

## What's New? June 16, 2008

### Important Dates

[June 17 - Called Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.](#)

July 10 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

July 14, Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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

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### Called Board Meeting - *posted 06/16/08*

[Click to view the agenda for the Called Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m.](#)

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### Board Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009 School Year - *posted 06/16/08*

#### BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION SCHEDULE 2008 – 2009

**Work Sessions – 5:30 p.m.**

*(Thursdays prior to Board meeting)*

July 10, 2008

August 7, 2008

September 4, 2008

October 9, 2008

November 6, 2008

December 4, 2008

January 8, 2009

February 5, 2009

March 5, 2009

April 9, 2009

May 7, 2009

June 4, 2009 (combination work session/Board meeting)

July 9, 2009

**Board Meetings –5:30p.m.**

*(Second Monday of the month)*

July 14, 2008

August 11, 2008

September 8, 2008

October 13, 2008

November 10, 2008

December 8, 2008

January 12, 2009

February 9, 2009

March 9, 2009

April 13, 2009

May 11, 2009

July 13, 2009

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## HSCIN Newest Board Member! - *posted 06/10/08*

The Hoover School Community Information Network is thrilled to announce that the Steering Committee has selected Dr. Ginger Hamilton as our newest Board member. Her term begins immediately and will continue through October 30, 2008.

Dr. Hamilton is currently employed with Birmingham City Schools and has served the education community for 32 years. We truly appreciate Dr. Hamilton's willingness to help the HSCIN continue to serve our Hoover school community.

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## Elected City Boards of Education - *posted 06/11/08*

[Click here to view a table of information regarding which of Alabama's City School boards are elected Boards of Education](#), as opposed to appointed Boards of Education.

The table was condensed from a more comprehensive table provided by the Alabama Association of School Boards.

[Click here to view the HSCIN page](#) containing further information regarding elected versus appointed Boards of Education.

[Click here to view a table of all boards of education in the state of Alabama and how they are governed.](#)

From the [AASB web site](#): "Alabama's county and city school systems are led by 87 elected and 48 appointed school board members, as well as 39 elected and 93 appointed superintendents. There are 80 members of the state's special boards of education."

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## City Elections Coming Up - *posted 06/16/08*

The City of Hoover will hold municipal elections on August 26, 2008. All seven City Council seats will be voted upon.

The HSCIN, chartered as a 501(c)(3) organization, is prohibited from publishing any statements in support of any candidate for public office.

The City Council appoints the Board of Education, hence our interest in this city election. The Council appoints one board member in April of each year to serve a 5-year term as a Board of Education member. All five of the current Board of Education members were appointed by the current City Council.

The links below will take you to full-text articles and editorials written by reporters and editors from *The Birmingham News* regarding the five members appointed to the Board of Education by the current City Council. Also included are letters from community members regarding these appointments that were published in *The Birmingham News*. We thank *The Birmingham News* for allowing us to provide our Hoover School Community with this bit of history.

[2004 Appointment of Tom Defnall](#)  
[2005 Appointment of Donna Frazier](#)  
[2006 Appointments of A.W. Bolt and Suzy Baker](#)  
[2007 Re-Appointment of Bill Veitch](#)  
[2008 Appointment of Earl Cooper](#)

The specifics of the city election are as follows. We thank City Clerk Linda Crump for providing this information.

August 26th is the date of the election. There is no primary. If there is a runoff election, it will be October 7, 2008.

To vote in the election, you must be a resident of the City for 90 days prior to the election.

The Mayor will give the official Notice of Election on Tuesday, July 1st. At that time candidates will sign up and declare which office or place they are running for. There is also a \$50.00 qualification fee that must be paid. The last day for candidates to qualify is July 15th.

Anyone running for office must be aware of and comply with the Fair Campaign Practice Act (FCPA), and they must also fill out the Ethics Forms (statement of economic interest).

Anyone who wants information on the FCPA and Ethics requirements can go on line with the election division of the Secretary of State. They have forms that can be downloaded as well as explain the requirements of the act.

A person is a candidate when they fill out the forms officially with the City of Hoover. They can also become a candidate by definition of the FCPA if they collect or spend \$1,000. Once that amount is reached they are considered a candidate and must comply with these laws.

A person does not have to provide any documentation to qualify as a candidate. They are signing the qualifying form and will be given the paperwork for the FCPA and Ethics which must be filed within the time allotted.

Cut off for qualifying to run is 5:00 p.m., July 15th in the City Clerk's office.

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## How to Register to Vote - *posted 06/16/08*

The HSCIN is dedicated to engaging our community in the ongoing discussion regarding maintaining excellence in our public school system. As part of that engagement process, the HSCIN encourages all of Hoover's residents to take part in the upcoming city elections to be held on August 26, 2008.

Registering to vote is painfully simple. You request a form via e-mail, the Secretary of State mails it to you, you complete it, and then mail it to the address indicated.

<http://www.sos.alabama.gov/Elections/VoterRegistrationInfo.aspx>

You can also download an application directly from your computer, print it out, and mail (or hand-deliver) it to your voter registration office.

Here's the link for downloading the application: <http://www.sos.alabama.gov/downloads/election/vr/nvra-2.pdf>

Here's the office of Registrars for Jefferson County:  
Jefferson County  
716 R Arrington Jr Blvd N  
Ste A-410  
Birmingham AL 35203-0115  
(205) 325-5550

Here's the office of Registrars for Shelby County:  
Shelby County  
PO Box 1642  
Columbiana AL 35051-1642  
(205) 669-3913

Please take the time to register to vote if you haven't already. Please send e-mails to your friends with the link posted above and ask them to take the time to register as well.

Technically, you have until 10 days prior to the election to register. But we all know what happens when we wait till the last minute. So please take the time to register now.

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## New Enrollment Procedures Beginning 2008-2009 School Year - *posted 06/12/08*

Beginning this fall with the 2008-2009 school year, parents of **all** students will be required to produce a copy of the following documents before a student can register for school:

- a) A current, recorded warranty deed or current lease; deed/lease MUST include parent's name**
- b) A current (June or July) utility bill with the name of the parent indicated on the bill**

The utility bill may be an Alabama Power Company, Alabama Gas Corporation, Birmingham Water Works or Shelby Water Works bill. **Telephone bills WILL NOT be accepted.**

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## Hoover School Board Evaluation Results - *posted 06/09/08*

Thanks to those of you who responded to this survey. We appreciate the Hoover School Board taking the time to perform the self-evaluation and hope that our community's evaluation will offer valuable input as well.

These results will be provided to our school board.

[Click here to see the full report.](#)

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## Enrollment Statistics - *posted 06/12/08*

[Click here to view a breakdown of enrollment at each Hoover City School by grade for the 2007-2008 school year.](#)

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## HSCIN Web Site Streamlined! - *posted 05/24/08*

Based on the results of our survey regarding how you actually USE this web site, we've redesigned and streamlined our web site to make it easier to use. As you'll see on the menu to the left, we've taken down many of the pages we previously had published. This is due in large part to the survey results.

Mr. Jason Gaston was hired by Hoover City Schools in September 2007. One of the projects he hopes to spearhead is development of the [Hoover City Schools web site](#). Mr. Gaston has done a wonderful job of ensuring that the Good News about our school system is prominently displayed throughout the web site.

If you would like to see more information published on the official Hoover City Schools' web site, we suggest that you [write to Mr. Gaston](#) with that request.

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## HSCIN Steering Committee - *posted 05/24/08*

The HSCIN is looking to expand our Steering Committee. The Steering Committee consists of Hoover citizens who wish to share ideas about how to better inform our Hoover school community about our public school system and engage our Hoover school community in the education of its children.

The HSCIN conducts bi-monthly meetings, but attendance is not mandatory. Most of the sharing of ideas is conducting via e-mail. If you would like to become a member of the Steering Committee, please contact Jackie, Trish or Ginger at [HSCIN@HSCIN.org](mailto:HSCIN@HSCIN.org).

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## [Hoover City Schools News](#)

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### News Articles and Newsletters

#### Hoover News

[Drug Use Declining Among Older Hoover Teens - June 11, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Grads Pull Big Scholarship Bucks - June 11, The Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - June 11, The Birmingham News](#)

[Teachers, Community Set High Expectations for School System - ACTivity Magazine, Spring 2008](#)

[Hoover Parent Accuses School Board Member of Seeking High-Paying School-System Job - June 6, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Freshman Campus Seeks Associate Principal - June 4, The Birmingham News](#)

[Opinions Vary in First Year Review of Freshman Campus - June 4, The Birmingham News](#)

[Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School Award Spotlights Spain Park High - June 4, The Birmingham News](#)

[Spain Park High Economics Teacher Honored by State Group - June 4, The Birmingham News](#)

[Video: Hoover High School Has It All - June 1, The Huntsville Times](#)

[The Sky's The Limit - June 1, The Huntsville Times](#)

[Hoover School System Adopts Four-Day Work Week - May 31, The Birmingham News](#)

[Tom Defnall Leaving School Board, But Not School System - May 28, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Expects Strong Showing in New Health Sciences Academy - May 28, The Birmingham News](#)

[National Merit Scholars Named - May 28, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover City Schools Ranking in Newsweek Top High Schools in America - Newsweek Magazine](#)

[Hoover Parent Accuses City, School Leaders of Interfering with School Operations - May 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[Classroom Clips - May 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Graduates Enter High-Tech World with Eye on Service - May 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[Graduation Means Time for Spain Park Seniors to Use Experience, Move Forward - May 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[Teachers, Experiences Offer Hoover High Students Years to Remember - May 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[South Shades Crest Raises \\$30,000 for Young Cancer Patient - May 21, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Students to Relocate to Old Berry Next School for Next Year - May 20, The Birmingham News](#)

[Suzy Baker Becomes Board President - May 19, The Birmingham News](#)

[Letters, Faxes, and E-Mail - May 17, The Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Board of Education to Consider New Graduation Requirements, Elect Officers - May 17, The Birmingham News](#)