

# Board Briefs

The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

## A Word from the Board President

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve" – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Welcome to all the wonderful parents, students, and staff. I believe this will be a rewarding school year. The Board kicked off the summer implementing the work of the approved committees.

Building and Grounds Committee Chair Lorrie Wheeler and committee members did an extensive tour of Brookwood Middle, Brookwood Jr. High, Hickory Bend, and Longwood Schools. The committee's input is greatly appreciated and will be valuable in helping the Board plan for the future.

The Finance Committee reviewed the components of the school district's budget. I believe it's paramount for stakeholders to have a clear understanding of District 167 revenues and expenditures. As the district embarks upon future endeavors, this committee's input will be extremely helpful.

The Personnel Committee will help the Board to establish conditions that will attract and hold the highest qualified personnel who will devote themselves to the education and welfare of our students. The committee will assist in establishing qualifications, interview questions, procedures, and participating on interview teams.

The Male Parent Advisory Committee will assist in preparing male students in grades 4-8 for academic success by creating a partnership with community stakeholders to develop and implement strategies for parent participation. The committee will meet every other month and provide refreshments and/or a light meal to encourage parent participation.

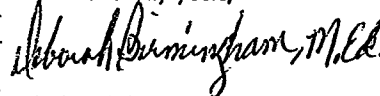
This committee is planning an exciting year for male students in grades 4-8. I truly appreciate the time, talent, and enthusiasm of the members. I believe our MPAC will serve as a model for other school districts.

The Policy Committee reviews the components of the Board Policy. In an on-going effort to keep technology at the forefront of the school district, I believe stakeholders will be pleased to view our new online board policy handbook. It is provided for your convenience if you have a question about district policies or procedures.

Education researcher, Robert Marzano noted, "A purposeful community is one with the collective efficacy and capability to develop and use assets to accomplish goals that matter to all community members through an agreed upon process."

I thank all those serving on committees and admonish others to get involved. We're all pieces of the puzzle. When all pieces come together, a bright future emerges.

Educationally yours,

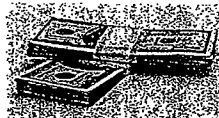


Deborah Birmingham, M.Ed.

## Board Committee Members

### Building & Grounds Committee

Lorrie Wheeler, Chair  
Deborah Birmingham  
Emma Kirtley  
Hilary Myrick-Winston  
Lashon Myers  
Ron Sorsby  
Wayne Washington



### Finance Committee

John Dixon, Chair  
Janice Barry  
Deborah Birmingham  
Donna Gayden  
Warren Linden  
Selenia Newsom  
Melinda Plott  
Jim Summers  
Linda Tatum  
Arthur Taylor  
Reginald Truitt

### Personnel Committee

John Dixon, Chair  
Deborah Birmingham  
Ernestine Dobbins  
Beth Lindsay  
Robert Lord  
Rita Peterson  
Melinda Plott  
Michelle Snoddy  
Lorrie Wheeler



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### Points of Interest:

- Buildings and Grounds Committee toured all four schools to make recommendations to the Board.
- The Finance, Policy and Personnel Committees held organizational meetings in August.
- The Male Parent Advisory Committee will assist in preparing male students in grades 4-8 for academic success by creating a partnership with parents, tutors, mentors, and resource organizations. Special events will take place every other month with refreshments and/or a light meal to encourage parent participation.
- Board hires Baum and Associates to determine the feasibility of a building referendum in November 2012.

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Open House is scheduled at each school in September. All parents are highly encouraged to attend.

**Board Committee Members (continued)**

**Male Parent Advisory**

- Cynthia Pettis, Chair
- Nick Betts
- Deborah Birmingham
- Pam Darring
- Rainn Darring
- Robert Lord
- Earl Malone
- Glenda Rowe
- Jim Summers
- James Wheeler



**Board to work with Baum and Associates**

At the August meeting the Board approved the recommendation to work with George Baum and Associates. The company's campaign specialists, public opinion polling experts, copywriters, and graphic designers will assist the Board in gathering input from community stakeholders regarding Brookwood Middle School. Town Hall meetings, traditional mail-in surveys, and a phone survey will be conducted to ascertain the level of community support



for a November 2012 building referendum. Statisticians from George Baum and Associates will analyze the collected data to help the board determine the likelihood of success for a November 2012 referendum and formulate the referendum question if there is enough support for a building referendum.

Your participation in these surveys will provide important information in the months to come. Fees paid to Baum and Associates are based solely on the successful completion of a referendum.

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
Brookwood Junior High School**

The agenda will include a report regarding life safety improvements to district facilities and ISAT scores. The major focus for this meeting is a review of the Board of Education goals and suggestions for revisions to the action plan. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.



**Mission Statement:**  
*Brookwood School District 167, in partnership with parents and community, will create a caring environment in which all students learn. This partnership shall empower all students to become responsible learners and decision makers as they prepare for the future.*

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