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Ed and Bob will be honored for their work and service at the commission's regular meeting tonight.

Excellence Focus *Ballinger News* (Reading series) visit with *At-Large Commissioners Ed Brantley, left, and Bob Thomas, right, at Ed and Bob's last Commission? Night the Monday evening at Wright's Cafe.*

Readers' letters and others, reported to the first reading and then presented along the body committee. (and recently) *Continued on page 2*

KCSD pension dispute going to court

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Should pensions for former and future teachers in only the state's Department employees vary on the vacation days that have been added to pension calculations? Or should the pensions only include 70% of their regular monthly salaries for the last two years served?

That's the question that will be before Circuit Court on Friday, September 7. Because the First County case Department employees was a decision of importance, the law director filed an outside law firm to sue the Pension Board for including those unused vacation days in calculations. The difference could be thousands of dollars in increased pension, some more than 10%.



Below: Protesters gather at Webb Elementary School Friday afternoon to protest Governor Bill Haslam's "Listening Tour" regarding a myriad of problems with the state's (K-12) testing program for students. Below: Governor Bill Haslam, center, and House and Department of Education Commissioner Candice Norquist, left. Below is journalist Wayne Miller during the listening tour outside of Webb Elementary School.

Teachers protest Haslam's 'Listening Tour'



By **Focus Staff**

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