

What's New? Week of March 31, 2008

Important Dates

State Testing (ARMT and Stanford 10) begins April 1

April 10 - Board of Education Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

April 14 - Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

April 17 and 18 - No school for students

[Click to view the Hoover City Schools' District Calendar for April](#)

New Survey! - Maintaining the Vitality of Hoover City Schools - *posted 03/28/08*

Please take the time to complete our newest survey. We want to hear from you about how to maintain the vitality of our Hoover schools as they relate to our long-term capital plan. You will be asked which schools your children are currently attending, but no specific identifying information will be gathered.

It is important to note that only one response is allowed per user/computer. If you view the survey and *don't actually complete it when you view it*, you will not be allowed to view or complete it at a later date. Please allow yourself 5 minutes to complete the survey.

[Click here to take the survey](#)

The input obtained through this survey will be given to Superintendent Andy Craig and our Hoover Board of Education.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey. This survey opportunity will be available through April 17, 2008.

Video of March 26 Board Meeting - *posted 03/29/08*

[Part I](#) - This is the part of the meeting where Superintendent Andy Craig's evaluation and contract extension were discussed and voted on.

[Part II](#) - This is the part of the meeting where Board President Donna Frazier discusses the self-evaluation the Board will conduct. The results will be presented at the May 8 Board Work Session.

Superintendent Given "More Than Satisfactory" Rating by Board - *posted 03/27/08*

[The Full Evaluation - posted on al.com](#)

[School Chief's Contract Extended - March 27, The Birmingham News](#)

Mr. Craig was given an overall rating of 3.61 on a scale of 1 to 5. That places his performance in the "More Than Satisfactory" category.

The categories on which Mr. Craig was scored are as follows:

- 1 - Chief Executive Officer of the Board
- 2 - Educational Leadership of the Schools
- 3 - Personnel Management
- 4 - Facilities Management
- 5 - Financial Management
- 6 - Community Relations
- 7 - Management of Pupil Personnel Services
- 8 - Communication and Interpersonal Relations
- 9 - Professional Development and Leadership
- 10 - Professional Responsibilities

[Click here for a breakdown of how each Board member scored Mr. Craig in each of the 10 areas.](#)

Mr. Bolt, Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. Baker voted to extend Mr. Craig's contract until 2010. Mr. Veitch and Mr. Defnall voted against extended Mr. Craig's contract for that additional year.

Victory for More Transparency - *posted 03/27/08*

[Click to read HSCIN Chairperson Trisha Crain's letter to the Editor in March 27, 2008, The Birmingham News.](#)

Ronald Jackson, Executive Director of Citizens for Better Schools, and Mrs. Gladys Coleman, a Fairfield resident, sued the Fairfield Board of Education last summer for violating the state's Open Meetings Laws by failing to provide proper notice of the meeting in which the Board appointed their Superintendent, Dr. Anthony Greene.

Attorney Donald Sweeney, also Hoover City Schools' Legal Counsel, represented the Fairfield Board of Education in this case.

The ruling resulted in the decision made during that meeting being nullified. However, the Board of Education simply called another meeting and provided proper notice and eventually appointed Dr. Greene as Superintendent of Fairfield City Schools.

Citizens for Better Schools went back to court to seek attorney's fees in the case. Judge Eugene Verin ruled in their favor and awarded \$29,000 in legal fees payable by the Fairfield Board of Education.

The HSCIN applauds Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Coleman's efforts to hold the Fairfield Board of Education accountable to the public they serve.

[Board Must Pay \\$29,000 in Legal Fees - March 21, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Secrecy Can Be Costly - *Mobile Press-Register*, March 26, 2008](#)

[Sunshine Sunday - Editorial - March 16, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Hoover City Schools News](#)

News Articles and Newsletters

Hoover News

[Choirs' Charity Concert Will Feature 11 Schools - March 28, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[School Chief's Contract Extended - March 27, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Bluff Park Elementary First Alabama School Recognized in USDA Program - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Craig's Tenure As School Chief Awaits Scrutiny - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Prom Night Requires Some Preparation - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Hang on Seniors, Only Nine Weeks Remain - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Hoover Teachers Grade Schools High in Survey - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Panel Quizzes Seven Board Candidates - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Spring Fling Coming Up for Middle Schoolers - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)

[Classroom Clips - March 26, *The Birmingham News*](#)