

Board Briefs



The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

A Word from the Board President

“One of the greatest gifts a child could receive is a passion for learning and a quality education to reach their fullest potential.” – D. Birmingham, M.Ed.

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During this holiday season, many gifts will be given to children. One of the greatest gifts a child can receive is parental support and passion for learning. The gift of education can open many doors of opportunity. Our children must receive the most precious gift of education in preparation for the 21st century global economy. While the excitement of toys and electronics may be temporary, imparting the gift of knowledge can be priceless.

The Board has championed several new initiatives this year to enhance student achievement.

Job Fair - The district held its first job fair. Many residents expressed interest in having an opportunity to apply for positions within the district. More than 100 people had the opportunity to apply for substitute and permanent positions.

Business/Community Leader Roundtable – Understanding the vital importance of engagement with the school district, business and community leaders discussed new ideas that could help students achieve academic excellence.

Board Training- The Board received T.A.G. training - targeting achievement through governance - where data is the driving force for academic decision making. The new Brookwood Middle School Vendors Fair and in-service on legal issues and trends in construction provided the Board knowledge of the various delivery methods for building the new school. The Board voted to go to bid for an architect and a construction manager with risk for the new school project.

Safety & Security – In an effort to protect our children, the Board approved a new safety and security program for the district.

Curriculum Night - Our first curriculum night was magnificent!! More than 200 stakeholders endured the cold weather to celebrate the exciting and challenging curriculum our teachers provide our children. Teachers shared Common Core aligned projects and put the spotlight on students' success. The band and choirs showcased our fine arts curriculum. The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority provided books to 7th & 8th graders. Parents and students completed surveys on the educational programs provided by the district. Thanks to all participants!

Annual Holiday Party – In appreciation for all district staff, committee members, and community stakeholders, the Superintendent and Board of Education held its first annual holiday party to highlight and celebrate the success of all district stakeholders.

The Board of Education will continue to provide education of the best obtainable quality for the elementary student population of the district within the limitations imposed by the taxpayers' willingness to support. I urge you to contact your state and federal elected officials and express the urgency to support our greatest gift – our children.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

Research shows a successful school district is comprised of stakeholders taking ownership. I firmly believe School District 167 can serve as a model for success by actively engaging stakeholders in the creation of new ideas, opportunities, implementation of developed initiatives, and helping to champion the objectives of the school district's mission.

Wishing you the best in the New Year!

Educationally yours,

Deborah Birmingham, M.Ed.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday, January 13, 2014 | — | January Board of Education Meeting,
7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, January 16, 2014 | — | Hickory Bend Family Reading Night,
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Junior High Parent Advisory,
10:00 a.m.—Noon |
| Monday, January 20, 2014 | — | Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
Observance/No School |
| Tuesday, January 21, 2014 | — | Bilingual Parent Education Meeting,
6:30 p.m., Longwood School |
| Friday, January 24, 2014 | — | End of Quarter Two
2:00 p.m. District Dismissal |
| Tuesday, January 28, 2014 | — | PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Middle School |
| Thursday, January 30, 2014 | — | Parent Teacher Conferences,
Noon-8:00 p.m.
Report Cards Issued
No School |
| Friday, January 31, 2014 | — | Teacher Institute, Parents Welcome,
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
No School |

Mission Statement:
 Brookwood School District
 167, in partnership with par-
 ents and community, will cre-
 ate a learning environment in
 which all students excel at
 becoming lifelong learners
 and decision makers.

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