

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
AUGUST 10, 2017
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 10:10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the Board in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: MRS. STEPHANIE BELL, VICE PRESIDENT

Pastor LaVaughn Wiggins, United Lutheran Church, did the invocation. 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
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette M. Richardson

Absent

Governor Kay Ivey
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Mr. Michael Sentance, State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF JULY 11, 2017, AND JULY 25, 2017

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meetings of July 11, 2017, and July 25, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING PATRICIA FREEMAN ON BEING SELECTED AS THE “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2017**

WHEREAS, Patricia Freeman, Department Operations Specialist in the Alabama State Department of Education Office of Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, exhibits a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of service to the Alabama State Department of Education, Patricia Freeman has not only excelled at her assigned duties but also goes above and beyond to ensure that her work is completed in a thorough manner; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Freeman possesses a wealth of information about a wide array of topics and is willing to go to extraordinary lengths to assist others in the Career and Technical Education division and throughout the department in successfully accomplishing various tasks; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Freeman is very resourceful, dependable, goal-orientated, and maintains her composure and professionalism under all circumstances, even if they are stressful; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Freeman always represents the department with grace, courtesy, and tact whether she is speaking with a stakeholder, staff, or superiors; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Freeman is held in high regard throughout the Alabama State Department of Education and embodies all of the qualities a person would want in an employee and the Office of Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development greatly appreciates her talent:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Patricia Freeman for her selection as the recipient of the “Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter Award” for July – September 2017 and expresses its appreciation for her exemplary service to the department, to this Board, and, ultimately, the students of Alabama’s public elementary and secondary schools.

Done this 10th day of August 2017.

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING RUSSELL RANEY, CULLMAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 ROBERT L. MORTON AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) has established an Annual Award bearing the name Robert L. Morton Award in honor of the man who served as Assistant State Superintendent of the Alabama State Department of Education’s Division of Administrative and Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Morton dedicated his life to distinguished service to America, the state of Alabama, and its children through serving in pivotal roles in the field of education including teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, AASBO seeks to recognize, through this award, the dedication that individuals bring to their communities, their profession, and their school system in everyday life by identifying school business officials devoted to going above and beyond, both in their positions and in serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Russell Raney has shown leadership, commitment and dedication to his job and community during 19 years of service in public education and presently serves as the Chief School Financial Officer for the Cullman City School System, a position he has held for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, he has served on numerous committees and boards and currently serves as the past president for the AASBO organization; and

WHEREAS, achievements made within his school system, service provided to his peers, subordinates, and community, and his stellar reputation with those who recommended him are noted; and

WHEREAS, AASBO considers Russell Raney worthy of recognition and acknowledgement for his honesty, integrity, work ethic, and consummate professionalism; and

WHEREAS, AASBO wishes to bestow upon Russell Raney the Robert L. Morton Award as this organization celebrates the best their profession of school business management has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education acknowledges the honor of receiving such a distinguished award and joins AASBO in applauding Russell Raney for such an accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Russell Raney for his dedicated and distinguished work in public service and with the Cullman City School System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Russell Raney upon being named the recipient of the eleventh Annual Robert L. Morton Award and wishes him continued success.

Done this 10th day of August 2017

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHERYL MIZE
ST. CLAIR COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
RECIPIENT OF THE 2017
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) designates an annual award named the *Outstanding School Business Official Award* and this annual award recognizes an individual from a

local school system level who provides services in an outstanding manner beyond their role within the business operation of the school system; and

WHEREAS, this deserving individual is a part of the team that makes the business operations of the school system more efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, Sheryl Mize has shown commitment and dedication to her job in the finance department, the St. Clair County School System, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Sheryl Mize is now a Payroll Supervisor and has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, Sheryl Mize also holds the Alabama Association of School Business Officials and Chief School Financial Officer, Payroll/Personnel, and Local School certificates; and

WHEREAS, AASBO considers Sheryl Mize worthy of this recognition for her professionalism, work ethic, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the AASBO wishes to bestow upon Sheryl Mize the *Outstanding School Business Official Award* as this organization celebrates outstanding service in school business management, and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education acknowledges the honor of receiving this award and joins AASBO in recognizing Sheryl Mize for this accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Sheryl Mize for her dedicated work with the St. Clair County School System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Sheryl Mize upon being named the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding School Business Official Award and wishes her continued success.

Done this 10th day of August 2017

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

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
University of Montevallo
Montevallo, Alabama**

WHEREAS, a review of a proposed educator preparation program was conducted on May 22, 2017, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the *Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

WHEREAS, additional documentation was reviewed on June 6, 2017;

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

WHEREAS, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) reviewed the University of Montevallo programs during March 22-24, 2015, and granted continuing accreditation on January 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program with approval to expire on May 31, 2023:

Alternative Class A Spanish (6-12)

Done this 10th day of August 2017

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**ANNOUNCE INTENT TO AMEND ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-1-.01,
PERTAINING TO ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM FUNDS**

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**ANNOUNCE INTENT TO AMEND ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-2-1.02,
PERTAINING TO ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSE TO EVALUATION OF JULY 25, 2017

Mr. Michael Sentance read a written response to his evaluation that was completed by Alabama State Board of Education members during the Special-Called meeting of July 25, 2017. A copy of the response is filed in the Alabama State Board of Education folder dated August 10, 2017.

After Mr. Sentance's response, on motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. The Work Session was held following the meeting.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer