

**The following are highlights from the Winston County Board of Education meeting on November 27, 2007**

The Board approved payrolls and expenditures in the amount of \$2,408,329.54 for the month of October. Bank Reconciliations and Financial Statements were also accepted.

The following Commendations were made by the Board:

- Winston County Schools, for receiving its third ADECA Energy Weatherization and Technology Grant. It is for \$15,000.00 and will be used to replace 10 HVAC units that are at least 15 years old with 5 three-ton wall mounted units at Addison School.
- Addison High School Varsity Volleyball team for their play in the Elite Eight State Volleyball Tournament and to Jessie Willingham on being named to the All-Tournament Team in Pelham.
- WCHS Varsity Volleyball team Runner-up in the finals of the Elite Eight State Volleyball Tournament.
- Lynn High School for making it to the first round of the Football playoffs; and to Addison High for making through the first two rounds.
- Brandon Page, a DSMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade student was recently invited by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to take a two week trip to with them to Hawaii next summer.
- Lynn Elementary:
  - Mrs. Baughn, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Alsup's Third Grade classes, for winning a Blue Cross; Blue Shield \$1500 grant for a special reading project they did on healthy living. Money will be used for additional reading supplies and materials for the classrooms.
  - Joseph Lane, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student who was selected as one of the top 13 winners in the Alabama Gerontological Essay Contest. Joseph wrote an inspiring essay about his grandmother, Rina Nunelly. Mrs. Katrina Boteler is his teacher.
  - Logann Smith, placed in the top ten of the HOAR Construction/GMAC Bowl Writing Contest and will travel to Mobile in December to compete in the GMAC Bowl. Logann is also in Mrs. Boteler's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

and

- Farm City Poster Contest Winners:  
Grades 4-6: Winner – Kelsea Dickinson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Austin Stephenson  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Joey Pruitt.  
Grades K-3: Winner – Ajah Sawyer; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Savannah Rennicker,  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hannah Haley.
- Harvest Festival Classroom winners:  
K-3 Princess/Prince – Kensley Tittle & Blake Dyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up – Morgan Foster & Braden Cagle, kindergarten  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up – Harley Brown & Owen Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
4-6 Queen/King – Reagan Tittle & Hunter Hokett, 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner up – Chance Henson & Morgan Dodd, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up – Miranda Gilbert & Bryant Lawrence, 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- The PTO for the wonderful Harvest Festival, and the thousands of dollars they raised for their school.
- Mrs. Evelyn Bobo and the membership of Alpha Delta Kappa for providing Halloween refreshments to the faculty and staff.
- Meek High School
  - Allison Smith, JV cheerleader, selected to perform in the All-Star Parade at Disney World during Thanksgiving break.
  - Amber Peek, for being selected as a finalist to be an ambassador at the Alabama Sports Festival.
  - Ashley Alston, 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Smith Lake Arts Festival Logo Contest.
  - Megan Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$300 winner in the Alfa Neighbors Magazine photography contest.
  - Varsity cheerleaders for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the North Alabama Regional Cheerleading Competition sponsored by UCA, and the JV cheerleaders for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division.
  - Angela Deaver, Brittney Williams, Nicole Snyder, Britney Howton, Miranda Eddy, and Courtney Cox for making the All-County Cheer Team
  - Danny Stallings for being selected as Vice President of AASP.
- Meek Elementary

- Brooke Hogan, Meek Elementary, whose watercolor painting won first place in the Jasper Jaycees Northwest Alabama Fair.
- Arley United Methodist for donations of supplies
- Meek Alumni Association for \$500.00 for Space Camp
- Alabama 33/40 Helicopter Crew for allowing the first graders to have photos taken with them and the helicopter.
- Barbara Lawson, for helping create Arts Council of Smith Lake and bring volunteers into the schools to teach art education.
- Brenda Brooks, Evelyn Bobo, Judy Lambert, Blythe Welton, Margaret Holcomb, Mary Ellis, Becky Sargent, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Flynn, Tammi Farley, and Bianca Elrod, volunteering their time to mentor and tutor students.
- The following organizations and businesses for donations to the new playground: PTO - \$5000, Traditions Bank - \$3000, Arley Fraternal Lodge - \$750, Handyman's - \$100, and Mike's Auto Service - \$50.00. Lane's Concrete - 2 tons of pea gravel and concrete to set posts; Ralph Williams, Eric Beard and Robbie Lane for use of large machinery and labor; Community members, teachers, and Jr. High Cheerleaders for helping to assemble the equipment and feed everyone; and to Jerry Harrelson and the High School students for unloading equipment.
- Veterans for attending and taking part in the Veteran's Day Festival
- Teachers and students who took part in the Smith Lake Arts Festival
- Meek Baptist's Women's Group for providing prayer and refreshments for the teachers.
- Jessica Fulgham, Heather Denson, Debra Johnson, Lori Bowling, Bethany Powell, and Ashley Farley for receiving grant approvals from Operation Round-Up.

Board Policy Items:

- Consider revision to the following policies:
  - IDCA/JFH – Summer School
  - JBC – F1 – Student Enrollment Form
  - DJC/GBAA – Contract Periods for Certified Personnel

Approval concerning Grants, Bids, Purchases, etc.:

- Approve applying for the following grants:
  - Education Facilities Excellence Act of 2007 Grant for Capital Expenditures
  - Alabama Cooperative Extension Service Rural Alabama Initiative Funding Proposal
  - High Schools That Work
  - Technology Centers at Work
  - Alabama Public School & College Education Incentive Fund
- Accept the Jobs for Alabama Graduates (JAG) Grant.
- Authorize Transportation Department to accept sealed bids to sell obsolete buses and equipment.
- Award bid to School Check-In to purchase software and equipment package as a parental involvement project.
- Approve modifying contract with Flowers Baking Company due to an increase in ingredients costs that was unforeseen earlier.
- Authorize WCTC to purchase school vehicle.

The Superintendent's Report:

- 08-001

Personnel Items:

- Approved catastrophic sick leave Juli Veal, teacher at Lynn Elementary.
- Approved FMLA leave for Bethany Flanagan, teacher at Winston County Technical Center, effective October 1, 2007.
- Approved employment of Sandra Williamson, as lunchroom worker at Addison Schools- 7 hours per day – 9 month contract – effective December 3, 2007.
- Approved employment of Dustin Miller as the JAG Specialist at Winston County Technical Center-effective December 3, 2007.
- Approve Tony Williams as 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach at Meek High School.
- Approve transfer of Philip Cleghorn from Payroll Secretary (full-time position) to Accounts Payable Secretary (half-time position) at his request and Sandra Lester from Accounts Payable Secretary (half-time position) to Payroll Secretary (full-time position) at her request effective December 31, 2007.

Approval was given to authorize the Superintendent to request proposals from current 403(b) providers to develop and administer the Board's 403(b) plan. The Board also approved the Continuous Improvement Plans for 07-08.

School Trips for out-of-state, overnight, or extended day were approved as follows:

- Spencer Johnson, band director, to take DSMS and WCHS participating students to UAB Honor Band in November and December.
- Nancy Frith, Band Director, to take Meek School participating students to UAB Honor Band in November and December.
- Meek Junior Cheerleaders to Orlando, Florida to compete in the National Cheerleading Competition in February.
- Meek High School Students for Educational Trip to Washington, D.C. in May.
- Double Springs Elementary Second Grade Classes to Aquarium in Chattanooga, TN in May.

The next meeting is set for December 20, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. and a work session was set for December 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.