

The Pickens County Board of Education met on March 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Gordo Elementary School (535 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Gordo, AL 35466). Chairman, Nick Tolstick, LaSonja Richardson, Michael Hinton, Annie Jackson and Debbie Holley were present. Others present were Superintendent Jamie Chapman, Vanessa Anthony, Jennifer Shirley, Alesia Williams, Anissa Ball, Ken Holder, and Board Attorney, Ray Ward.

1. **MEETING OPENED:**

Chairman, Nick Tolstick welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and asked that a moment of silence be observed.

2. **AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVED:**

On a motion by Debbie Holley, seconded by Annie Jackson the Board unanimously approved the agenda and the minutes from the February 19, and March 10, 2014 meetings.

3. **PAYROLL APPROVED:**

On a motion by LaSonja Richardson, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the February payroll.

4. **COMMUNITY GROUPS:**

NONE

5. **HOSA STATE WINNERS:**

Natalie Lavender, health-science teacher, informed the Board that Pickens County Schools had seven winners at the state HOSA competition and that those seven would be competing at the national HOSA completion in June in Orlando Florida. She thanked the Board, Superintendent, and Career Technical Director, Alma Somerville for their support and efforts which allows our student the opportunity to compete at the state and national level. The following seven winners were introduced and congratulated by the Board.

Maria Manning, Cassidy Hardy, Morgan Sanders	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Health Education
Brooke Driver	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Nursing
Jasmine Spearman, Danielle Brown	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Health Career Display
Teiaria Amison	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Medical Spelling

6. **FINANCE REPORT:**

On a motion by Michael Hinton, seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the financial report for February as presented by CSFO, Jennifer Shirley and the cash balances as follows.

General Fund	\$1,835,941.74
QZAB	105,581.91
Capital	930,365.38
Capital CD	341,074.70
Debt Service Fund	97,500.00
CNP	468,751.46
Federal Programs	30,718.41
Local Schools	648,424.79

7. **CNP UPDATE:**

Mr. Claude Adams, CNP director gave an update on the nutrition standards for foods in schools. He explained the basic requirements and guidelines that child nutrition must follow in planning menus for breakfast and lunch in each of our schools. He also went over the allowable portion size they can serve to elementary, middle and high school students.

8. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Superintendent, Jamie Chapman informed the Board of the FY 15 budget that was sent to the Senate. At this time, PEEHIP increase is fully funded, increase in OCE and textbooks, and divisor change for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

9. **LEE VS. MACON UPDATE:**

Mr. Chapman told the Board that we had gotten approval to sell the three homes in Carrollton. The annual report was submitted and Dr. Leonard Stephens would be visiting on April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss options to improve our problem areas.

10. **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST:**

Superintendent, Jamie Chapman reminded the Board that the deadline to file their statement of economic interest was April 30, 2014. He explained they could go to the web site, [www.ethics.alabama.gov](http://www.ethics.alabama.gov), and file online or print off the form and mail in their information.

