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**IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES THE TRUSSVILLE CITY
SCHOOL BOARD VOTES FOR ANOTHER SUPERINTENDENT
PAY RAISE**

In a tough economic environment where other school districts are doing everything possible to keep schools staffed and materials necessary for our classrooms, the Trussville City Board of Education voted a second pay raise in four months to Superintendent, Dr. Suzanne Freeman. Only one board member, Mrs. Gayle Glenn had the courage to openly oppose the vote. The meeting was planned for a time when Mrs. Glenn was out of town. Board president John Floyd voiced Mrs. Glenn's "no" vote.

In March of this year Dr. Freeman received a 5% raise. "Both raises are unacceptable to leaders of the Jefferson County American Federation of Teachers," according to Vi Parramore, president. This school district will receive taxpayers' money from the Economic Stimulus Package. What is the difference in this Board's action and the corporate greed that granted huge salaries to CEOs of major corporations, including AIG? The Board held the early morning meeting yesterday at 7:30 AM to approve almost \$30,000 more in salary, plus other benefits that will make her one of the highest paid school superintendents in the state, even though she oversees only four schools. Her salary will be retroactive to April 2009 at \$185,000 per year. Additionally, she will receive a car allowance of \$750 per month plus mileage outside a 100 mile radius of Trussville. She will also receive an additional 4% retirement benefit above what the Board already pays to the Teachers' Retirement System.

JCAFT President, Vi Parramore requested at the meeting that the Board freeze all top level administrative pay raises, including the superintendent. "Students, employees and taxpayers deserve to be treated with more consideration," according to Parramore.

