

What's New? Week of February 19, 2007

Board Meeting Recap - February 12, 2007 - *posted 02/13/07*

Two Candidates Remain - *posted 02/16/07*

The Board of Education met Friday at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Art Jones and Dr. Jesse Register of the Superintendent Search Firm at the Central Office. The Board unanimously agreed to remove Dr. Patricia Ragsdale's name from further consideration for the Superintendent position.

Mr. Bolt made a motion to extend the process to allow the remaining candidates, Mr. Andy Craig and Dr. Mark Edwards, to spend more time getting to know the system and the people within the system.

No details were given as to what exactly the "process" would entail at this point. No timeline was given, either.

[Hoover School Board Narrows Superintendent Search to Two - Breaking News, February 16, 2007, al.com.](#)

[WIAT CBS42 Coverage of Superintendent Search \(video included\) - February 16, 2007](#)

Poll Results - Superintendent Search

The question was:

Do you believe the Superintendent Search being conducted by the Board of Education will result in the Board appointing the best leader for our city school system?

Yes 46%

No 54%

158 votes were cast from Friday, February 9, till 9:00 a.m. Friday February 16.

NOTE: Poll results are not scientific and reflect the opinions of only those users who chose to participate.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your vote.

Education Committee Now Taking Resumes for Board of Education Appointment - *posted 02/15/07*

The Education Committee of the Hoover City Council met on Thursday, February 15, 2007 to discuss the upcoming appointment to the Hoover Board of Education. **The Committee decided to accept resumes from interested persons from now until 5:00 p.m. on March 1. Resumes should be submitted to the City Clerk at the Municipal Office building (across the street from the Hoover Library).**

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

After resumes have been received, the Committee will determine how best to proceed with interviews.

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 will 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. Serving on the Hoover School Board of Education is the highest form of volunteer service to our school community.

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

[School Board Gets Set to Fill Board Seat - February 16, Birmingham News](#)

Mr. Veitch Has Asked for Reappointment to the Board of Education - *posted 02/14/07*

The Birmingham News reported that Mr. Veitch has asked for reappointment to the Board of Education. [Click here to read the article.](#) When considering Mr. Veitch's request, please avail yourself of the [Alabama Association of School Board's School Board Academy](#) records. A Board member's past performance as a School Board member should be carefully considered when the member asks for reappointment.

Hoover City Schools Website now posting Minutes and Agendas - *posted 02/13/07*

HSCIN will no longer post Agendas and Minutes from Board meetings, as the official Hoover City Schools website is now posting them.

Minutes of HSCIN Meetings

The Steering Committee of the HSCIN met on February 14. The meeting was posted on www.hscin.org on February 12. Meeting dates are not usually set until a couple of days prior to the meeting to allow for flexibility for attendees.

[January 9, 2007](#)

From the [Parent Resources](#) Page

Organizations

Bluffparkal.org. Web-based group serving the Bluff Park neighborhood. *Posted 02/16/07*

Parent and Family Involvement - General Articles and Information

[Coalition for Community Schools](#). *Posted 02/16/07.*

[A Shared Responsibility: Recommendations for Increasing Family and Community Involvement in Schools](#). *Posted 02/16/07.* Maryland's Parent Advisory Council (M-PAC), Final Report to the Maryland State Board of Education, August 2005.

City of Hoover Information

Click [here](#) to read a brief history of and interesting demographic information about Hoover, Alabama, from greyhouse.com.

[No Child Left Untested?](#)

From Newsweek magazine, article about random drug-testing for students. *Posted 02/15/07.*

[Why We Still Need Public Schools: Public Education for the Public Good](#) - *posted 02/16/07.*

From the Center on Education Policy. An interesting history of public schools and why we still need them.

News Articles and Newsletters Posted

[What's So Bad About Teaching to the Test? - Greatschools.net](#)

[A+ Education Foundation Newsletter - February 14, 2007](#)

[Craig Doesn't Offer What System Specified - February 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Schools Seek More Time in Schedule - February 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Veitch Seeks Reappointment to Hoover's School Board - February 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Kindergarten, First Graders Register - February 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - February 14, Birmingham News](#)