

**Dr. Clint A. Baggett**  
**Haleyville City Schools**  
**Superintendent's Report**  
**To the Public**  
**BOE Meeting**  
**2/28/12**

- **The Alabama Legislature began its 2012 Session earlier this month. The Legislators officially meet 30 days a year and they have 105 days to complete these days. Last they started fast with education change legislation, but this year has started with a slower, more cautious approach. There are two issues related to education that really need attention. One is HB 360, School Flexible Calendar; this bill will allow Boards of Education flexibility with “hours” of instruction and not “days” of instruction, and this is good; but tucked away in the bill is statewide start and end dates for schools to open and close a school year. As it is written, the earliest first student day next fall would be August 20 and the graduation would have to no later than May 24. It would be very hard to build a calendar with enough days for the first semester to end before the Christmas break. For middle school and high school students in particular, it’s much better to finish semester exams before the holidays. The other issue pertains to Charter Schools. A bill is expected to be filed very soon. Charter Schools are schools that operate very much like private schools, less regulation, but with public tax money. If a charter school is authorized for a school district, the operating funds come from those allocated to the district; therefore, reducing the amount available to the local public schools. Basically, it’s like having another school to fund within a**

**system. While there are pros and cons for Charter Schools, our main concern is from an authorization point. Our stand is that if we are going to have Charter Schools in Alabama and since the operating funds will come from the local district allocations, then the local Board of Education should be the authorizing and controlling agency. We need your help, our request is for all who will, contact our state legislators and express our concerns to them. Both of these issues are local concerns and it is very important to keep local control.**

- I was honored to be part of the Alabama Delegation to the National Conference on Education held in Houston two weeks ago and heard inspiring educational messages at the General Sessions. From conversations with superintendents from other states, the issues facing Alabama are pretty much the same issues facing superintendents and school boards in all other states. The emphasis on science, math and reading instruction in conjunction with technology is at the forefront. Interactive textbooks are being developed for iPads as well as for use with Smart Boards. Haleyville is blessed to have the 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology devices that can bring these latest developments to our classrooms when released. More children (22%) are living below the poverty line in America than since the Great Depression. Not surprisingly, they have the fewest resources, lowest achievement levels, the greatest educational gaps. This is a national issue that needs our combined focus. Virtual Academies (on-line high schools) are very ineffective without strict state standards. Some in the Northeast have failure rates higher than 90%. As the debate heats up in Alabama, it appears that using a targeted approach and setting standards is the only way these academies positively impact students. And, as mentioned early, and**

**similar to the Virtual Academy dilemma, states where Charter Schools have a targeted audience and are under the complete control of the local school system like Wisconsin and Georgia only see positive results.**

- **The Board held a Work Session immediately prior to this meeting. Discussions centered on short and long term personnel, operating and maintenance needs of the system. No official action was taken during the session.**
- **The next scheduled meeting of this Board is March 20, here in the Board Room of HHS at 7:00 p.m. with a Work Session prior if necessary.**
- **The AASB review of the public input survey for the Superintendent search will replace our “Technology Spotlight” this month.**

## **AGENDA**

**HALEYVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Session**

**Haleyville High School Board Room**

**February 28, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order

B. Establish Quorum

C. Approval of Agenda

**D. Approval of Minutes** Regular Session January 24,2012

E. Old Business

F. New Business

The superintendent recommended

- 1.** To consider approving Board expenditures for January, 2012 in the amount of \$1,116,611.04. The January bank statements have been reconciled to the general ledger by the CSFO and approved by the Superintendent.
  - 2.** To consider approving substitute teacher list.
  - 3.** To consider approving out-of-state travel for Heather Evans, Linda Godsey, Neina Middleton, Roger Satcher, and Bo Wilcoxson as chaperons to Washington D.C. and New York City on May 12, 2012 through May 19, 2012 for the annual Senior Educational Tour.
  - 4.** To consider approving Field Trip Request for Auto Technology students and Mike Batchelor to attend Ford AAA State Finals in Birmingham, AL April 16 through April 17, 2012.
  - 5.** To consider approving the title change of Policy Files IDAA through IDAA-R to conform with State Department of Education Administrative Code from Vocational Education to Career and Technical Education.
- G. Any Other Business
- 6.** To consider approving the following fund-raisers:
    - a.** HHS Track and Field to sell smoked tenderloins March 2, 2012 through March 23, 2012.
    - b.** JJS boys & girls tennis to sell Jack's coupon books, February 29 through March 9, 2012.
    - c.** JV and Varsity Cheerleaders to sell carwash tickets (project begins after try-outs) from Glasshouse Carwash.
    - d.** HHS Baseball to hold a baseball clinic for younger players.
- H. Superintendent's Report
- I. Public Relations Report
- J. Hearing Public
- K. Adjournment

**Haleyville Board of Education**  
**Personnel Action**  
2/28/2012

1. Approved the retirement Kathleen Page, effective July 31, 2012.
2. Approved the hire of David Albright as Grounds Keeper – Maintenance Assistant, effective March 1, 2012.