

Huntsville City Schools
Meeting Minutes
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WORK SESSION
5/5/2016 5:30:00 PM
ANNIE MERTS CENTER
200 WHITE STREET
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

The Huntsville City Board of Education met in the boardroom on the above date at 5:33 p.m. Members present were the President, Ms. Laurie McCaulley; Vice President, Ms. Elisa Ferrell; Mr. Mike Culbreath; and Mr. Walker McGinnis. Ms. Beth Wilder was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were the Superintendent, Dr. Casey Wardynski; School Board Attorney, Mr. J.R. Brooks; members of the central office staff; and interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the Moment of Silent Reflection was led by the President. The bio was read by Ms. Elisa Ferrell. Yazeed Peter Jeries a 5th grade student at Challenger Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were recognized by Dr. Wardynski and Dr. Cooper for their accomplishments:

CHARACTER WORD FOR MAY: COURAGE - the ability to do something that frightens one; strength in the face of pain or grief.

Hampton Cove Middle School:

Elizabeth Rhonemus - 2nd place state winner at National History Day Competition in Montgomery. Elizabeth has been invited to participate at the national level competition this summer in Maryland.

Mrs. Debbie Hester - selected as a National Behring Ambassador for National History Day. Debbie has been invited to collaborate with teachers from across the nation in a forum in Washington DC this summer in order to discover ways to enhance the teaching of history through project based learning by promoting participation in National History Day.

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS:

16,000 students (nationwide) are named Semifinalists.

Semifinalists submit an extensive application in the fall for Finalist consideration - Finalists were announced in late February.

15,000 students (nationwide) are named Finalists.

We're excited to announce that all our Semifinalists achieved finalist standing!

Many colleges offer scholarships specifically for Finalists - example from University of Alabama - <http://scholarships.ua.edu/nationalscholars/>. You will notice quite a bit of difference between the scholarship for Semifinalist and the scholarship for Finalist. Colleges have different levels of scholarships for these students - not all the same.

Finalists are eligible for additional scholarship money directly from National Merit Scholarship Corporation or from corporate sponsors. Those scholarships will be awarded later in spring.

GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS ARE: ROBERT CARAWAY, MICHELLE KEHRES, ZOE KIM, ALICIA MULQUEEN, KLAYTON ROBINSON, HELEN STEEVE, DAVIS TOOMEY, AND ANNA TRAYLOR

HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS ARE: NEAL KELSO, ANDREW PENDERGRASS, RILEYANNE SHARPE, AND ANDREW TUCKER

NEW CENTURY TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST IS: ROBERT BRADFORD

Ms. Ferrell made the motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Mr. Culbreath, approved.

Attendees - voting members

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| Laurie McCaulley | Chair |
| Elisa Ferrell | Vice Chair |
| Michael Culbreath | Board Member |
| Walker McGinnis | Board Member |

Attendees - other

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| E. Casey Wardynski | Superintendent |
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- I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE lead by Yazeed Peter Jeries - 5th grader @ Challenger Elementary School
- III. CELEBRATIONS/RESOLUTIONS
- IV. WORK SESSION
 - A. 1ST LEGO League
 - B. HCS Recruiting Fair
 - C. Board Adoptions
 - D. Behavioral Learning Guide Update
 - E. National Junior Honor Society Guidelines
 - F. BOE Appeals Process
 - G. ACT Testing Protocol
- V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the April 21, 2016 Minutes

B. CONSENT AGENDA

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Consent Agenda consisting of Gifts to Schools.

Motion made by: Elisa Ferrell

Motion seconded by: Michael Culbreath

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Gifts to Schools

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Human Resources Report

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Human Resources Report.

Motion made by: Elisa Ferrell

Motion seconded by: Walker McGinnis

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Certification of Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation - March 2016

The Superintendent recommended approval of the General Financial Statements, including the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, as of and for the month ended March 31, 2016.

Motion made by: Elisa Ferrell

Motion seconded by: Walker McGinnis

Voting

Unanimously Approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Chairperson


Secretary