

May 19, 2015

The Chilton County Board of Education met in regular session in the board room of the central office, 1705 Lay Dam Road, Clanton, Alabama, the County Seat, which is the customary place of holding the meeting of said Board at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

The meeting was begun in prayer by Mr. Curtis Smith.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mrs. Lori Patterson, and the roll called with the following results:

Present: Mrs. Lori Patterson, Mr. Jim Shannon, Mrs. Pam Price, Mr. Joe Mims, Mrs. Linda Hand, Mr. Keith Moore, Mr. Curtis Smith, Mr. John Hollis Jackson, Jr., the board's attorney, and several visitors

Absent: None

Superintendent of Education, Mr. Tommy Glasscock, ex-officio Secretary of the Board and custodian of its minutes and records, was present and kept the minutes of the meeting.

The President declared a quorum present and the meeting duly and legally constituted and open for the transaction of business.

AGENDA

APPROVE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Mims and a second by Mr. Shannon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

OPEN FORUM

Vikki Grooms, Clanton Middle School – Expressed her thanks to Mrs. Kim Arrington, technology supervisor for what she does in the schools and community.

Sharon Smith, parent from Jemison High School – She has had three children at JHS and she has seen the benefits of the dress code at the school. There are parents in support of the dress code at Jemison.

Euleta Guy – Has a problem that dress code only applies to Jemison Middle School and Jemison High School. As a former teacher, she can see the benefits of uniforms. What is the benefit besides discipline? Has uniforms made a difference in bullying? Parents have problems fitting their children and having clothes altered. She sees no financial benefit. She has problem with tucking in shirts and wearing a belt. Middle school is where the cruelest characteristics of children come out. There are children that are criticized by peers for having uniforms tucked in. This can bring about a physical stress and emotional stress. She has been in all three schools and has seen teachers dressed professionally, she has also seen many teachers without their dresses to the floor, ankle length and without their shirts tucked in. That's a double standard. There are several options – 1. All or none, the whole county go to uniforms or none, or a compromise – do the shirts have to be tucked in, do there have to be belts? And also, this would be a uniform policy that the teachers would be dressed in a like manner also. Kids that want to continue wearing them, why not? She disagrees with it being at just Jemison High School and Middle School. The main thing about education is preparing our students to be the best they can be and I think that's what we're working on especially at Jemison. We want our kids to be the best they can be. I'm not real sure that a uniform has a whole lot to do with it.

Mrs. Patterson advised Mrs. Guy that Dr. Fenn is currently working on an employee handbook that deals with professionalism of teachers; contrary to rumors, it isn't quite as harsh as some say it is.

Alan Short – likes uniforms, looks well and helps on safety at school and being able to distinguish someone who doesn't belong there. He thinks uniforms are a really good thing. As to expense, he hasn't noticed a lot of difference in his budget. His wife drives a bus at Jemison and it helps on that. Dress in today's society gets pretty scattered and it helps on that also. He would like to see it continue. He has no problem with it going county wide but if it doesn't go county wide he doesn't believe it should be taken away from Jemison. He does still have a child in school.

Annette Stokes – Her son graduated from Jemison. She would like to see the Board put something in place to talk to graduating seniors. Her son graduated as valedictorian at Jemison and he struggles in college. Listen to what their struggles are. You are missing the boat if you don't listen to what their freshman year was like. It would help the Board understand where to use resources. Math would be her A number one. Her son took pre-cal at Jemison and she paid for him to take pre-cal at Jeff State and whew C- in calculus one at Auburn. As far as uniforms, she is not a fan and Mrs. Calloway knows that, she loves Mrs. Calloway but believes there is room for compromise.

Upon a motion from Mr. Mims and seconded by Mr. Shannon, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

Minutes Approved:

President

Members of the Board

Secretary

Approved _____, 20____