

**The following are highlights from the Winston County Board of Education meeting on October 23, 2007:**

The Board opened bids for and award sale of \$2,090,000 Special School Tax Warrants, Series 2007, County Board of education of Winston County Alabama, dated Oct 1, 2007, to lowest bidder.

Approval was given by the Board for the following:

- Accept payrolls and expenditures for September 2007.
- Approve Bank Reconciliations and Financial Statements for September 2007.
- Approve payment in the amount of \$93,342 to the Alabama Division of Risk Management for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approve public works project at Addison High School for land preparation for water control at student parking lot to be paid from Community Service Grant.
- Approve Gallet & Associates for soil testing.
- Approve overnight field trip for DSMS fifth grade to attend Camp Cosby October 31-November 2, 2007.
- Authorize superintendent to advertise and accept bids for:
  - Site preparation services for track and practice field at Meek High School.
  - Site preparation services for band practice field at Meek High School.
  - School Check In Software and Equipment Package.
- Accept the following:
  - Access Distance Learning Grant received for Meek High School.
  - ADECA Grant
  - ARC Grant
  - Community Service to Meek High School
  - Community Service to Addison High School

Board Policy Items:

- Approved revision of the following policies:
  - AE/IEBA – School Year and School Day
  - GALAD/DJCG – Fringe Benefits for Personnel
  - GALB – Sick Leave for Personnel
  - GBRJA/IKH – Substitute Teachers
  - DJCA/GALDC – Payroll Checks for Personnel

Commend the following students, personnel, etc.:

- Jordan Courington, Winston County High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place essay contest winner of the Alabama PALS.

- Terry Finley, Lynn High School Special Education Teacher for being recognized as “Educator of the Year” by the Winston County Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities.
- The following Addison Elementary Teachers received Cullman Electric Cooperative Operation Round-Up Grants in October; Nancy Parris, Marcie Hill, Amy Gilliland, Lynn Tuggle, Jill Lambert, Teresa Crider, and Rita Bartlett.
- Alabama Department of Education School Rewards September 2007 Recognition Schools were selected based on the 2006-07 assessment data that was released in August and is based on how well schools overcame these specifically identified challenges:
  - Advancing the Challenge – School where percent of students scoring advanced in reading and math exceeded state percent scoring. (School must have at least an 80% poverty rate.) Double Springs Elementary, Meek Elementary.
  - Meeting the Challenge – School that met AYP for two consecutive years. (School must have at least an 80% poverty rate.) Addison Elementary, Addison High School, Double Springs Elementary, Lynn Elementary, and Meek Elementary.
  - Addressing the Challenge – School with subgroup that closed the achievement gap in percent of students scoring proficient in reading and math by at least 15% when compared to its state counterpart; Meek Elementary.

Personnel Items:

- Approve catastrophic leave and Family and Medical Leave (if needed) for Lisa Lovett, teacher at Winston County High School.

The next Work Session is set for November 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. and the next Board Meeting for November 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.