

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
APRIL 12, 2018
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 10:12 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

Elder Clifton McMillan, Pastor of Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist, Montgomery, Alabama, did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette M. Richardson
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Interim State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 8, 2018, MINUTES AND SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF
APRIL 20, 2018**

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 8, 2018.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**APPOINTMENT, 2018-2019 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
DIGITAL LITERACY and COMPUTER SCIENCE, GRADES K-12**

WHEREAS, the *Code of Alabama* 1975, §16-36-60, provides for the appointment of a State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four elementary teachers and four high school teachers are to be selected to serve on the State Textbook Committee and are to come one from each of the seven congressional districts of Alabama and one statewide; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four people who shall be teachers, principals, supervisors, or superintendents are to be selected from the state-at-large; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that two members of said State Textbook Committee are to be selected from the institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the 14 people on the attached list are to be nominated to the Alabama State Board of Education by the Interim State Superintendent of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the people on the attached list are hereby appointed to the 2018-2019 State Textbook Committee for a term beginning June 1, 2018, and ending on May 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board recognizes that said law provides that the Governor of Alabama is to appoint nine people not in the field of education to serve on this State Textbook Committee and welcomes them to full membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Interim State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur on this State Textbook Committee until the next meeting of this Alabama State Board of Education after such vacancy occurs and same to be added as ad interim business.

Done on this 12th day of April 2018

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO RECOMMEND AND THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education is responsible for personnel actions within the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education shall have the authority to recommend individuals to serve in the positions of Deputy State Superintendent of Education, Assistant State Superintendent of Education, and Director within the Department of Education and these positions shall be "at will," meaning they do not carry any protected state personnel classification and that such positions must be approved by a majority vote of the Alabama State Board of Education, prior to the individuals serving in such positions, shall be subject to dismissal, transfer, demotion, or other personnel actions at the discretion of the State Superintendent of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the actions outlined above shall be enacted by the Alabama State Board of Education effective April 12, 2018, for all persons serving in the positions identified in this Resolution.

Done this 12th day of April 2018

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
University of Alabama in Huntsville**

WHEREAS, a review of a proposed educator preparation program was conducted on February 14, 2018, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, *Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(3)(b), under the Subject Area Specialist (SAS) process; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules has been verified; and

WHEREAS, all other educator preparation programs at the University of Alabama in Huntsville are approved as of this date with an expiration date of May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the program review process resulted in a recommendation for approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program with approval to expire on May 31, 2020:

Class A Visual Impairments (P-12)

Dr. Ed Richardson informed Board members under present circumstances with the PreAct Assessment given in the spring, this would be a better option for students in that the results would be available by midsummer for scheduling purposes versus given in the fall when there would not be an opportunity to change schedules. He felt the resolution was best under these circumstances and corrective measures will be made within the next 30 days.

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted to adopt the resolution below.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRE-ACT ASSESSMENT FOR TENTH GRADE STUDENTS

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, the State Superintendent of Education recommended and the Alabama State Board of Education approved a Resolution to discontinue the contract with ACT Aspire for assessments in Grades 3-8 and Grade 10 effective September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Alabama Legislature adopted a law requiring Report Cards for all schools and school systems in Alabama, including academic achievement and growth and in February 2018, the first Report Cards were released; and

WHEREAS, the academic growth of the same students from year-to-year at the high school level can only be achieved by administering a 10th and an 11th grade assessment and currently no Grade 10 assessment exists:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in order to continue the measure of academic growth of the same students between Grades 10 and 11 and to be compliant with state and federal laws, the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby approve the utilization of the PreACT assessment for Grade 10 students beginning in May 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does recognize the scheduling issues that could arise in the May 2018 administration of the assessments but also recognizes the absolute necessity of the continuance of a Grade 10 assessment without a break in administration in order to meet accountability/Report Card reporting.

Done this 12th day of April 2018

There being no further business before the Board, on motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

President

Secretary and Executive Officer