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HCBOE Announces Candidates for Superintendent



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – At today’s Houston County Board of Education meeting, Chairman Tom Walmer announced two candidates for Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Darryl Albritton, Principal of Perry High School, and Dr. Robin Hines, Assistant Superintendent for School Operations. Superintendent David Carpenter is retiring at the end of May.

“Our Board made the decision to look inside to fill the superintendent’s position, and feedback from our school councils and employees heartily support this direction,” commented Walmer. “This has worked well for us in the past, and the Board is ready to move forward with this process. We are excited about the possibilities ahead.”

School board members will interview the two candidates during executive session at a called meeting on April 8, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Board of Education central office. They plan to announce their decision during the April 13, 2010, Board meeting.

Dr. Albritton commented, “As a product of the Houston County School System from first through twelfth grades, and as a lifelong member of this community, I am deeply humbled to be a final candidate for Superintendent of Schools. I have enjoyed a 24-year career in this district and understand the proud reputation that this system enjoys throughout the state. It is exciting to be considered for this top leadership position.”

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Albritton has served as principal of Perry High since 2004, and he was principal of Kings Chapel Elementary from 1999 until 2004. In addition, he served as assistant principal of Perry High from 1997 until 1999 and as a teacher and coach at Tucker Elementary from 1986 until 1999. He offers 24 years experience in education. A graduate of Perry High, he earned a BSED in Health and Physical Education from the University of Georgia and an MSED and EDS in School Administration and Supervision from Georgia College and State University. He obtained a Doctorate of School Administration from the University of Sarasota. Community involvement includes: teaching Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Perry; Board of Directors of the HEA Federal Credit Union; and member of the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Albritton resides in Perry, and his three children – Hillary, Carson and Olivia - all attend Perry High School. An avid reader, he also enjoys golfing and jogging.

Dr. Hines remarked, “I believe in this community, our school system and its employees and students. I am confident in the direction of our school system and want to see the ‘Houston County Way’ continue as we strive for excellence in all that we do.”

A 27-year veteran educator, Hines served as principal of Northside High from 2006 until 2008 until his promotion to the central office as assistant superintendent for school operations. He began his teaching career in 1982 as a teacher and coach for Thomasville City Schools. He was in the classroom until 1995 when he became an assistant principal for Dougherty Comprehensive High School in Albany, Ga. He next served as principal of Charlton County High School in Folkston, Ga. from 1998 until 2001. From 2001 until taking the helm at Northside High in 2006, Hines served as principal of Jackson County Comprehensive High School in Jefferson, Ga. Hines earned doctorate and specialist degrees in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University. He has also earned master and bachelor degrees in Health and Physical Education from Valdosta State College. A native of Thomasville, Ga., he graduated from Thomasville High School in 1978. Hines has been married to the former Kim Dilling, a Warner Robins native, for 26 years. They have three children: Melissa, a special education teacher; Ashley, a student at the University of Georgia; and Bobby, a student at Thomson Middle School. Hines is a musician who writes and records songs. He is also a motorcyclist enthusiast and golfer.

The April 13, 2010, Board meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Education central office, the Eric P. Staples Building, located at 1100 Main Street in Perry. For more information, contact Walmer at post1@hcbe.net or (478) 922-0287.

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