

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The Etowah County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted in the conference room of the Etowah County Board of Education Central Office located at 3200 West Meighan Boulevard, Gadsden, Alabama.

Members present were:

- Mrs. Scarlett Farley
- Mr. Danny Golden
- Mr. Todd Hindsman
- Mr. Tim Langdale
- Mr. Ernie Payne
- Mr. Doug Sherrod
- Mr. Tim Womack

Mr. Tim Womack, Board President, presided at this meeting. The invocation was given by Mr. Danny Golden. Mr. Womack asked if anyone would like to address the board as there were none the meeting was turned over to the Superintendent, Dr. Alan Cosby.

FY 2016 AUDIT REPORT

Dr. Alan Cosby, Superintendent, introduced Gwyn M. Griggs, Examiner, with the County Audit Division of the State of Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts. Mrs. Griggs presented information regarding the recently published FY16 audit period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 for the Etowah County School System, in accordance with Act 2006-196 of the State of Alabama. The type of audit opinion issued was unmodified as of and for the period ending September 30, 2016. This means the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There were no matters to indicate the Board had not complied in all material respect of the applicable laws and regulations. A copy of the audit report can be found on the Alabama State Examiner's website at www.examiners.alabama.gov.

FY 2018 BUDGET HEARING #2 AND APPROVAL

Donna Hagedorn, Chief School Financial Officer, along with Superintendent Cosby, presented the second FY18 Budget information to the Board and public. Dr. Cosby asked if there were any questions. After a summary of the budget was discussed, Dr. Cosby recommended approval of the FY18 Budget. Mr. Golden made a motion to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Cosby. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langdale. The Board members voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

2018 CAPITAL PLAN - APPROVED

The Superintendent, Dr. Alan Cosby, recommended approval of the 2018 Capital Plan. Mr. Langdale made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sherrod. The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Cosby.

ALABAMA TRUST FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION GENERAL LIABILITY/ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY FUND COVERAGE RENEWAL – APPROVED

Dr. Alan Cosby, Superintendent, recommended approval to renew the Alabama Trust for Boards of Education General Liability/Errors and Omissions Liability Fund Coverage for October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Mr. Hindsman made a motion to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Cosby and the motion was seconded by Mr. Golden. The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent.

ALABAMA TRUST FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY COVERAGE RENEWAL – APPROVED

Superintendent Cosby recommended approval to renew the Alabama Trust for Boards of Education Automobile Liability (AL) Coverage for October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Mr. Golden made a motion to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Cosby and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sherrod. The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent.

INFORMATION ITEMS


Superintendent Cosby presented the following information items to the Board.

- ❖ **Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting** – October 3, 2017, 5:00 p.m., school location to be determined
- ❖ **Active Shooter Drill** – Sardis High School October 5, 2017 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Attendance Awareness Month**
- ❖ **Band/Cheerleader EXPO** - September 19, 2017, 6:30p.m., Gadsden City High School Stadium

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Alan Cosby, Superintendent, went over the Information Items and the current school closings for Monday and Tuesday, September 11-12, 2017 due to the state of emergency for the tropical storm Irma. The board president, Tim Womack, asked the members if they had received the information regarding the employment guidelines for a new Chief School Financial Officer (CSFO) from the board attorney. The board discussed how they wanted to handle the applicants. It was agreed that Dr. Cosby would go through all applications and forward applications to the board members as well. Dr. Cosby was nominated to go through the applications and narrow down the top applicants and it was decided he would be the contact person for the posting. As all business was concluded, Mr. Sherrod made a motion to adjourn. All were in agreement.

APPROVED:



Board President



Superintendent