

The Chickamauga City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday March 9, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room. Members present were: Chairman, D.A. Jewell, V; Vice Chairman, Grant Parrish; Paul Chambers; Billy N. Ellis; Janet Landers and Melody Day, Superintendent.

Chairman Jewell called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Landers to give the invocation.

Chairman Jewell welcomed the visitors to the meeting: Diane Miller, Mindy Poindexter, Daniel Brooks, Alex Spires, Branton Phillips, Chris Human, Kim Human, Ken Human, Sara Clayton, Katie Barger, Jared Harmon, Jacob Bryson, Blake Clayton, Connie Barger, Lisa Clayton, Karen Blevins, Michelle Lewis, Steve Bennett, Brent Raby, Randall Barker, Brandon Murphy, Nick Draper, Austin Goodlet, Sam Bush, Josh Elliott, David Berry, Vickie Veal, Trevor Veal, Jan Arnold, Logan Edwards, Jean Ellis, Steve McDaniel, Bob Wilson, Benny Ashley, and Kassidy Blevins.

Superintendent Day presented the Board Members with certificates of appreciation in recognition of Georgia School Board Member Appreciation Week. The Chickamauga City Board of Education has received recognition from the state as one of the 69 Boards of Distinction in Georgia and one of the 94 boards in the state voluntarily adopting Standards for Local Boards of Education. In addition, the Board members annually completed the day of training required by the State of Georgia Department of Education.

Chairman Jewell and the Board of Education recognized the following groups/individuals for their accomplishments: Blake Clayton and Alex Spires represented the Gordon Lee Middle School Wrestling team. The team was undefeated in dual meets and placed 1st in every tournament in which they participated. They were North Georgia Athletic Conference duals and traditional champions. The team had 13 league medalists, 9 league finalists, and 5 league champions. They scored the most points ever in North Georgia Athletic Conference tournament (247). The team is coached by Bert Bradford and Bob Wilson; the Gordon Lee Middle School Boys Basketball Team, coached by Steve Bennett, was the North Georgia Athletic Conference tournament champions and co-league champions. The team was represented by Daniel Brooks and Branton Phillips. Branton Phillips, Tanner Sexton, and Landon O'Neal were named North Georgia Athletic Conference all league players, and all tournament players were Zach Cobb, Cody Wilson, Connor Coakley, and most valuable player, Daniel Brooks; the Gordon Lee Middle School Competition Cheerleading Squad, coached by Mindy Poindexter, was the North Georgia Athletic Conference league champions by earning the highest combined total points from North Georgia Athletic Conference competitions. Logan Edwards represented the team; the Gordon Lee High School Wrestling Team finished 3rd in the state this season. There were 11 state qualifiers, with 10 wrestlers placing in the state championship matches. Austin Goodlet was a State Champion at 152 pounds. Jacob Bryson placed 5th at 112 lbs.; Trevor Jones placed 4th at 125 lbs.; Taylor Pace placed 2nd at 130 lbs.; Josh Elliott was a state qualifier at 135 lbs.; Bret Bradford placed 4th at 140 lbs.; Jared Harmon placed 5th at 145 lbs.; Josh Weller placed 3rd at 160 lbs.; Caleb Guthrie placed 6th at 189 lbs.; David Berry placed 3rd at 215 lbs.; and Jordon Pedigo placed 6th at 285 lbs. The team coaches are: Steve McDaniel, Brent Raby, Bert Bradford, and Bob Wilson; the Gordon Lee Band had the following students selected for All District this year: Chris Human, Chris Daniel, Jessica Wolinsky, Amy Harris, Trevor Veal, and Brandon Murphy. The director is Burt Haynes.

Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was made by Mr. Ellis, with second from Vice Chairman Parrish. Motion carried.

Ms. Landers made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda containing the following items: Minutes of the February 2009 Board Meeting; installation of two awnings and one walkway cover (elementary and middle school) at a cost of \$7,126.00; Community Guide Publication contract - \$5,200.00; installation of Aquos TV, mount, control system, switches, and receiver-\$9,730.00 (central office board room); revised policies JBC (1) Homeless Students and DJED Bids and Quotations (tabled for one meeting cycle). (Attachment) Field trips – 8th grade FFA Club to Betts Berry Farm; 8th Grade Agri-Science Class to the Capitol; 8th grade to University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; middle school special education students to Lake Winnepesaukah; middle school gifted students to Six Flags Education Days; high school accounting I and II students to the Bank of Chickamauga; high school business essentials class to Mayfield's Dairy Farm; high school juniors to Kennesaw State University, Covenant College, and Chattanooga State Community College. Fund raisers – middle school 8th grade gifted to host pancake breakfast; middle school journalism and pep club request to sell Gordon Lee knitwear; middle school junior varsity baseball team to host "100" inning game; Gordon Lee Middle School Booster Club to host a 10 year old baseball tournament with funds to be used for middle school varsity baseball team. Also contained in the Agenda were the March menus. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and motion carried.

Financial reports presented for approval were: Chickamauga City Schools General Fund Report, January 2009; Chickamauga City Schools Bus Account, January 2009; SPLOST 2002, January 2009; SPLOST 2006, January 2009; Chickamauga City Schools Nutrition Financial Statement, January 2009; Chickamauga Elementary School Profit and Loss, January 2009; Gordon Lee Middle School Profit and Loss, January 2009; Gordon Lee High School Profit and Loss, January 2009; K.I.D.S. Profit and Loss, January 2009. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day introduced Michelle Lewis, gifted instructor at Gordon Lee Middle School, who brought three students from the class to give a powerpoint presentation introducing a community project. They have identified Crawfish Springs as a needs improvement area and have undertaken a project to restore the beauty of the area which has been spoiled by years of neglect and abuse. The class will hold a fundraiser to gain community support and have also planned a "Sparkle the Springs Day" to bring together the manpower needed to clean and restore the area. At the conclusion of "Sparkle the Springs Day" a concert has been planned to celebrate bringing the area back to its natural beauty. Katie Barger, Kassidy Blevins, and Sara Clayton gave the presentation.

Superintendent Day presented the Chickamauga City Schools Program for Credit Recovery Assistance to the Board for approval. If approved, the programs would begin first term of the 2009-2010 school year. After discussion, the Board placed the request as an unfinished business item to be considered at the April Board Meeting.

Superintendent Day requested the Board adopt a resolution certifying completion of the Chickamauga Elementary School construction project # 09/08S-769-070. Mr. Ellis made the motion to adopt the resolution, with second from Mr. Chambers. Motion carried.

The Superintendent's Report included the following information: Legislative update concerning austerity cuts and the education stimulus funds; Honorable Mention from ExploraVision national competition received by Gordon Lee Middle School seventh grade team; eighth grade writing assessment report; lunch prices which will remain the same for 2009-2010; copies of March "Board And Administrator" were given to each Board Member.

Chairman Jewell asked if there were matters to be considered in Executive Session. Superintendent Day answered in the affirmative. Mr. Ellis made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Motion to reconvene was made by Vice Chairman Parrish, with second from Ms. Landers.

Superintendent Day recommended the Board accept the resignation of Kristen Kirby, Gordon Lee High School Spanish teacher, to be effective at the end of the current academic year. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to accept the resignation, with second from Ms. Landers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve Allison Strickland to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Kristen Kirby, Spanish teacher at Gordon Lee High School. Ms. Landers made the motion to approve the employment as presented. Mr. Chambers seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve Katie-Lynn Huffine and Kellie Graham as substitute teachers at Chickamauga Elementary School, Gordon Lee Middle School, and Gordon Lee High School. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the request as presented, with second from Ms. Landers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day requested the Board approve the following administrative staff for continued employment in 2009-2010: Stacy McDaniel, Director of Special Education & Programs-220 days; Sandra Parrish, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum & Instruction-3 months full time/9 months at 49%; Jenny Vowell, Student Services/Testing Coordinator-200 days; Randall Barker, Gordon Lee High School Principal-240 days; Benny Ashley, Gordon Lee Middle School Principal-240 days; Kristen Bradley, Chickamauga Elementary School Principal-240 days; Clay Crowder, Gordon Lee High School Assistant Principal-230 days; Jeff Sikes, ½ time Assistant Principal at Chickamauga Elementary School and ½ time Assistant Principal at Gordon Lee Middle School-230 days; Linda Kulik, ½ time Social Worker-190 days; Angela Elliott, Educational Diagnostician-190 days; Clarence Boyle, ½ time Facilities Supervisor-240 days. Mr. Chambers made the motion to approve the request as presented, with second from Mr. Ellis. Vice Chairman Parrish abstained from voting for Sandra Parrish due to familial connection. Motion carried.

Chairman Jewell recommended Superintendent Day be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the period of February 9, 2009-March 9, 2009 in the amount of \$ 8.58. There were no objections.

Chairman Jewell informed the Board that projects which had been authorized during previous meetings were now ready to be bid. Chairman Jewell asked for a motion to authorize Superintendent Day to accept bids for the following projects: underground wiring for the system utility and communication network; install automatic clock systems in all schools for more efficient energy management; renovate the football stadium seating area, lighting, concessions, press box area, and restrooms at the high school. Chairman Jewell also recommended the Board authorize Superintendent Day to contract to relocate the pole vault and broad jump at the high school athletic complex in order to make room for the stadium renovation at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Ellis made the motion to authorize Superintendent Day to move forward with the bid process for the projects and the contract to relocate the pole vault and broad jump areas. With second from Mr. Chambers, the motion carried.

Chairman Jewell directed the Board's attention to the need to purchase eighteen desktop computers for the Gordon Lee Middle School Lab at a cost of \$14,620.68 and a licensing fee of \$1,012.14. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to move forward with the purchase as presented, with second from Ms. Landers. Motion carried.

Superintendent Day recommended the Board grant the request from the American Diabetes Association to use the high school facilities for the Tour de Cure fundraiser. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to grant the request and waive the use of facilities fee. Mr. Chambers seconded the motion, and motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman Jewell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ellis made the motion to adjourn, with second from Mr. Chambers. Motion carried and the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chickamauga City Board of Education will be held Monday, April 13, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Recorder

Date

Board Chairman

Superintendent

Date Approved

March '2009