

What's New? Week of February 12, 2007

Superintendent Search Update: Interviews Completed - *posted* 02/10/07

Public interviews with the three candidates for Superintendent have been completed.

The candidates are:

Andy Craig, current Interim Superintendent for Hoover City Schools,
Dr. Mark Edwards, vice president at Harcourt Assessment, a testing firm in San Antonio,
Dr. Patricia Ragsdale, recently retired director of schools for Cumberland County School District, in Crossville, Tennessee.

The Board decided at a public meeting on Saturday afternoon to bring all three candidates back for the "second round" next week.

The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, February 11 -

- Dinner at Firebirds at Patton Creek with Mr. Craig at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 12 -

- Breakfast with Andy Craig; Mr. Bolt and Mr. Defnall will attend.

Tuesday, February 13 -

- Lunch with Dr. Ragsdale at the Marriott Hotel; Mr. Bolt and Mr. Defnall will attend
- Tour of Schools and District with Dr. Ragsdale; Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Frazier will conduct the Tour.
- Dinner at Firebirds at Patton Creek with Dr. Ragsdale at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 -

- Breakfast at the Marriott Hotel on Highway 280 with Dr. Ragsdale; Mr. Bolt and Mrs. Frazier will attend.

Thursday, February 15 -

- Lunch with Dr. Edwards at the Marriott Hotel; Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Baker will attend.
- Tour of Schools and District with Dr. Edwards; Mr. Bolt and Mr. Defnall will attend.
- Dinner at Firebirds at Patton Creek with Dr. Edwards at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 16 -

- Breakfast at the Marriott Hotel with Dr. Edwards; Mr. Bolt and Mrs. Baker will attend.

Friday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m., the Board will meet with Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA) to make their decision as to who they will appoint to the Superintendent's position.

The dinner meetings will comply with the Open Meetings Law, as all Board members will be present.

The breakfast meeting is for the purpose of the Candidate presenting their expectations of salaries, benefits, contract length, etc. No negotiations will take place until the Candidate is offered the position.

Mr. Craig will not be taken on a Tour of the Schools and District, as he is currently working in the position of Interim Superintendent and is familiar with the Hoover School system.

[Board Asks Back All Three Hopefuls - February 11, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover to Re-Interview Superintendent Candidates - Birmingham News, Breaking News, February 10, 2007](#)

[Hoover School Board Interviews Craig for Job - February 10, Birmingham News](#)

Regarding the Superintendent Search Process - *posted 02/10/07*

Liz Wallace, president of the Hoover Parent Teacher Council, has posted an interesting commentary on the "open process" of the Superintendent Search. [Click here to read her commentary.](#)

Survey - Academic Challenge in Hoover City Schools

This survey will run from February 9 through February 22, 2007

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

If you have suggestions for Survey topics, please let us know by e-mailing us at: Suggestions@HSCIN.org.

Thank you for your interest in the HSCIN and the Hoover City Schools. We very much appreciate hearing from you.

Board of Education Appointments - Education Committee Meeting - Thursday, February 15 - *posted 02/10/07*

The Education Committee of the Hoover City Council will meet on Thursday, February 15, 2007 to discuss the upcoming appointment to the Hoover Board of Education. This meeting will begin at the conclusion of the City Council Work Session that will begin at 5 p.m. [Click here for the official notice of the meeting.](#)

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.

Survey Results

[Survey #5 - Random Drug Testing](#) - January 27 through February 8, 2007. These results were given to the Hoover Coalition Promoting a Safe and Healthy Community on February 9. The Coalition is the agency coordinating the development and implementation of the Random Drug Testing Policy for Hoover City Schools.

New Poll - Superintendent Search

[Click here to vote in our newest Poll](#)

Poll Results - Parent Organization Membership Poll

This poll ran from February 2 through February 8, 2007.

Did you join your school PTO/PTA/PTSO this school year?

56 votes

Yes 89%

No 11%

News Articles and Newsletters

[Board Asks Back All Three Hopefuls - February 11, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Board Interviews Craig for Job - February 10, Birmingham News](#)

[Interviews Begin for Superintendent Post - February 9, Birmingham News](#)

[Officials Eye 4-Year Technology Plan - February 9, Birmingham News Brief](#)

[Cities, School Districts Gain from Tobacco Tax Proceeds - February 9, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Doesn't Have It - February 8, Birmingham News Editorial](#)

[Ragsdale's Past Similar to William's - February 7, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Schools Parent Night Well-Attended, Well Received - February 7, Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - February 7, Birmingham News](#)

[Williams Can't Stay Out of the Frying Pan - February 7, Birmingham News](#)

[Who Will Lead Hoover Schools? - February 6, Birmingham News](#)

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

Town Hall Meeting with Legislators - February 27

The Hoover Chamber of Commerce and Representative Paul DeMarco are holding a town hall meeting and reception at The Preserve to allow the public to have the opportunity to meet the Hoover Legislative delegation.

The event will take place on Tuesday, February 27th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This will be an informal reception to give all Hoover residents an opportunity to speak with their legislative delegation before the Alabama Legislature convenes on March 6th.

Hoover city and county officials will also be invited to attend.

Directions from Interstate 459: exit I-459 at US Highway 31 (Montgomery Hwy); travel **north** on US 31 to the red light at Crest Cadillac. Take a left onto Patton Chapel Road. Drive approximately 1-1.5 miles and turn left on Chapel Lane at the red light. When Chapel Lane ends at the stop sign, turn right onto Al Seier Road. When you reach the main entrance to The Preserve (big real estate sign), turn right into the Preserve. Turn left onto Preservation Drive. Stay on this street and it will take you directly to the Town Hall (large white southern mansion-style building).

Directions from Western areas of Hoover: From Highway 150: Turn onto Stadium Trace Parkway, opposite of the direction you'd head in to go to the Met. Stadium Trace turns into Sulphur Springs Road. Turn right onto Al Seier Road. The Preserve is one mile on the left. Turn into the Preserve, left onto Preservation Drive. Stay on this street and it will take you directly to the Town Hall.