

**The following are highlights from the Winston County Board of Education meeting on March 26, 2009:**

Accepted payrolls and expenditures for February in the amount of \$2,576,642.04, and accepted Bank Reconciliations and Financial Statements for February.

Approved school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
August 5	Institute Day
August 6	In-Service Day
August 7	In-Service Day
August 10	School Begins
September 7	Labor Day-No School
Oct 12-13	Fall Break
October 26	In-Service 12:00-3:00 Parent-Teacher Conference 3:00-7:00
November 11	Veteran's Day-No School
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 17-18	Semester Exams
Dec 21 - Jan 4	Christmas Holidays
January 4	In-Service Day
January 5	Classes Resumes
January 18	MLK/REL Day-No School
February 11-12	Winter Break
March 11	In-Service Day
March 12	Weather Day (if needed)
April 12-16	Spring Break
May 25-26	Semester Exams
May 27-28	Graduation
May 28	In-Service Day
12-month employees will receive holidays and breaks as scheduled above, along with July 2 and 5. Also, 12-month employees will receive 2 additional vacation days.	

**Grading Periods**

1st Nine Weeks	Aug 10 - Oct 9	44 Days
2nd Nine Weeks	Oct 14 - Dec 18	43 Days
3rd Nine Weeks	Jan 5 - Mar 10	44 Days
4th Nine Weeks	Mar 15 - May 27	49 Days

Approved re-applying for the Public Health Mini-Grant.

Authorized Superintendent to accept bids for Child Nutrition Program Equipment to be paid from Federal Stimulus Funds. Awarding bids will depend on projects being approved by ALSDE/CNP

Approved trips for out-of-state, overnight, or extended day as follows:

- WCHS Key Club to attend the Alabama District Key Club Convention in Prattville, March 27-29.
- Meek Band to go to Gatlinburg, TN, May 7-9, to participate in a festival called Music in the Parks.
- Addison 5th grade to go to Chattanooga Tennessee Aquarium on April 10, 2009.
- WCTC DECA students and Bart Shannon, DECA Advisor, to attend International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California , April 28 – May 3, 2009.

The following Commendations were made by the Board:

- Double Springs Elementary Students from Keith Hood's class who were GFWC-AFWC Double Springs Study Club Youth Writers' Contest Winners:

Poetry Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$25 – Hunter McSpadden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$15 – Sheldone Hulsey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$10 – Haley Haynes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – \$5 – Chandler Sawyer
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – \$5 – Sam Kelly

Short Story Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$25 – Mariah Frost
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$15 – Maranda Frost
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$10 – Alyssa Ergle
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – \$5 – Michael Jaikin
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – \$5 – Blakley Buchanan

- Meredith Daniel, Double Springs Middle School student, was Grand Champion Overall at the JFJ Elite Cup Gymnastics Meet. She placed 1<sup>st</sup> on Bars, 2<sup>nd</sup> on Beam, 2<sup>nd</sup> on Floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> on Vault, and 1<sup>st</sup> on All Around.

- Mr. Shandy Porter, WCTC Director, for being chosen to receive the 2009 Alabama FCCLA School Administrator Award.
- WCTC winners at Bevill State Torch Competitions: Keisha Young from Addison received 2nd place at Bevill State Sumiton in Business Office Management and Technology. Hollie Chambless and Amber Wade received 2nd and 3rd place from Bevill State Hamilton in Business Office Management and Technology.
- Winners from The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Miss Free State of Winston Pageant for girls from WCHS, Addison, Meek, and Lynn are as follows: Senior division- Queen- Dakota Walker (WCHS); 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate- Katie Harrison (WCHS); 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate- Raven Brown (Addison); 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate Lacie Greene (WCHS); 4<sup>th</sup> Alternate- Jaimie Smith (Meek) Junior division: Queen- Macie Dodson (WCHS); 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate- Carol Cagle (Lynn); 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate- Amanda Tidwell (WCHS); 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate- Destiny Knight (WCHS); 4<sup>th</sup> Alternate- Hannah Brewer (WCHS)
- First National Bank “Student of the Month” from Double Springs Elementary School:
  - January – Saige Blanton, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Teacher - Mrs. Frost
  - February – Natalie Key, 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Teacher - Mrs. Carroll
- Double Springs Middle School for being invited to participate in the Seventh Annual Alabama Middle School Science Bowl Competition in Mobile. Students for the two teams were Graci Pruitt (Captain), Bethany Terry, Madison Williams, Lexie Green, Logan Myrick (Captain), Zachary Tidwell, Cole Hagood, and Andrew Garrison. Team Coaches were Gina Courington, science teacher; Bob Wilder, math teacher; and Gina Dodd, student intern from Athens University.
- Double Springs Middle School BETA Club winners: Bella Martinez, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Speech; Kimberly Young, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Wildlife Photography; Aislinn Baldwin, top 15 in Poetry.
- Winston County High School Junior BETA Club winners: Heaven Garner, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Poetry; Elijah Posey, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in speech; Rachel Roberson, 1<sup>st</sup> place in cross-stitch; Hannah Brewer, 1<sup>st</sup> place in embroidery.
- Winston County High School Senior BETA Club winners:
  - Jacob Terry 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Science
  - Leann Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Color Photography Places
  - Nick Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Woodworking
  - Amber Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Counted Cross-stitch

Will Hodge 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Other Media Sculpture

Alex Myrick 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Black & White Photography Pets

Morgan Gasaway 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Color Photography Pets

2nd Place Arts and Crafts Sweepstakes

Tyler Cagle & Jessica Bloom 1<sup>st</sup> Place Special Talent

Leah Mayhall, Meg Posey, Emily Hood & Brittany Hart 1<sup>st</sup> Place Banner

Lacie Greene, BJ Flanagin, Candace Cole, Kandace Ownby, Amber Martin,  
Courtney Fuller & Cameron Ward 1<sup>st</sup> Place Scrapbook

- Winston County High School Band and Band Director, Spencer Johnson, for receiving a superior Rating at State Assessment.
- Courtney Tucker, Double Springs Middle School student, was the 2009 Winston County Spelling Bee runner-up.
- Winston County Technical Center DECA Instructor Bart Shannon, and students who were Regional and State Winners as follows:
  - Regional Individual winners: George Bonds, Automotive Services Marketing; Donnie Johnson, Food Marketing; Sean Ingram, Hotel and Lodging Management; Stephen King, Hotel and Lodging Management; Hannah Sanford, Marketing Management; Kayla Reynolds, Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Vickie Berry, Restaurant and Food Service Management; Nathan Johnson, Retail Merchandising; Nicole Ruder, Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Vicki Elkins, Sports and Entertainment Marketing.
  - Regional Team Winners: Business Law and Ethics – Mallory Smith, Alex Earnest, Brooke Jones and Jerica Autrey; Buying and Merchandising – Heather Cole and Aaron Carmack; Financial Analysis – Brittany Hart, Ashley Glasgow, Ashley Gurley, and Kayla Lunn; Hospitality Services – Tiffany Conner, Tiara Balentine, Angel Richardson, and Angel Jarrett; Internet Marketing – Paula Dyer and Morgan Gasaway.
  - State Winners: Automotive Services Marketing – George Bonds; Community Service Project – Savannah Denton, Kirstie Woodard, Bianca Arnold; Learn and Earn – Ashley Elliott, Sabrena Hendon; Public Relations Project – Ryan Watson, Josh Kelley, Cullen Beasley; Advertising Campaign – Ashley Neeley, Iman Shaaban, Katie Harrison; Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan – Tessa Rivers, Brooke Madison; Technical Sales Event – Joey Wilson; DECA

Quiz Bowl – Charity Hill, Ashley Costin, Crystal Thompson; Financial Literacy Promotion Project – Harris McKinney, Jordan Courington, Derek Jones.

#### PERSONNEL

- Approved Brittney Parker as community volunteer softball coach for Addison.
- Accepted retirement of Terry Kenneth Alexander as mechanic for the School Transportation Department, effective May 1, 2009.
- Accepted retirement of Frank Jones as mechanic for the School Transportation Department, effective May 1, 2009.
- Accepted retirement of Debra Thompson as Principal/State ARI Regional Partner effective May 1, 2009.
- Approved maternity leave (using only her accumulated sick leave) for Marla Murrah, Meek Teacher/Assistant Principal, effective March 23, 2009 through May 18, 2009.
- Approved Holly King and Anna Cagle as community volunteer softball coaches at Lynn.
- Approved Catastrophic Leave for Greg Young, Meek Vocational Bus Driver.
- Approved Willard Waldrep as boys track coach at Meek.

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Set the next work session for Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting for Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Following an executive session, the meeting was adjourned.