketball team member was presented with her own plaque.

## Special Recognition~ Mrs. Amy Hurst, Technology Coordinator

Mrs. Hurst presented information to the Board about the Digital Tools Grant 2019 that the system received for the teachers. The following teachers received a Chromebook, carrying bag and Robotic system to teach coding: Anniston High School-Karen Stewart, Anniston Middle School-Simonia Hutchison, Golden Springs Elementary-Shondria Wright, Randolph Park Elementary-(team) Karen Robertson/Jade Ishman and Tenth Street Elementary-Shondria Wright.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the Special Called Session from February 13, 2019.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the Regular Session minutes from February 21, 2019.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

## **A. Personnel Recommendations**

InterimSuperintendent Jones recommended the approval of the personnel recommendations as presented with one correction.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

# B. Financial Report and Check Register Accountability Report December 2018 and January 2019

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the December 2018 and January 2019 Financial report as presented.

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

Before the vote, Mr. Thompson asked was there going to be a Work Session in April because he needed to present some information to the Board. Interim Superintendent Jones replied, "Yes". Mrs. Frazier asked if the balance was positive because of property tax payments. Mr. Thompson replied, "Yes and that the System will be paying back the loan to the bank in the coming months."

The motion was approved 4-0.

# C. Field Trip

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of field trips as presented.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

## D. School Calendar 2019-2020

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented.

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

Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier asked if all the days for Professional development and Flex days had been double checked so there would not be confusion about when the schools are closed. Interim Superintendent Jones replied, "Yes". She then asked if the first day of school is August 6<sup>th</sup>. Interim Superintendent Jones replied, "Yes." Dr. Harrington asked if the schedule is comparable with the school systems around here. Dr. Jones replied, "Yes." She also asked who participated in the selection of this calendar. Dr. Jones explained that a committee met with members from each school. Every staff member was able to participate.

The motion was approved 4-0.

# E. Central Office Request for Summer Hours

Interim Superintendent Jones recommended the approval of the Central Office Request for Summer Hours. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the Interim Superintendent's recommendation.

Before the vote, Mrs. Frazier asked how those would be posted and advertised. Interim Superintendent Jones stated it would be posted on the website and the doors.

The motion was approved 4-0.

# **Interim Superintendent Speaks**

- Thanked everyone for coming out to the Celebration last week
- Reminded everyone about the Middle School Science Fair

• Expressed appreciation to the Administrators and staff for all the hard work they do

## **Board Speaks**

- Dr. Harrington apologized for being a little tardy. She encouraged everyone to be interested in what's going on in the Legislature today.
- Mrs. Frazier thanked everyone that had anything to do with the celebration. She further stated that Alabama cannot afford to keep switching the curriculums around and expect things to grow as they want them to be. She stated she is very concerned as a former educator.
- Mrs. Brown wanted to add that if we have to go to another curriculum, it
  would cost us millions of dollars. She stated if Anniston City schools
  continues to get it together, the rest of the schools will be completing for
  second place.
- Mr. Houston stated we need to add to the strategic plan on Career Tech. He stated he believes the public education system is under attack. He encouraged us to ask ourselves who run this country.... It's all about the money.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

## A. Work Session Wednesday April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURN**

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

Approved: April 18, 2019	
Robert Houston, President	Dr. Marlon Jones, Interim Superintendent