

## What's New? Week of May 28, 2007

### Important Dates

June 7 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

June 11 - Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

[Click here to view the Hoover City School District Calendar for June 2007](#)

## New Survey - Job Performance of the Hoover School Board and Superintendent from June 2006 to June 2007 -

*posted 05/24/07*

The Hoover City Schools Policy Manual, in Policy BBBC, states the following:

**"The Board shall annually conduct a self-study in the spring to evaluate its efficiency and effectiveness in the following areas:**

- 1. relationship with Superintendent;**
- 2. community relationships;**
- 3. Board meetings;**
- 4. staff and personnel relationships;**
- 5. relationship in instructional program;**
- 6. relationship to financial management of the schools;**
- 7. personal qualities; and**
- 8. other.**

**Upon the conclusion of the self-study, the Board shall discuss the results in detail and formulate a series of objectives for the ensuing year. Objectives shall be stated in the form of behavioral or productivity modifications to be achieved.**

**Note: The annual self-study shall be done at a time after the spring appointment of the Board position open but prior to the annual May meeting in which officers of the Board are elected.**

**Ref: Alabama Code 16-1-6.  
Hoover City Board of Education  
Adopted February 28, 1994"**

Our current Board of Education has not conducted this self-study, nor can the HSCIN find any documents where previous Boards have conducted any self-study, although we know this was done in the early days of Hoover City Schools.

Research supports the need for all Boards of Education to go through this process to ensure the vision for a school system is supported and followed. However, the HSCIN can find no "vision" for our school system, either.

***In lieu of the Board conducting their own self-study, this survey will afford you, the citizens of Hoover whose funding supports this school system, the public to whom the School Board is accountable, the opportunity to perform an evaluation of their job performance.***

This Board of Education has been together as a body for a full year now, and will serve together for at least one more year, before Tom Defnall's Board position will be up for Appointment by our elected City Council in April 2008.

Questions are also asked regarding the job performance of Superintendent Andy Craig, who served as Interim Superintendent beginning in June 2006, and was appointed Superintendent February 2007.

This Survey will be open through Thursday, June 7. The results of this survey will be presented to the Board of Education at their June 11 Meeting.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

The HSCIN appreciates your taking the time to let your voice be heard. While we cannot guarantee action based on survey responses, rest assured that those that are able to take action are informed of the survey results after every survey.

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## [Timeline of Hoover City Schools Development and Growth](#)

- *posted 05/24/07*

Click on the link to view a timeline of development and growth in Hoover City Schools from its formation in 1988 to the current day. The *Birmingham News* published this timeline in the May 23 edition of the *Hoover News*. It's a good quick look at how we got to where we are.

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## [Random Drug Testing of Student Drivers to be Implemented in Fall 2007](#) - *posted 05/22/07*

On Monday night at the Called Board Meeting, the Board voted 3-2 to allow random drug testing of student drivers. [See the Birmingham News article for a complete writeup.](#)

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## [Assistant Superintendent Jan Dennis Fired](#) - *posted 05/22/07*

The Board unanimously voted to fire Assistant Superintendent Jan Dennis at Monday's Called Board Meeting. [See the Birmingham News article for a complete writeup.](#) In other personnel actions, Student Services Coordinator Karen Boyd's contract was not renewed.

[Hoover News Editorial "Dennis' Firing Smells a Lot Like School Politics"](#) - *posted 05/23/07*

[See Jon Anderson's Blog "More Shakeup in Hoover City Schools"](#)

[See Liz Wallace's Blog "'Reasonable and Cogent'???"](#) - *posted 05/23/07*

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## [New High School Schedules for 2007-2008 School Year -](#)

*posted 05/18/07*

Hoover High School and Spain Park High School have established new daily schedules for high school students beginning in August. Click on the link to read the *Birmingham News* article.

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## [Discipline Policy Vote Delayed](#) - *posted 05/18/07*

The Board of Education has not yet voted on the latest revision of the Discipline Policy. A called meeting is expected to vote on the Policy before the end of the school year. Click on the link to read the *Birmingham News* article.

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## [Chief Academic Officer Position](#) - information added 5/24/07

[Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates](#), the Search Firm that conducted and completed the search for Hoover's Superintendent have [posted this position on their website](#) as well. (*Added 05/24/07*)

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## News Articles and Newsletters

[Born to Controversy, School System Aims to Grow, Improve - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Academic Standouts Deserve Recognition at Graduation - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Bigger and Better - Editorial - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Board of Education - Teacher Recognition - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[High School Graduation - Hoover and Spain Park - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Dennis' Firing Smells a Lot Like School Politics - May 23, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Board Fires Assistant School Chief - May 22, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Schools to Drug Test Student Drivers - May 22, Birmingham News](#)