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**Minutes of Special Called Session
ANNISTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

11:00 am

The Anniston City Board of Education met in a Special Called Session on Thursday May 8, 2019, 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, Mrs. Trudy Munford, and Mrs. Joan Frazier. President Houston called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Dr. Marlon Jones, Interim Superintendent, recognized and welcomed all guests.

Ms. Ashley Alexander, Child Nutrition Coordinator of Anniston City Schools, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Interim Superintendent Jones recognized and welcomed all guests.

Approval of Agenda

President Houston recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

A motion made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Munford to approve Interim Superintendent Jones' recommendation.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Action Item

A. Personnel Recommendations

Interim Superintendent Dr. Jones recommended approval of the personnel recommendations.

A motion was made by Dr. Harrington to accept Interim Superintendent Jones' recommendation and seconded by Mrs. Munford.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Discussion Item

A. Scheduling a Work Session Date

After a brief discussion among the members of the board. The board members decided to schedule a work session for Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent Update

Interim Superintendent Dr. Jones stated that he had no update at this time. He also stated that he would like to recognize Mrs. Yolanda McCants for being selected president of the AAPASS (Alabama Association for Prevention, Attendance and Support Services.) Mrs. McCants stated that she was elated to be elected as president.

The Board Speaks

- Dr. Harrington stated that the year is coming to a close and the year has been eventful and the year could have been eventful in a negative way and we should be thankful.
- Dr. Harrington thanked Mr. Gregory, Principal, of Anniston High School for taking the top 40 student to Atlanta, Georgia.
- Dr. Harrington stated that the word is out about great things that are happening in Anniston City Schools. She also stated that one of our own a graduate from Anniston High School, will be speaking at the bacculaureate.
- Dr. Harrington thanked Dr. Jones, Dr. Thomas and Dr. Wright for doing an excellent job with curriculum.
- Mrs. Frazier stated that she agreed with all the facts that Dr. Harrington had stated. Mrs. Frazier also stated that is was National Teacher Appreciate

Week. She thanked all the teachers, administrators, and everyone who has a hand in what goes on in the classroom on a daily basis.

- Mrs. Brown also thanked all the teachers and for the magnificent job that they do.
- Mrs. Brown stated that she had an accident while working in her yard. She also stated that her husband had an opportunity to meet a group of young boys from Anniston City School, which Coach Barefoot coached in golf; and was very impressed.
- Mrs. Brown gave Mr. Gregory, Principal Anniston High School, her regrets for not being able to attend the National Honor Society program.
- Mrs. Munford thanked Dr. Jones, Interim Superintendent for filling in and taking the Anniston City School through this rough passage. She also stated that the board cannot thank him enough.
- Mrs. Munford stated that she had an opportunity to visit Anniston High School and had an opportunity to observe and talk with the students and staff. To her surprise some of the students did not know who she was.
- Mrs. Munford thanked Mr. Gregory, Principal, and Anniston High School for a tour of the Data Room, and the tour was very informative and wonderful.
- Mrs. Munford stated that Mr. Gregory is doing great things at Anniston High School. She also stated that Anniston High School is writing their own story and that we have many, many things going on and for Mr. Gregory to keep doing what he is doing.
- Mr. Houston thanked Dr. Jones, Interim Superintendent, for the awesome job that he was doing.
- Mr. Houston stated that education is a process which means if that it is a process that is transactional. You are given instructions, and you get your assessment process from the student. He also stated that you just don't give the instruction to the student; you have to get something back.

- Mr. Houston stated that he and Mrs. Munford were talking about the community and the country. Mr. Houston also stated that the political process is broken. He also stated that some say that is the president and some say it the school system. Mr. Houston stated that all of these are symptoms.
- Mr. Houston stated that there is a decline of destruction with organizations, churches and the Boys and Girls Club are on a decline. Anything that brought the people together is declining. He also stated that we connect to social media, but we are not connected.
- Mr. Houston stated that children are suffering from the evils of our mistakes with stuff that the adults have messed up.
- Mr. Houston explained that he was in a conversation with a board member about wisdom and knowledge. He also stated that knowledge is understanding that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing that a tomato would not go into a fruit salad. We have not made the transition from knowledge to wisdom. Knowledge is understanding some things and wisdom is to know things in the practical application.
- Mr. Houston stated that the simple thing to do in our school system is to make sure our students apply what they learn to practical application and they will stand.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mrs. Munford and seconded by Dr. Harrington, the Board adjourned. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

Approved: July 10, 2019

