

The following are minutes from the Winston County Board of Education meeting on January 29, 2009:

1. Selected Larry Yancey as Board President for a two-year term effective January 2009 through December 2010.

2. Selected Greg Batchelor as Board Vice-President for a two-year term effective January 2009 through December 2010.

3. Approved salary of Superintendent for a four-year term.

4. Approved Traders & Farmers Bank as depository of Winston County School District Funds for a four year period effective January 2009.

5. Accepted payrolls and expenditures for December 2008 as follows:

General Fund		\$2,606,731.22
Accounts Payable Clearing	\$ 785,663.50	
Payroll Clearing	\$1,821,067.72	

6. Accepted Bank Reconciliations and Financial Statements for December 2008.

7. Approved the following Resolution Opposing School Start Date Legislation:

WHEREAS, the Winston County Board of Education is aware that members of the Alabama Legislature will consider legislation that would outline school start dates for public schools in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, EACH LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION ALREADY IS REQUIRED BY Alabama Code 16-8-30 to set a uniform start date for all schools within its system, thereby recognizing that school calendars are local decisions; and

WHEREAS, unique local decisions take place in over 130 Alabama school systems regarding student achievement, holiday preferences, conflicts with community events, programmatic partnerships with local colleges and universities, and work days for educators to meet with parents; and

WHEREAS, the Winston County Board of Education is the duly elected body foremost charged with making decisions that are in the best interest of its students and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Winston County Board of Education and its faculty are held accountable for student achievement not only by the community, but under both state and federal accountability programs; and

WHEREAS, local decisions about school calendar directly impact student performance, student and faculty morale, and community input;

WHEREAS, a statewide school start date would compromise the Winston County School System's academic calendar and force students to lose instructional time prior to standardized testing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Winston County Board of Education unequivocally oppose statewide legislation on the school calendar and ask all members representing Winston County to vote against any bill which proposed to outline a statewide start date or calendar for Alabama public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Winston County Board of Education and provides to the Alabama Association of School Boards, each member of the Alabama Legislative Delegation and the Governor.

8. Approved 2008-2009 Winston County Textbook Committee Members for Language

Arts (English, Handwriting, Speech, Spelling) as follows:

AHS - Sherry Smothers
AES - Karen Woodard
DSES - Gale Hall and Christy Guthrie
DSMS - Heath Hood
LHS - Derek Cleghorn
LES - Lisa Cagle
MHS - Miranda Farmer
MES - Cindy Youngblood
WCHS - Mike Frazier

9. Approved to consider the following policy revisions

GBRIB-R1 – Sick Leave Bank Guidelines for Certified Personnel

GBRIC-R1 – Sick Leave Bank Guidelines for Non-Certified Personnel

10. Rejected bus bids for 17 buses

11. Approved to suspend conducting Summer School

12. Approved .25 increase in price of meals as follows for the Child Nutrition Program

effective February 2, 2009:

Student Breakfast - \$1.25, Student Lunch - \$2.00

Teacher Breakfast - \$1.50, Teacher Lunch - \$2.50

13. Commended Meek High School for being named by “US News and World Report” as a Bronze Award winner for the second consecutive year.

14. Commended Addison High School for being named by “US News and World Report” as a Bronze Award winner.

15. Commended the following students or personnel:

- 2009 Spelling Bee school winners:

AHS – Hannah Bartlett

AES – Peyton Thompson

LHS – Andrea Talley

LES – Peyton Moore

MHS – Alex Gibson

MES – Kaden Baker

DSM – Courtney Tucker

- Meek Quad County Honor Band students as follows:

Symphonic Band

Sarah Tingle - 1st Chair Clarinet
 Alisha Barber - 1st Chair Trumpet
 Justin Harbison - 1st Chair Baritone
 Paige Watkins - 2nd Chair Flute
 Carol-Lynn Owens - 3rd Chair French Horn
 Alex Gibson - 10th Chair Flute

Concert Band

Clay Ivey -1st Chair Tuba
 Andi Gibson -1st Chair Tenor Saxophone
 Audrey Yocom - 2nd Chair French Horn
 Kristina Hood - 3rd Chair Clarinet
 Jordan Romine - 3rd Chair Trombone
 Sara Marquis - 8th Chair Trumpet
 Ashley Waid - 10th Chair Clarinet
 Taylor Wilson - 10th Chair Flute

- WCHS students as follows:

- Jessica Bloom was chosen as the 2nd and 3rd Place winner in the “Poetry Out Loud” District Competition. She advances to State Competition.
- Rebekah Prater has published the poem “Midnight Hunt” in The High School Writer in January.
- Candace Cole for being selected to represent Winston County High in the “To Kill a Mockingbird” essay contest and luncheon reception with the author Ms. Harper Lee.

Band

The following Pride of Winston County Band students who were selected to the University of Alabama at Birmingham Honor Band: Macie Dodson, Robert Bryant, Candace Cole, Andrew Cagle, Hannah Jacobs, Katelyn Tidwell

Quad County Honor Band

Symphonic Band	1 st Chair	Macie Dodson, Candace Cole, Robert Bryant, Jeremy Gates
	4 th Chair	Hannah Jacobs, Jessica Bloom,
	5 th Chair	Kaci Cagle
	12 th Chair	Kandace Ownby
Concert Band	1 st Chair	Alex Myric, Lucas Posey
	2 nd Chair	Spencer Christian
	3 rd Chair	Bella Martinez
	4 th Chair	Falon Christian
	7 th Chair	Amanda Tidwell
	10 th Chair	Christian Nelson,

(WCHS commendations continued)

Football

Nick Burns All State 2A Punter

Northwest Alabamian All Stars

Cullen Beasley, Nic Burns, Kollin Ertle, Kyle Harten, Josh Johnson, Josh Kelly, Cody Knight, Tyler Marks, Tony Burgess, Jordan Courington, Dillan Lowman, Justin South

Daily Mountain Eagle's Eagle Elite: Nic Burns, Kollin Ertle, Josh Johnson, Josh Kelly, Cody Knight, Cullen Beasley, Tyler Marks

Volleyball

All State 1ST Team Kryssi Daniel

2nd Team Jacklyn Martin, Emily Hood, Jamie Blair

Honorable Mention Dakota Walker, Leah Mayhall

Basketball

Varsity Basketball County Champions

All Tournament Team: Nic Burns MVP, Jordan Courington, Josh Kelly

B Team Boys County Runner Up

All Tournament: Spencer Sawyer, Derrick Jones

Girl's Varsity All Tourney: Anna Kate West

16. Approved overnight trips for WCHS/DSMS students as follows:

- Junior Beta to Montgomery March 2 & 3
- Senior Beta to Birmingham March 18 & 19
- Key Club to Montgomery March 27-29
- Winston County Boys Basketball to Camp Tuscoba January 30 (This is the same trip as last year)
- 8th Grade Gifted field trip to Dauphin Island Sea Lab in February, 2009.

PERSONNEL

17. Approved employment of Denita Lee as Winston County Technical Center JAG (Jobs for Alabama Graduates) Specialist retroactive to January 12, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

18. Approved employment of Richard O. White as Secondary At-Risk Teacher/History at Addison High School effective February 2, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

19. Approved employment of Jennifer McInnish as County-wide YEP (Youth Empowerment Program)/Lifeskills Instructor effective February 2, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

20. Accepted resignation of Jeff Scott as Jr. High Softball Coach at Addison

21. Approved employment of Daniel Guthery as Jr. High Softball Coach at Addison.

22. Approved Tony Williams as Softball Coach at Meek.

23. Approved Mike Ragsdale as assistant softball coach at Meek

24. Approved termination of Philip Cleghorn as Central Office Part-Time Secretary effective February 28, 2009.

25. Approved termination of Pam Gilbert as Special Needs Bus Driver retroactive to January 6, 2009.
26. Approved Catastrophic Leave for Cindy Burns, Lunchroom worker at WCHS/DSMS.
27. Superintendent's Report - 09-004, 09-005, and 09-006
28. Set next work session and board meeting.
29. Meeting Adjourned.