

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
ETOWAH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FY 16 BUDGET HEARING #1 AND INTERNET SAFETY HEARING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

The Etowah County Board of Education met for a special called meeting on September 1, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at 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. Danny Golden, Board President, presided at this meeting. An invitation to address the Board was extended by Mr. Golden. There was no response.

The invocation was then given by Mrs. Scarlett Farley. Mr. Danny Golden then turned the meeting over to the Superintendent, Dr. Alan Cosby.

FY16 BUDGET HEARING #1

The first order of business was the first of two required Budget Hearings for FY16. Donna Hagedorn, Chief School Financial Officer, along with Superintendent Cosby, presented the FY16 budget information to the Board and public.

2015-2016 INTERNET SAFETY HEARING

Hal Murphy, Technology Director, presented the annually required internet safety information to the Board and public.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

The Superintendent, Dr. Alan Cosby, recommended approval of the board meeting minutes of August 18, 2015, as provided. Mr. Hindsman made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langdale. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – APPROVED

Superintendent Cosby recommended approval of the following travel requests. Mr. Langdale made a motion, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Payne, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

- a) **Highland School 5th & 6th Grade Students** – travel by school bus to Alpine, Alabama, September 28-30, 2015, to attend Camp Cosby, expenses paid by participants
- b) **Highland School 5th & 6th Grade Students** – travel by charter bus to Orlando, Florida, February 26-March 2, 2016, to attend Walt Disney World Disney Youth Education Series, expenses paid by participants
- c) **Southside High FCCLA Members** – travel by charter bus to Pine Mountain, Georgia, November 20, 2015 to tour Callaway Gardens, and The Little White House, expenses paid by participants
- d) **Hal Murphy, Technology Director and Lynn Powell, Technology Bookkeeper** – travel to Fort Payne, Alabama, October 21-23, 2015, to attend E-Rate Boot Camp at Desoto State Park

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, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Mrs. Farley made a motion to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Cosby and the motion was seconded by Mr. Payne. 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, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Mr. Hindsman made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langdale. The Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY

The Superintendent, Dr. Alan Cosby, asked Mr. Hal Murphy, Technology Director, to present the first reading of the proposed changes to the ***Bring Your Own Device Policy*** and to explain the revisions. Mr. Murphy explained the changes and answered questions from the board members.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS - APPROVED

Dr. Alan Cosby, Superintendent, recommended approval of the following personnel recommendations as a whole. Mr. Hindsman made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Langdale, to approve the recommendation of Superintendent Cosby. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

Career Technical Center	a)	<u>Samantha Booker</u> – Career Coach resigns effective August 27, 2015
	b)	<u>Michele Dietz</u> - transfer as Math Teacher from Sardis Middle School effective September 2, 2015
	c)	<u>Keena Mashburn</u> – resigns from Extra Duty Supplement position of Technology Coordinator effective August 24, 2015
Glencoe High	d)	<u>Blake Badgett</u> – resigns from duties of Junior High Baseball Coach effective August 7, 2015
	e)	<u>Robin Bradley</u> – Child Nutrition Worker resigns effective August 20, 2015

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Glencoe Middle	f)	<u>Wade Larry Williams</u> – 9.5 month Custodian resigns effective August 31, 2015
Hokes Bluff Elementary	g)	<u>Heather Hannah & Amber McCarver</u> – approve as School Technology Coordinator, each receiving one half of System Paid Supplement for the 2015-2016 school year
	h)	<u>Heather Hannah</u> – approval to receive 2015-2016 Extra Duty Category II System Paid Supplement for Yearbook Sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year
	i)	<u>Vickie Sexton</u> – Child Nutrition Manager retiring effective October 1, 2015
Hokes Bluff High / Hokes Bluff Middle	j)	<u>Nicholas Allen Staff</u> - employ as Band Director effective September 2, 2015, one year only
Rainbow Middle	k)	<u>Allison Stevens</u> - transfer as Probationary Contract Principal from Assistant Principal effective September 2, with probationary period being September 2, 2015 through June 30, 2017
West End Elementary	l)	<u>Donna Morton</u> - employ as Bus Driver effective September 9, 2015
West End High	m)	<u>Elissa Self</u> (correction) – approve as Non-Faculty Junior High Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year, paid by Volleyball Booster Club
	n)	<u>Keena Mashburn</u> – approval to receive one half of 2015-2016 Extra Duty Supplement for School Technology Coordinator
Title II Class Size Reduction Teachers	o)	<u>Jennifer Holthof</u> – Title II Class Size Reduction Teacher assigned to West End Elementary School – Kindergarten
	p)	<u>Dustin Quinn</u> - Title II Class Size Reduction Teacher assigned to Highland Elementary School – 3rd Grade

Contracted Services	q)	<i>Amy Elmore</i> – approval of Occupational Therapy Services Contract for the 2015-2016 school year, as needed basis, paid from Title VI-B funds
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INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Cosby presented the following information items to the Board and public.

- ❖ Next Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing #2 – September 8, 2015, 5:00 p.m., at the Etowah County Board of Education Central Office
- ❖ AASB District 6 Fall Meeting – September 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at Classic on Noble
- ❖ Proposed 2016 Capital Plan
- ❖ 2015-2016 Calendar Revised – Southside High School and West End High School swapped graduation dates

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Before adjourning into executive session, new employees and employees transferring into new positions were recognized and welcomed by Superintendent Cosby and by the board members.

The Board President, Mr. Danny Golden, extended a second invitation to anyone in the audience to address the Board. There was no response.


Dr. Alan Cosby, Superintendent, requested a motion to move into executive session to discuss potential litigation and also to discuss a potential real estate transaction, both allowable exceptions under the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Jim Turnbach, Board Attorney, licensed to practice law in the state of Alabama, made the certification that the exceptions were applicable to the planned discussions of the executive session and therefore allowable under the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Langdale made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hindsman. The Board voted unanimously to move into executive session.

Mr. Sherrod made a motion to return to regular session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langdale. The Board voted unanimously to return to regular session.


ADJOURNMENT

As all business was concluded, Mr. Sherrod made a motion to adjourn. All were in agreement.

APPROVED:



Board President



Superintendent