

HARTSELLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 21, 2014
6:00 p.m.
Crestline Elementary School

The Hartselle City Board of Education convened on Monday, January 21, 2014, at 6:02 p.m., at Crestline Elementary School. Monty Vest, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order, and declared that a quorum was present. All members were present. Dr. Vic Wilson, Superintendent, served as Secretary to the Board.

Garrett Blaxton, fourth grade student ambassador gave an invocation and Lauren Temples, fourth grade student ambassador led *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sittason to approve the agenda, with a second by Mr. Sparkman. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Sparkman to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013, and January 15, 2014 meetings. Mrs. Sittason seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Presentation

Sewell McKee with McKee and Associates presented a facilities assessment to the Board.

Robin Varwig – Crestline Elementary School

Robin Varwig, Principal of Crestline Elementary School, presented an overview of student programs and assessment at Crestline.

Reports to the Board

Jonathan Craft, Chief School Finance Officer, presented a financial report to the Board.

Jennifer Sittason gave a report to Board regarding updates to the Hartselle Fine Arts Center.

The Superintendent recognized the following:

- Maureen Matson - Hartselle City Schools's Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Dr. Jerome Ward - Hartselle City Schools's Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Mary McClannahan - Hartselle City Schools's Elementary Nominee for Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame
- Shelia Reeves - Hartselle City Schools's Middle School Nominee for Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame

- Martha Cooper - Hartselle City Schools's High School Nominee for Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame
- The Superintendent congratulated the Hartselle High School Engineering team for achieving a full suite of awards at the NASA competition on December 13, 2013. Team VULCAN won first place in proposal, presentation, community engagement activity, and best overall. VULCAN team earned a trip to Washington, D.C. for the summer of 2014.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that a “whole group” training needs to be scheduled and attended by June 30, 2014 to be in compliance with new Board requirements.

The Superintendent reported to the Board that the AdvancED Accreditation review is complete.

The Superintendent congratulated Martin & Cobey, Incorporated for receiving the 2014 BuildSouth Award for New Construction Management for their work with the construction of Hartselle High School.

The Superintendent recognized Board members, in honor of *School Board Appreciation Month*, by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to each member.

Out-of-State Field Trip

The Superintendent made a recommendation to approve the out-of-state field trip request for Hartselle High School Competition Cheer Squad to compete at the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida, on February 5-10, 2014. A motion was made by Dr. Joy and Mrs. Jones seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Bus Service Request

The Superintendent made a recommendation to approve the request from First United Methodist Church, Hartselle, Alabama, for the use of three school buses for the *DISCOVERY* weekend, on February 15, 2014. First United Methodist will pay all fees and rates associated with the use of buses. A motion was made by Mr. Sparkman and Mrs. Sittason seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Higdon Road Property

The Superintendent made a recommendation to approve that Hartselle City Schools not purchase the Higdon Road property due to extra costs needed to prepare land before development. A motion was made by Mrs. Sittason to approve the recommendation and Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Personnel

The Superintendent recommended approving the resignations of the following:

- Sheila Banks, special education teacher at F.E. Burleson Elementary School, effective March 31, 2014;
- Linda Houston, bookkeeper at F.E. Burleson Elementary School, effective March 31, 2014; and,
- Tisha Bates as Hartselle Junior High School Cheer Coach, effective immediately.

Mr. Sparkman made a motion that the request be approved and Mrs. Sittason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Superintendent recommended approving the employment of the following:

- Anna Hall to fill the open teaching vacancy at Hartselle High School, created by the retirement of Martha Cooper, effective for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; and,
- Anna Hall to fill the position of Girls Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mrs. Sittason made a motion that the request be approved and Mr. Sparkman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Information Items

1. Next Regular Board Meeting – February 17, 2014 at Hartselle Junior High School

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Vest declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chairman