

## Ribbon cutting and dedication held for Ramsay facilities



**Above, a painting of Coach Willie Scoggins Jr. was unveiled at the ribbon cutting ceremony at Ramsay High School. At right, the ribbon is cut on the new gymnasium at Ramsay.**



Birmingham City School System officials held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for new and renovated facilities at Ramsay High School Oct. 27. The construction included a new competition gymnasium, where the ceremony was held.

The gym was dedicated to Willie Scoggins Jr., the long-time Ramsay basketball coach who retired in 2001 and died in 2008.

The program included unveiling of a painting of Scoggins done by Ramsay art teacher Freida Hall. Scoggins' widow, daughter and granddaughter took part in the dedication.

Scoggins began his coaching career at Hayes High School in 1961 and moved to Ramsay in 1974. His teams won several state championships and a total of 862 under his tutelage.

The \$18.5 million construction project also includes a new science wing, kitchen and cafeteria. A ribbon cutting for the building housing those areas also was held.

A new fine arts wing is under construction, and areas of the school including the auditorium and old gym are being renovated.

Trawick Contractors is the general contractor for the project. KPS Group is the architect.

### Family Involvement offers DVDs

Parents who wanted to attend a Family Involvement Program workshop but missed it now can check out a DVD copy of the session. The discs are available at the Family Resource Center at the Davis Center, 417 29th St. South.

For information, call 231-7978 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or 231-7976 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

### Board committee to meet

The Capital and Technology Committee of the Birmingham Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the board room of the Administration Building, 2015 Park Place.

### District-wide open house set

The Birmingham City Schools will have its second district-wide open house Tuesday, Nov. 15.

All stakeholders -- not just parents but community members, business leaders, grandparents and others -- are being encouraged to participate. Visitors may go to any school in the district between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to take a tour, visit classrooms or even eat lunch.

The open house is being done as part of the district's observation of American Education Week.

## Board approves items on agenda

The Birmingham Board of Education approved all items on the agenda for its Oct. 25 meetings.

Items included:

- Revised graduation requirements to align with the credit opportunities available under the new modified bell schedule. The classes of 2012 and 2013 now will need 26 credits to graduate. The class of 2014 and future classes will be required to have 25 credits.
- Paying Advanced Education Inc. \$29,375 for accreditation fees for Carver, Ramsay, Woodlawn, Wenonah, Huffman High, Arrington, Avondale, Barrett, Brown, Bush, Center Street, Central Park, Christian, Daniel Payne, Epic, Gate City, Gaskins, Gibson, Glen Iris, Green Acres, Hemphill, Hill, Hudson, Huffman Middle, Inglenook, Jackson, Jones Valley, Lewis, Minor, Mitchell, North Birmingham, North Roebuck, Norwood, Phillips, Princeton, Putnam, Robinson, Smith, South Hampton, Sun Valley, Washington, Whatley, Wilkerson and Wylam
- Purchase of new band instruments for Huffman High School from Interstate Music at a cost of \$127,627
- Purchase of new band instruments for Parker High School from Interstate Music at a cost of \$127,627
- Purchase of new band instruments for Ramsay High School from Interstate Music at a cost of \$127,627
- Purchase of new band instruments for Woodlawn High School from Interstate Music at a cost of \$127,627
- Library automation system upgrade and support for the 2011-2012 school year at a cost of \$45,748.01
- Purchase of materials needed for training of teacher participants in the Teaching American History grant for year four at a cost not to exceed \$15,000
- A contract with Teacher Created Materials for purchase of additional materials for the Teaching American History grant at a cost not to exceed \$73,240.98
- Paying Home Educators to serve as liaisons to parents of 3- and 4-year-olds in the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters grant at a cost of \$29,212
- Purchase of three Reading Intervention units for grades three through five at North Birmingham Elementary School at a cost of \$10,500
- Paying Agape Missionary Baptist Church up to \$10,000 for use of its facilities by the Dropout Recovery Program for the 2011-2012 school year
- Paying Twenty-Third Street Baptist Church up to \$10,000 for use of its facilities by the Dropout Recovery Program for the 2011-2012 school year
- A lease agreement with New Rising Star Primitive Baptist Church for use of its educational center for morning and after-school care programs at Brown

Elementary School during the construction of the new Brown at a cost not to exceed \$13,800

- Extending the lease of the former Kingston Elementary School by JCCEO for a total term of 45 years at a cost of \$1 per year and other adequate compensation
- Renewal of the district's property insurance coverage policy with the State of Alabama Division of Risk Management at a cost of \$403,404
- Renewal of the district license for Destiny Textbook Manager at a cost of \$24,866.68
- Purchase of network diagnostic equipment (Fluke Optiview XG) from Logista Solutions at a cost of \$44,100
- Paying Atlanta Art Conservation Center \$97,699 for restoration of the mural at Woodlawn High School
- Purchase of a storage building for Wenonah High School track and field equipment from A-Plus Accessories LLC at a cost of \$13,187
- Paying Coleman American \$135,044 for relocation services conducted during the summer of 2011
- Purchase of additional plaques recognizing board members and superintendents during project planning for Bush Hills Academy, Huffman Academy, Oliver Elementary, Tuggle Elementary, Oxmoor K-8, Huffman High, Brown Elementary, Inglenook, K-8, Jones Valley K-8, Ramsay High and Woodlawn High at a cost not to exceed \$4,500 per facility
- A change order to install lettering for the Parker High School library and an additional plaque recognizing board members and the superintendent during project planning at a cost not to exceed \$9,500
- Donation of \$2,226 to the Attendance Department from Straight Truth Faith Church
- Donation of \$1,500 to the Birmingham City Schools from State Rep. John W. Rogers Jr.
- Donation of \$10,000 to the Birmingham City Schools and the Curriculum Department from the Nick's Kids Fund
- Donation of \$450 to Carver High School from the class of 1971
- Donation of \$450 to Carver High School from Bonnie Davis of the class of 1971
- Donation of \$450 to Carver High School from Walter and Fannie Rice of the class of 1971
- Donation of \$17,000 to Carver High School from State Rep. Mary Moore
- Donation of \$500 to Central Park Elementary School from the Central Park Neighborhood Association
- Donation of \$675 to Central Park Elementary School from State Rep. Rodney Scott

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- Donation of \$1,000 to Councill Elementary School from State Rep. Juandalynn Givan
- Donation of \$1,000 to Daniel Payne Middle School from the Birmingham Areawide Churches of Christ
- Donation of \$25,000 to Epic Elementary School from State Sen. Rodger Smitherman
- Donation of \$5,000 to Martha Gaskins Middle School from State Rep. Oliver Robinson
- Donation of \$3,000 to Glen Iris Elementary School from State Rep. Demetrius Newton
- Donation of \$1,000 to Green Acres Middle School from State Rep. John Rogers
- Donation of \$3,000 to Hill Elementary School from State Rep. Demetrius Newton
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- Donation of \$250 to Minor Elementary School from State Rep. Roderick Scott
- Donation of \$30,000 to Minor Elementary School from the Protective Life Foundation
- Donation of \$10,000 to North Roebuck Elementary School from State Rep. Oliver Robinson
- Donation of \$500 to Robinson Elementary School from State Rep. Mary Moore
- Donation of science materials valued at \$120,000 to the Science Department from Frey Scientific
- Donation of \$2,000 to Smith Middle School from State Rep. Oliver Robinson
- Donation of \$5,000 to Smith Middle School from the Killough Springs Neighborhood
- Donation of \$500 to Sun Valley Elementary School from State Rep. Mary Moore
- Donation of \$1,000 to Sun Valley Elementary School from State Sen. Linda Coleman
- Donation of \$3,000 to Sun Valley Elementary School from State Rep. Oliver Robinson
- Donation of \$1,596 to Woodlawn High School from the Brown Springs Neighborhood Association

### Stories needed for newsletter

If you know of something good happening in the Birmingham City Schools and you want to tell others the news, write a few paragraphs for BCS News & Notes and e-mail the information to Michaelle Chapman, director of communications, at [mchapman@bhm.k12.al.us](mailto:mchapman@bhm.k12.al.us). Digital photos also are needed. Ms. Chapman is editor of "BCS News & Notes."



**A Central Park Elementary School student gets a free haircut from a barber from Perfect Kuts Barber and Style Shop. Owner George Thigpen and his barbers volunteered their services. The students were excited with their new looks.**

### Marching band festival planned

Fall is football season -- but it also is marching band season. Fans of marching bands will be able to get their fill at the All-City Marching Band Festival, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Carver High School. Admission is \$5 at the gate. Parking is \$5.

### Hemphill teacher gets supplies

Hemphill Elementary School teacher Aulundria Shelly-Grace is one of 1,000 teachers across the nation who received \$1,000 in school supplies from Office Max's A Day Made Better program.

She was nominated by physical education teacher Alberta Caswell, who called her "one of the best teachers in the state of Alabama. She is devoted, loving and understanding to her students and co-workers."

### Family conference planned

The Family Involvement Program will sponsor its 10th annual Can We Talk Family Conference from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Davis Center, 417 29th St. South.

The conference is designed for the entire family. Dinner will be served from 5:45 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. Child care will be provided for children ages 4 to 8.