

## *What's New? Week of February 5, 2007*

### **Superintendent Search Firm to Present Candidates -**

**Monday, February 5, 2007, [TONIGHT!] 4:00 till 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office (Jack Farr Administrative Building) - open to the public**

Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates will present the names of three Superintendent candidates to the Board of Education. This will be the first opportunity that the Board and the community will have to hear the names of persons being seriously considered for the Superintendent's position here in Hoover City Schools.

A workshop will also be conducted to assist Board of Education members in interviewing candidates for the Superintendent position.

**The dates for the public interviews of these candidates has changed** to Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10. The Board will conduct public interviews of these three candidates on those dates. Times will be announced.

Check the HSCIN [Superintendent Search Update](#) page for the remaining timeline and updates.

[School Chief Finalists to be Named - February 5, Birmingham News](#)

[Board to Learn Top Three Superintendent Candidates - January 31, Birmingham News](#)

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### **Board of Education Appointments - *updated 02/02/07***

The Education Committee of our Hoover City Council will be appointing a new School Board member in April. They typically begin taking resumes in February. Serving on the Hoover School Board of Education is the highest form of service to our school community.

If you have any interest in serving on our School Board, please take the time to submit a resume. The Education Committee of the City Council has previously granted interviews to all who apply. Interviews typically take place during the month of March.

Last year, the interviews were public for the first time. Twenty-one people were interviewed for two open positions. Questions were asked about what the applicants thought were our school systems' strengths and weaknesses, how test scores are viewed, and various other general questions. Those who interviewed stated that the interviews being public was not a problem for them.

We need good, qualified School Board members. Please consider applying for this next appointment.

To visit the Hoover City Council's official page on the Board of Education, click [here](#).

To view more information on becoming a School Board Member, visit the [Links](#) section of our [Board of Education](#) page.

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## Training for School Board Members

The [Alabama Association of School Boards \(AASB\)](#) offers training for School Board members through the [School Board Member Academy](#). Board members earn credit hours for their participation through the Academy.

The Academy offers Levels of Achievement for School Board Members as they accumulate hours of School Board Member Training.

Level 1 requires 25 hours. Level 2 requires 50 hours. Level 3 requires 75 hours. Level 4 requires 100 hours, including all eight core curriculum courses.

Click [here](#) for a complete schedule of training sessions.

The AASB recently issued a Progress Report outlining which AASB activities Board of Education members have participated in. There was no report for Mr. Defnall.

### **Mr. Bill Veitch - term began June 2002:**

- attended the 2002 New Board Member Orientation in Montgomery
- attended the 2005 NSBA Convention in San Diego in April 2005
- attended the 2005 Annual Convention in Birmingham in December 2005
- attended the 2006 Fall District 5 Meeting in Homewood in October 2006

Mr. Veitch has completed the Core Course in Leadership 1.

Mr. Veitch has earned 19 hours of credit in the School Board Member Academy. He needs 6 hours to reach Level 1 of four Levels available.

### **Mrs. Donna Frazier - term began June 2005:**

- attended the 2005 Summer Conference in Mobile in July 2005
- attended the 2005 Leadership 1 Core Conference in Mobile in July 2005
- attended the 2005 Annual Convention in Birmingham in December 2005
- attended the 2006 NSBA Convention in Chicago

Mrs. Frazier has completed the Core Course in Leadership 1.

Mrs. Frazier has earned 24 hours of credit in the School Board Member Academy. She needs 1 hour to reach Level 1 of four Levels available.

### **Mrs. Suzy Baker - term began June 2006**

- attended the 2006 Southern Region Conference in Sandestin in July 2006
- attended the 2006 Annual Convention in Birmingham in December 2006

Mrs. Baker has not completed the Core Course in Leadership 1.

Mrs. Baker has earned 18 hours of credit in the School Board Member Academy. She needs 7 hours to reach Level 1 of four Levels available.

**Mr. A.W. Bolt - term began June 2006**

- attended the 2006 Southern Region Conference in Sandestin in July 2006
- attended the 2006 Leadership 1 Core Conference in Birmingham in December 2006

Mr. Bolt has completed the Core Course in Leadership 1.

Mr. Bolt has earned 17 hours of credit in the School Board Member Academy. He needs 8 hours to reach Level 1 of four Levels available.

**Core Curriculum Courses Available to our Board of Education Members through the School Board Academy**

- Leadership 1
- Leadership for Policy and Planning
- Leadership for Financial Accountability
- Leadership 2
- Leadership to Create the Optimal Learning Environment
- Leadership for Academic Achievement
- Leadership for Creating a Highly Effective Staff
- Leadership for Community Engagement

**[Hoover City School Calendar PROPOSAL](#) - posted 02/02/07**

The Calendar Committee for Hoover City Schools is reconvening to discuss the input they received. We will post more information as it becomes available. Thank you for taking the time to submit input to Mr. Morrow and to participate in the HSCIN poll.

**Final results of the HSCIN poll:** 64% were *not* in favor of moving Spring Break to April after State-Mandated Testing. 36% were in favor of moving Spring Break.

Important Meeting Dates Added to our [What's New Page!](#) - check the box on the right side of our What's New page for reminders of important meetings.

**[New Poll - Parent Organization Membership](#)**

Our current Poll asks the simple question: "Did you join your school PTO/PTA/PTSO this year?" Click [here](#) to go to our What's New page to tell us Yes or No.

## Recent News Coverage of Proposed Changes in Drug Testing Policy

[Click here to take our Survey on Proposed Changes in Drug Testing Policy](#)

[N.J. School to Test Students for Weekend Drinking - January 30, USA Today - posted 02/02/07](#)

[Student Parking Fees May Rise to Pay for Drug Tests - January 10, Birmingham News](#)

[Board Considers Drug Tests for Parking Passes - November 15, Birmingham News](#)

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## [Freshman Center Website Now Available!](#) - posted 02/02/07

Click on "Freshman Center" on the right side of the page for official information from Mr. Martin Nalls, Principal of the Freshman Center. Congratulations to Mr. Nalls on being selected the Assistant Principal of the Year by the Council of Leaders in Alabama Schools.

The Freshman Center, also known as the Ninth Grade Building, will open in August 2007 to serve the ninth grade student population from Simmons and Bumpus Middle Schools.

Administrators are currently building an e-mail list to provide updates to interested parties. If you would like to be added to the list, e-mail [chenderson@hoover.k12.al.us](mailto:chenderson@hoover.k12.al.us).

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## From our [Parent Resources Page](#):

### Reports to Help You Help Your Child

The HSCIN is working to compile reports on the following subjects:

- How to Talk with Your Child's Teacher
- How to Attend a Parent-Teacher Conference
- How to Help Your Child Succeed in School
- How to Get Involved in Your Child's School
- How to Build Trust with Your Child's School
- What to Do If You Believe Your Child Has a Disability

If you have a suggestion for a report you'd like to see or would like to contribute material for these reports, please e-mail us at [SpecialReports@HSCIN.org](mailto:SpecialReports@HSCIN.org).

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From the [Simmons Middle School](#) page:

PTO Update - [February 5, 2007](#)

Simmons' PTO President, Lindy Hale, has prepared these helpful updates for parents of Simmons Middle School students. Thank you, Lindy.

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Newsletters, News, and Other Articles of Interest

[150 Turn Out for Parent Night - February 2, Birmingham News](#)

[Riley Goes to Schools for Bonds Proposal - February 2, Birmingham News](#)

[Riley May Boost Schools Request - February 1, Birmingham News](#)

[Board to Learn Top Three Superintendent Candidates - January 31, Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - January 31, Birmingham News](#)

[Junior Varsity Team Wins State Scholar Bowl Contest - January 31, Birmingham News](#)

[Bee Finalists Keep Them Spellbound Forever - January 31, Birmingham News](#)

[A+ Education Foundation Newsletter - January 30, 2007 - posted 01/31/07](#)