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Want to nominate someone?

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Special Board Meeting April 15, 2011



Ashe County Board of Education Host Legislative Luncheon

On April 15, 2011 the Ashe County Board of Education hosted a special legislative luncheon for Representative Jonathan Jordan and Senator Dan Soucek. Dr. Travis L. Reeves opened the luncheon welcoming the legislative members to Ashe County Schools. Board Chair Charles King gave invocation prior to the meal.

During the meal, Dr. Reeves began by presenting the demographics for Ashe County Schools and the organizational structure of the Board of Education. Statistical data was given to the guests stating of the 115 school systems, Ashe County ranks 21st in the state academically. Also, SAT scores for Ashe County students exceeded the national average and Ashe County High School ranks 23rd of 350 high schools on EOC proficiency. He stressed that Ashe County puts the emphasis on students and the school system focuses on global 21st Century technology.

Dr. Reeves invited the legislators to give an update of events in



Raleigh. Senator Soucek began by thanking the Board for the invitation and stressing the importance of frequent communication to develop good working relationships with constituents so they feel comfortable calling. At this point in time, the Senate is waiting for the House to finish the budget. Both Jordan and Soucek discussed that the two bodies, the House and the Senate, have different perspectives regardless of who has control. They both hoped that there would be a completed budget by June but could not commit to an exact date. There has been a resolution presented to keep government running at 87 per cent of its current level should a final budget not be passed by June 30. Of course, this is the worst case scenario but at least a plan would be in place to prevent a government shutdown.

The Board of Education had several topics to cover during the luncheon and briefly touched on major issues such as the state budget deficits, charter schools, charter and home school participation in extra-curricular activities, pre-kindergarten program, child nutrition program, tax credit bill for children with special needs, school calendar, small county funding, ACT test, and retirement incentive. The legislators listened to all the concerns with genuine interest and asked questions to better understand the stance of Ashe County Schools on each topic.



Ashe County Board of Education Host Legislative Luncheon CONTINUED

Both Jordan and Soucek were appreciative of the opportunity to meet and enjoyed the delicious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and various other sundries prepared by the Ashe County High School Child Nutrition program. Flowers for the luncheon were provided by the Ashe County High School Agricultural program.



A Special Thank You

to

Representative
Jordan



And

Senator Soucek

