

# NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Planning Meeting  
Tuesday, August 25, 2009

The Newton County Board of Education met for its quarterly planning meeting on August 25, 2009, in the conference room of the Administrative Offices of the Newton County Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Dr. C. C. Bates. Board members in attendance included Mr. Johnny Smith, Mr. Eddie Johnson, Mrs. Cathy Dobbs, and Mr. Almond Turner. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Steve Whatley; Deputy Superintendent Mr. Dennis Carpenter; Associate Superintendent Dr. Linda Hayden; and Ms. Sherri Viniard, Director of Public Relations.

After a welcome, invocation and dinner, Dr. Whatley reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Dr. Whatley presented information regarding changes in budget revenue and suggestions regarding amendments to expenditures for 2009-2010. Discussion followed.

Dr. Whatley briefly reviewed building program issues regarding facility needs, maximizing state earnings, the question regarding moving ahead by a year the facility study, SPLOST language and collections, and an upcoming meeting with SDOE consultant and bonding representative. A request was made to reconsider refinancing of existing bonds.

Other items of discussion were: an update regarding H1N1, scheduled events including school facility dedications and open houses, and the building plaques for the newly constructed facilities.

A request was made to review and study transportation of Sharp students and the progress on enhancing the alternative school program.

At 8:10 p.m., on a motion by Ms Dobbs and second by Mr. Johnson, the Board unanimously voted for adjournment.