Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Esq., Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Dr. David Hunton, Dr. Deanie Mehl and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. Also present were Dr. Benny L. Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, deputy superintendent and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Gordon Floyd gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the December 19, 2011 school board minutes, the December Financial Report and the Student Services Report. Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Recommendations for Employment

Jill N. Gordon
Margaret E. Hall
Courtney L. Sullivan

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Keaton-Martin presented certificates to first place winners of the Knowledge Master Open Competition from Chaffin Junior High School, Gavin Clark, Alexa Karber, Josh Cormier, Eriq Deaver, Alex Easley, Alex Emms, Abby Krehbiel, Blake Larkin, Alex Easley, Chase Green, Eric McLain, Alaa El Khouly, Bret Pinter, Tariq Salem, Faith Schrader and Jesse Warren; and to Lidiana Quezada, Gold Medal, National SkillsUSA competition.


Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve an ethics disclosure resolution for employee Leigh Ann Hasley. The vote for approval was 7/0.
Ms. Keaton-Martin recognized Mr. Wade for the Committee of the Whole Report.

Mr. Wade made a committee recommendation to approve the 2013-2015 Master Facilities Plan and a resolution which will dedicate sufficient local funds for specific projects submitted for Partnership Funding. (A copy of the resolution is attached.) The vote for approval was 7/0.

There was no discussion.

Ms. Keaton-Martin recognized Mr. Neal Cowne who had requested to be on the agenda.

Mr. Cowne was present to ask the Board what progress had been made in reviewing school suspension policies. Mr. Cowne’s son was suspended in October, 2011 for possessing alcohol on school premises. Ms. Keaton-Martin informed him that a date had been set for March 5 to review student policies, and if any of the policies are modified, they will require Board approval for publication of the 2012 student handbook which is printed in the summer for distribution in the fall. Mr. Cowne stated that he would return in 60 days.

Ms. JoAnna Brewer was present to request that the Board consider expunging a suspension her son received for fighting on the playground. She stated that her son is a good student and has never been in trouble however, the other student is frequently suspended. Ms. Keaton-Martin thanked Mrs. Brewer.

There was no further business and the Board adjourned at 5:55 p.m.