

**Minutes of Regular Session &
Final Public Budget Hearing
Anniston City Board of Education
Thursday, September 12, 2019-5:00 p.m.**

The Anniston City Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, September 12, 2019, in the Board Room of the Central Office, 4804 McClellan Boulevard. Members present: Mrs. Becky Brown, Mrs. Trudy Munford, Mr. Robert Houston, Mrs. Joan Frazier and Dr. Mary Harrington. Board President, Mr. Houston, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Hill led the audience in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Mrs. Yolanda McCants, School Improvement Coordinator, led the audience in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended approval of the amended agenda.

A motion by Dr. Harrington was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation and seconded by Mrs. Brown. The motion was approved 5/0.

FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2020

Chief School Financial Officer Jimmie Thompson opened the second public budget hearing for the fiscal year 2019-2020 by going through the budget updates since the first public budget hearing. He had updated documents for the Board and directed any guests to refer to the documents while he gave his explanation of the dates. At the conclusion of his presentation, he answered questions from the Board. There were no questions from the audience.

The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his detailed presentation on the budget.

Special Presentation

Mr. Edward Sturkie and the Anniston Fire Chief introduced the Fire Fighter Students from Anniston City Schools.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of the minutes for the July 18, 2019-Regular Session, August 6, 2019-Special Called Session, August 15, 2019-Regular Session and September 4, 2019-Special Called Session-First Budget Hearing.

A motion by Mrs. Frazier was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation and seconded by Munford. The motion was approved 5/0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Recommendation (s)

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of the personnel as presented.

A motion by Mrs. Brown was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation and seconded by Mrs. Frazier. The motion was approved 5/0.

B. FY 20 Budget Approval

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of the FY 20 budget as presented.

A motion by Dr. Harrington was made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation and seconded by Mrs. Frazier. The motion was approved 5/0.

C. Use of Auditorium CAST Kidz Production

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of the use of the Anniston High School Auditorium by the CAST Kidz Production.

A motion by Mrs. Brown was made and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. Before the vote Mrs. Frazier stated that she needed clarification on which elementary schools would be attending the shows. She also stated that she read the literature that was enclosed in the board packet. Mrs. Frazier stated that Anniston Middle School, Golden Springs Elementary, and Cobb Pre-K were attending the Matilda show. She also asked if Tenth Street and Randolph Park were attending. She also stated that she would like to see all elementary students attend. Mrs. Lynn Rice stated that Tenth Street Elementary had cancelled and Randolph Park Elementary had not responded. Mrs. Hall replied that she had not received any information about the production. Mrs. Lynn Rice stated that all Anniston City School students were invited to attend the show "Matilda." She also stated they looked forward to their attendance at "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Mrs. Brown asked if the entire Middle School would be attending. Mrs. Rice stated "No, just the 6th grade students." The motion was approved 5/0.

D. Destruction of Records

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of Destruction of Records.

A motion by Mrs. Frazier was made and seconded by Dr. Harrington to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was approved 5/0.

E. 2019-202 District Title I Plan, Parental Family Engagement Plan, EL (English Learner) District Plan, Formal Agreement with Coosa Valley Youth Services

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of 2019-2020 District Title I Plan, Parental and Family Engagement Plan, EL (English Learner) District Plan, Formal Agreement with Coosa Valley Youth Services.

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

Before the vote Mrs. Frazier stated that the Parental Family Engagement Plan was a very extensive plan. She also asked since the system only had one Parent

Specialist traveling around from school to school, how things were being done. She asked if it is not parent specialist that is not doing this traveling then who at school is taking care of all of this. Dr. Marlon Jones stated that the Parent Specialist is centralized at the central office and communicate, with the principals. Dr. Jones also stated that principals are responsible to making sure that all the requirements are met in the plan. They may take the responsible upon themselves or delegate someone within their school.

Mr. Houston asked if the principal had any input. Dr. Jones stated that the plan is a continuous plan from years back. He also stated that the plan is updated each year and the plan is disseminated to the principals and all the plans are made available at the Title I meetings and also posted on the system web page. The motion was approved 5/0.

A motion by Mrs. Brown was made and seconded by Mrs. Munford to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was approved 5/0.

F. District Director Election (Addendum)

Superintendent Dr. Hill recommended the approval of the District Director Election.

A motion by Dr. Harrington was made and seconded by Mrs. Frazier to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. Before the vote, the board agreed to elect Mrs. Marie Manning of St. Clair County as the District Director. The motion was approved 5/0.

Superintendent Update

Dr. Hill stated that there was a lot of work dealing with our budget. The FY 18 budget was approved by the state department. Dr. Hill also stated that the system \$18,000 from Senator Del Marsh, \$7,000 from Dr. Boyd and funding from other sources. He state we can move this funding around to meet the needs in transportation concerning field trips. He stated we want to make sure we are offering any principals the opportunity to be able take their students on a field trip.

Dr. Hill stated that the use of the chrome books will be taken a little further than 4th and 5th grade. He also stated that he was looking at the 3rd grade and K-2 grades in using the chrome books.

Dr. Hill stated that the Alabama Reading Initiative guidelines are requiring students to be reading by a certain year. Just like computer science at the high school level, the subject has to be taken at the middle school level. He also stated that Mrs. Brown, Principal at Cobb Pre-K, is looking at some programs to help the students learn technology. Dr. Hill stated this will take time and it is not something that will happen overnight.

Board Speaks

Dr. Harrington thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and asked the audience to continue to come if they are able. She also stated that she was amazed in what we are doing and the presentation of the Fire Students were “off the chain” and how she was impressed with the female student involvement. Dr. Harrington asked all principals to keep the positive thoughts.

Mrs. Frazier thanked the Mr. Thompson for a zero budget. She also stated that it was nice for the people to come from the community and stay for the board meetings.

Mrs. Brown stated that she would like to thank Steve Folks and Officer Webb in helping get the additional parking at 10th Street Elementary School which was much needed. She also stated concerning the article in the Sunday paper featuring the Cross Country Track Meet. Mrs. Brown mentioned Mary Ann aka CeCe Reed whom she call the “little engine that could.” She also stated she is an amazing girl and she sees a bright future for her.

Mrs. Munford mention Mr. Miles who appeared in the sports section of the Anniston Star. She also stated that she was his mentor at Randolph Park Elementary School, and she was proud to see his picture in the paper.

Mrs. Munford also mentioned the Anniston Community Foundation and was very pleased to have a program at Anniston Middle School entitled “Girls Who Code”

and this program has been in operation for 2 years. She also stated the program started with 10 young ladies and it had grown to 29 young ladies. Mrs. Munford stated that she hoped to see the young ladies in the future giving back to the community. She explained that this is what the program teaches them.

Mr. Houston dittoed on what the board members had said. He also gave special to Superintendent Dr. Hill for coming in and grabbing the tiger by tail. He also stated that we should not underestimate him. He stated that he is systematically looking at people, processing, engaging in the community and talking with parents. He stated that what he is doing is no easy task. Mr. Houston stated that the Anniston School system need to focus not where we are but where we are going.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mrs. Frazier and seconded by Mrs. Munford, the Board adjourned. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. The motion was approved 5/0

Approved: October 17, 2020

Robert Houston, President

Dr. D. Ray Hill, Superintendent