

Dr. Clint A. Baggett
Haleyville City Schools
Superintendent's Report
To the Public
BOE Meeting
2/22/11

- 1. Last month we announced that Mrs. Beth Townsend had been selected as Alabama's VFW High School Teacher of the Year. This month, with much pride, we announce that Mrs. Cindy Taylor has been selected as the state's VFW Middle School Teacher of the Year! Haleyville City Schools are honored to have two State Teachers of the Year in the same year! We proudly say our teachers are the very best, and this is verification. Mrs. Taylor teaches Math at Haleyville Middle School and was also a valued faculty member at Haleyville Elementary before the construction of our middle school. She has taught several grade levels during her tenure with us. Once again, Haleyville City Schools are record breakers, having two chosen by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as the VFW State of Alabama "Teachers of the Year." This is an outstanding honor; our congratulations to Mrs. Cindy Taylor on her selection as the State VFW Middle School Teacher of the Year and to Mrs. Beth Townsend as the State VFW High School Teacher of the Year.**

- 2. Continuing with State winners, Emma O'Rear, 8th grade student at Haleyville Middle School has been selected one of two students from the entire state as Alabama's Top Youth Volunteer in the 16th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community National Awards Program. Emma assisted with a Mrs. Angela Jones' special education class last**

summer after her little sister, Payton, passed away at the age of 8, who had been part of the class. Emma said that her sister inspired her to do this by making her realize that these children's lives are just as normal as others. Emma said that volunteering in Mrs. Jones' classroom helps her deal with her personal grief and at the same time pay tribute to her sister's memory. Three days a week during the summer, Emma assisted by singing with the children, conducting counting exercises, working on art projects, participating in nature walks and helping at snack time. As a State Honoree, Emma will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for a series of national recognition events from April 30 to May 3. Hopefully, the \$1,000 award can be arranged to be presented at next month's Board meeting.

- 3. Last month it was announced that AB Lowe was Haleyville's local Spelling Bee winner. We have been informed that Josh Batchelor was also a local winner and both competed at the County level recently. Josh took 3rd place and AB finished 4th. Congratulations to both Josh Batchelor and AB Lowe for being outstanding spellers!**
- 4. It is well publicized that tax revenues that fund education are not coming in at expected levels and we are always looking for grants and donations to assist with our programs. We have recently been awarded a \$30,000 at-risk grant to be used in conjunction with our Jobs for Alabama's Graduates or JAG program which was only partially funded in this year's budget and a much needed \$25,000 award was allocated to our system for local capital needs by the Alabama Public School and College Authority. A \$15,000 grant has been received to assist with the on-going professional development of our 9th grade Freshman Academy, part of the "Making High Schools Work"**

national initiative. Individual teachers also apply for classroom grants. Mrs. Chere' Fetter, ARI Reading Coach, partnered with 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Shanda Barnett in writing a "Healthy Reading Grant" sponsored by Blue Cross – Blue Shield. This grant will allow \$1500 to organize health activities concentrating on eating right, getting enough rest and exercise, taking care of your body and simply taking time to relax. We like to say that Haleyville City Schools are "Community Schools" and we are always very appreciative of our citizens who step up and assist our academic and athletic programs. Many individuals and businesses are financing the improvements at the baseball field; these improvements could not happen at this time given the economic conditions of our system. Classroom supply monies are very scarce this year and thanks goes to Wesley Harbin, a 1997 HHS graduate, who made a \$200 donation to Mrs. Brenda Tucker's Biology class for various lab activities. It is an on-going effort to search and apply for grant opportunities and we are always very happy to accept individual donations as well. As said many times, Haleyville is a great place to live, to go to school and to work!

- 5. Tonight marks the end of official service to our school system by Mr. Larry Burleson. Coach Burleson has served Haleyville Schools as a teacher, administrator, coach, parent and twelve years as a board member. The majority of his adult life has been spent on our campus. He handled all roles professionally with pride and class. Haleyville has been fortunate to have Larry serve in all of these positions. We are not saying good-bye, for he will continue to be one of our biggest supporters and he will certainly continue to be seen walking the track and encouraging our young Lions at various athletic events. On behalf of the Board of Education, the faculties, staffs, administrators and students of all schools along with grateful citizens, please accept this**

plaque as a token our appreciation for your dedicated service and friendship to the Haleyville Schools System.

- 6. The next scheduled meeting of this Board is March 22, to be held in the Board Room of HHS at 7:00 p.m. with a Work Session prior if necessary.**

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HALEYVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Session

Haleyville High School Board Room

February 22, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Establish Quorum
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D.** Approval of Minutes Regular Session January 24, 2011
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business

The superintendent recommended:

- 1.** To consider approving Board Expenditures for December, 2010, in the amount of \$1,154,737.28 and for January, 2011 in the amount of \$1,236,485.80
- 2.** To consider approving Field Trip Request for HHS Band and director Reggie Tolbert to travel to New Orleans, LA April 28-30, 2011, to perform at the New Orleans Symphony Hall.
- 3.** To consider approving the assignment of Emily Gilbreath as assistant Track & Field coach for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 4.** To consider approving to amend the 2010-2011 School Calendar to include student and faculty make-up day, due to weather related school closing: February 12, 2011.
- 5.** To consider approving Professional Leave Request of Al Temple to attend Nike Basketball Clinic, Tunica, MS, May 13-15, 2011.
- 6.** To consider approving the resignation of Tiffany Donnan as Haleyville High School Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor, effective March 1, 2011.
- 7.** To consider the re-assignment of Wendy Rushing from JV Cheerleader Sponsor to Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor effective March 2, 2011.

8. To consider assigning Amy Parker to assist Wendy Rushing with the Varsity Cheerleaders for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.
9. To consider assigning Amanda Hood as Junior Varsity Cheerleader Sponsor for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

G. Any Other Business

10. To consider approving the following fun-raisers:

- a.** HHS Library to hold Scholastic Book Fair, May 2-6, 2011.
- b.** HMS softball to sell concessions at the two day softball tournament, April 1-2, 2011.
- c.** HHS Senior III to sell \$10 gift cards to Guthrie's & Trax to help offset cost of a meal for the Senior Educational Tour.

H. Superintendent's Report

I. Public Relations Report

J. Hearing Public

K. Adjournment

Haleyville Board of Education
Personnel Action
2/22/2011

No action taken under this section.