

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
AUGUST 9, 2018
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at 10:03 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

The invocation was done by Reverend Courtney Meadows, Pastor, First Baptist Church, White Hall, Alabama, 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

Dr. Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 10, 2018, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 10, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. LEMANSKI WALKER ON BEING SELECTED AS THE
“BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER” JULY – SEPTEMBER 2018**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has awarded its July-September 2018 Employee of the Quarter Award to Dr. Lemanski Walker for his continued and outstanding service to our state’s educational system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemanski Walker is described by co-workers and department supervisors as being a consummate professional who has a “stellar and winning attitude” – going above and beyond in every circumstance to assist others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemanski Walker is also described as having a sincere willingness to assist others in all work-related tasks; and

WHEREAS, he works diligently to complete all tasks in a timely manner with a genuine focus on helping all local school systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemanski Walker has worked as an Education Specialist in the ALSDE Educator Preparation Section for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemanski Walker believes in providing excellent and highly professional service to all residents of our Great State; and

WHEREAS, he has established effective partnerships with school systems statewide, which are helping to strengthen the department’s local relationships; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemanski Walker is also well-known for his masterful skills of observation – taking meticulous notes and applying them to new situations, to solve problems more effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lemanski Walker has a winning and positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, co-workers often ask for his advice and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, we are proud of Dr. Lemanski Walker and his many contributions to our state's educational system:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of does hereby commend Dr. Lemanski Walker for his commitment to the Alabama State Department of Education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 9th day of August 2018

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA'S PREVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES
COORDINATOR DR. MARILYN LEWIS FOR RECEIVING THE NATION'S TOP SCHOOL
SAFETY AWARD**

WHEREAS, the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) has awarded the 2018 *Chief Nicholas C. Derzis Safe Schools Leadership Award* to Alabama Prevention and Support Services Administrator Dr. Marilyn Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marilyn Lewis was recently presented this award during a special national event in Reno, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marilyn Lewis has greatly contributed to the school resource services profession in America and is one of the country's leading school services coordinators; and

WHEREAS, she wholeheartedly supports the placement of carefully selected, and highly skilled school resource officers (SROs) – in all schools; and

WHEREAS, school resource officers are effective in reducing campus disruptions, while also enhancing school safety; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marilyn Lewis has assisted educators nationwide understand the essential role that safety plays in enhancing students' abilities to learn; and

WHEREAS, she has also advocated for mandatory training for all resource professionals statewide; and

WHEREAS, NASRO is a nonprofit school officer, administrator, and school safety organization founded in 1991; and

WHEREAS, school resource officers often enter this career field to help others and believe this is an opportunity to assist others in their communities; and

WHEREAS, this organization is developing safer school environments; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education is proud of Dr. Marilyn Lewis:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education and Alabama State Department of Education commend Dr. Marilyn Lewis for her commitment to excellence and does hereby express sincere congratulations.

Done this 9th day of August 2018

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING JOHN WILSON,
BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 ROBERT L. MORTON AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) has established an annual award recognizing Chief School Financial Officers bearing the name *Robert L. Morton Award* in honor of the man who served as Assistant State Superintendent of the Alabama 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, by making a difference in the lives of their peers and subordinates and have set new standards for themselves and their colleagues in their profession; and

WHEREAS, John Wilson, Chief School Financial Officer for the Baldwin County School System, has shown leadership, commitment, and dedication to his job and community during his six years of service in public education; and

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

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

WHEREAS, AASBO wishes to bestow upon John Wilson 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 John Wilson for such an accomplishment:

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

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

Done this 9th day of August 2018

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MELISSA BUSH,
SARALAND CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2018
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*. 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, Melissa Bush has shown commitment and dedication to her job in the finance department, the Saraland City School System, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Bush is now the Accounts Payable Manager. In this position, she has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service; and

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

WHEREAS, the AASBO wishes to bestow upon Melissa Bush 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 Melissa Bush for this accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Melissa Bush for her dedicated work with the Saraland City School System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Melissa Bush upon being named the recipient of the 2018 *Outstanding School Business Official Award* and wishes her continued success.

Done this 9th day of August 2018

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF UNIVERSITY PLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TUSCALOOSA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF DISTINCTION

WHEREAS, Advance Education, Inc. (AdvancED) is a global network of over 36,000 schools and systems in more than 70 countries that are committed to continuous improvement and accreditation and is recognized as one of the leading and premier accrediting agency; and

WHEREAS, AdvancED Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Certification is a mark of distinction and excellence that provides institutions and programs within institutions a research-based framework and criteria for awareness, continuous improvement and assessment of the quality, rigor and substance of the STEM educational program; and

WHEREAS, AdvancED STEM Certification for schools is a multi-phase process that encompasses a high level of planning and preparation involving interviews, classroom observations, review of evidence, and meeting expectations set forth by the STEM Standards and Indicators; and

WHEREAS, the focus of AdvancED STEM Standards and Indicators provides schools with multiple opportunities to focus on student outcomes, using a framework that involves educator collaboration, integrated learning experiences, learner-centric instructional practices, and community partnerships that build student readiness for the next level of STEM learning and/or work; and

WHEREAS, school leaders, teachers, staff members, parents, and the community of University Place Elementary School have joined a select group that demonstrates a commitment to providing their students with a quality STEM education; and

WHEREAS, the students within University Place Elementary School are to be commended for their efforts to support their school's commitment to STEM education practices on a daily basis and have used these opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills through this new and innovative approach to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, University Place Elementary School has earned AdvancED STEM Certification; therefore, the school now bears the distinction of being the first school in the Tuscaloosa City School System in the AdvancED Improvement Network to have earned STEM Certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education deems University Place Elementary School a model, high-quality STEM education school within the state of Alabama and extends congratulations for such an achievement of distinction.

Done this 9th day of August 2018

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BARKLEY BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HARTSELLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF DISTINCTION

WHEREAS, Advance Education, Inc. (AdvancED) is a global network of over 36,000 schools and systems in more than 70 countries that are committed to continuous improvement and accreditation and is recognized as one of the leading and premier accrediting agencies; and

WHEREAS, AdvancED Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Certification is a mark of distinction and excellence that provides institutions and programs within institutions a research-based framework and criteria for awareness, continuous improvement and assessment of the quality, rigor and substance of the STEM educational program; and

WHEREAS, AdvancED STEM Certification for schools is a multi-phase process that encompasses a high level of planning and preparation involving interviews, classroom observations, review of evidence, and meeting expectations set forth by the STEM Standards and Indicators; and

WHEREAS, the focus of AdvancED STEM Standards and Indicators provides schools with multiple opportunities to focus on student outcomes, using a framework that involves educator collaboration, integrated learning experiences, learner-centric instructional practices, and community partnerships that build student readiness for the next level of STEM learning and/or work; and

WHEREAS, school leaders, teachers, staff members, parents, and the community of the Barkley Bridge Elementary School have joined a select group that demonstrates a commitment to providing their students with a quality STEM education; and

WHEREAS, the students within the Barkley Bridge Elementary School are to be commended for their efforts to support their school's commitment to STEM education practices on a daily basis and have used these opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills through this new and innovative approach to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Barkley Bridge Elementary School has earned AdvancED STEM Certification; therefore, the school now bears the distinction of being the first school in the Hartselle City School System in the AdvancED Improvement Network to have earned STEM Certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education deems Barkley Bridge Elementary School a model, high quality STEM education school within the state of Alabama and extends congratulations for such an achievement of distinction.

Done this 9th day of August 2018

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Eric Mackey recognized Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) staff members, Ms. Mandy Nichols, State Manager, and Mr. Craig Collins, Program Administrator.

Mr. Collins informed Board members the JAG Program achieved the 2018 5-of-5 Award. This national award recognizes states that exceed the national targeted 90 percent graduation rates, 60 percent job placement goals, and 80 percent positive outcomes that includes employment, postsecondary enrollment, or military. This award is presented to states that meet JAG's five performance goals, Graduation Rate, Employment Rate, Positive Outcome Rate, Full-time Jobs Rate, and Full-time Placement Rate. Alabama's program exceeded the national goals in each area. Mr. Collins stated that Alabama's Graduation Rate is 98 percent. Alabama's full-time jobs is 91 percent and Total Positive Outcomes listed as 90 percent. Mr. Collins displayed the placard presented to the state for this honor.

Dr. Mackey apprised Board members a resolution in honor of 50 schools will be placed on the September 13, 2018, Alabama State Board of Education agenda. There will be an afternoon ceremony awarding the schools \$20,000 that will be sent to the systems for growth in third-grade reading. Dr. Mackey expressed appreciation to Governor Kay Ivey and the Legislature for support in this effort.

Dr. Mackey updated Board members on his participation in teacher institute days that will conclude with his visit to Cherokee County. He was most appreciative of the work taking place in the local school systems. With the opening of school, Board members were apprised of Alabama State Department of Education's staff volunteer efforts. Individually, he extended appreciation to Alabama State Department of Education staff and local school system staff who were recognized with resolutions during the meeting. Recipients were informed pictures would be taken immediately following the meeting.

In closing, Governor Kay Ivey informed the audience the September 13 Work Session will be held at 10 a.m. and State Board meeting 11 a.m. This will be in keeping the meetings to a set time frame.

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

President

Secretary and Executive Officer