

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 10:09 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**

Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter did the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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  
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

**Absent**

Governor Kay Ivey

Interim State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 11, 2018, MINUTES**

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 11, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Ed Richardson requested that Agenda Item G.2.c., Resolution Commending Juanita Caffey on Being Selected as the “Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter” January – March 2018, be removed from the agenda until the March 8, 2018, meeting. On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the agenda was amended with all members voting in favor of the motion.

**ESSA PEER REVIEW RESPONSES**

Dr. Ed Richardson stated this was the application for federal funds for the state of Alabama that is \$5.8 million. The Board has previously approved the application for federal funds. Dr. Richardson stated there had been a conversation with the United States Department of Education regarding a few minor changes that have been included and fully meet the Alabama State Department of Education’s portion of the proposal. He stated no vote was required.

**APPROVE TIMELINE FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously for the timeline. A copy of this information is filed in the Alabama State Board of Education folder dated February 8, 2018, and placed on the Alabama State Department of Education Website.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF R.F. BUMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER VINCENT ‘VINNY’ CHIARAMONTE, HOOVER  
CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2017 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education supports efforts to reward Alabama’s outstanding educators for their contributions to the educational experiences of Alabama’s students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milken Family Foundation and the Alabama State Department of Education provide Alabama teachers the opportunity to participate in the Milken Educator Awards, the nation's largest teacher recognition program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milken Educator Awards were first presented in 1987 to acknowledge educators' crucial contributions to our national well-being and to provide public recognition and financial rewards to talented elementary and secondary educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent "Vinny" Chiaramonte is the Alabama recipient of the prestigious 2017 Milken Educator Award in honor of his efforts on behalf of the nation's schoolchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent Chiaramonte, a computer science teacher at R.F. Bumpus Middle School, Hoover City School System, helps students master foundational computer science skills through coding, computational thinking, sequencing, and formulation; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent Chiaramonte believes all students should become what he calls "solution-makers" – young minds that use critical-thinking skills to solve problems encountered in everyday life; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent Chiaramonte provides a stimulating and challenging classroom environment using a "living" curriculum that weaves in new technologies and out-of-the-box big ideas, including a Robots on the Move project and designing math software about cornrow braiding; and

**WHEREAS**, reinventing his own computer science courses, Vincent Chiaramonte's lessons are built around guided and independent practice, student-led instruction, critical thinking, and real-life applications with a writing component accompanying all final projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his roles as classroom teacher and football coach, Vincent Chiaramonte is the school's Engaged Learning Initiative facilitator working with teachers throughout the district to promote its 1:1 environment, a program to provide access to each child with a tech device; and

**WHEREAS**, Vincent Chiaramonte's leadership position on the school improvement team resulted in The Bumpus Way – a new positive culture initiative at the school; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the \$25,000 prize and public recognition, Vincent Chiaramonte's honor includes membership in the National Milken Educator Network, a group of more than 2,700 top teachers, principals, and specialists dedicated to strengthening education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Vincent Chiaramonte for becoming Alabama's 35<sup>th</sup> National Milken Educator and for being a role model for what rigorous and relevant instruction looks like in action.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously for the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF SARALAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SARALAND CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2017 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Saraland Elementary School in the Saraland City School System as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, nearly 8,500 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, 292 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards Ceremony November 6-7, 2017, in Washington, D.C.:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Saraland Elementary School, Saraland City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2017.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF LEON SHEFFIELD MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
DECATUR CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
2017 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Leon Sheffield Magnet Elementary School in the Decatur City School System as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, nearly 8,500 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, 292 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 6-7, 2017, in Washington, D.C.:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Leon Sheffield Magnet Elementary School, Decatur City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2017.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA 2018 SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE  
YEAR, MINDI AMBERSON, WALTER WELLBORN SCHOOL, CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOL  
SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award honors successful professionals who are furthering academic and student achievement in our Great State; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama school counselors work with all students to remove barriers in learning, address academic concerns, work to increase student graduation rates, and focus on increasing career readiness in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, this special annual award honors top counseling professionals who are focused on the “whole student” – their academic success, social growth, and emotional stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Mindi Amberson has been named the Alabama 2018 School Counselor of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Amberson is an exceptional school counselor who holds advanced degrees and professional credentials in Community and Agency Counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Amberson believes in the power of creating strong community partnerships and has used her experience to meet the needs of students and improve efficiency in the learning environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Amberson’s diverse background in social work and professional counseling has been a perfect fit in the education environment and a valuable asset for preparing Alabama students for success; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Amberson’s principal calls her a “superhero” who is genuinely committed to helping every young person succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s school counselors are also helping local parents, teachers, and school administrators in furthering student achievement, and they are a central part of an effective school system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby honor Alabama’s 2018 School Counselor of the Year and extends its best regards for continued success in the future.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2017 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Liberty Park Elementary School in the Vestavia Hills City School System as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, nearly 8,500 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, 292 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 6-7, 2017, in Washington, D.C.:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Liberty Park Elementary School, Vestavia Hills City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2017.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day February 2018

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JASPER CITY  
SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2017 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Memorial Park Elementary School in the Jasper City School System as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, nearly 8,500 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, 292 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards Ceremony November 6-7, 2017, in Washington, D.C.:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Memorial Park Elementary School, Jasper City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2017.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF TUSCALOOSA MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL, TUSCALOOSA  
CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2017 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Tuscaloosa Middle Magnet School in the Tuscaloosa City School System as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, nearly 8,500 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, 292 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 6-7, 2017, in Washington, D.C.:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Tuscaloosa Middle Magnet School, Tuscaloosa City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2017.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution below. Since Sarah Kim was not present, Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, State Board District Eight, will present the resolution to Sarah Kim.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF SARAH KIM, JAMES CLEMENS HIGH SCHOOL, MADISON CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
2018 BEST OF SHOW STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT  
AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize that the visual arts are a vital and enriching segment of children's education; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit and Bicentennial Celebration provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for artistic literacy, educational excellence, and for a well-rounded education for every student; and

**WHEREAS**, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express and integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Sarah Kim, student, James Clemens High School, Madison City School System; her teacher, Ms. Liz Vaughn; her principal, Dr. Brian Clayton; and superintendent, Mr. Robert Vincent Parker; and congratulates her for winning Best of Show in the 2018 Interim State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit and Bicentennial Celebration.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
2018 ANNUAL STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT  
AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize that the visual arts are a vital and enriching segment of children's education; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for educational excellence and artistic literacy for students; and

**WHEREAS**, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express and integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the 2018 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit and Bicentennial Celebration award-winning students and their teachers upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s outstanding young artists and visual arts educators.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 2018 AS  
“ARTS EDUCATION MONTH” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the arts as a vital and enriching segment of children’s well-rounded education; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Art Education Association has designated March as “Youth Art Month”; the National Association for Music Education has designated March as “Music in Our Schools Month”; the American Alliance for Theatre Education has designated March as “Theatre in Our Schools Month”; and the National Dance Education Organization has designated March as “Dance in Our Schools Month”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, the Alabama Music Educators Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education, the Alabama Chapter of the Educational Theatre Association, the Alabama Dance Council, the Alabama Conference of Theatre, the Alabama Artistic Literacy Consortium, and the Alabama Arts Advocacy Commission have voiced their support for designating March 2018 as “Arts Education Month” in Alabama schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts education teachers in the public schools of Alabama continue to strive for educational excellence and artistic literacy for their students; and

**WHEREAS**, support should be given to arts teachers as they attempt to strengthen arts education programs in their schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students including the following: arts education develops students’ creative problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities; arts education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; arts education gives students a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; arts education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and arts education interrelates students’ learning in arts production, arts history, arts criticism, and aesthetics:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That support should be given to arts education teachers as they attempt to strengthen arts education in their schools and communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That education in the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, is an essential component of a well-rounded K-12 public education in Alabama; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to arts educators, classroom teachers, and administrators for their efforts to improve arts education in Alabama public schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate March 2018 as “Arts Education Month” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 5-9, 2018, AS “SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has recognized for nearly 50 years that the School Breakfast Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama’s children by making nutritious morning meals available in K-12 public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, every March the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Breakfast Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 theme of National School Breakfast Week, “I Heart School Breakfast,” encourages parents, students, and school officials to get social over school breakfast and speaking a language kids understand, we’re ready to show-and-tell all the benefits of a healthy school breakfast; and

**WHEREAS**, research has indicated that students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory; the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition; and poor nutrition is linked with absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms, and psychosocial problems; and

**WHEREAS**, scientifically-based food and nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Breakfast Program served over 44 million breakfast meals for the school year 2016-2017 to Alabama students:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school nutrition professionals who make the local School Breakfast Program work in 1,598 school sites statewide:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting National School Breakfast Week:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate March 5-9, 2018, as “School Breakfast Week” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 6-10, 2018, ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s school counselors work with local teachers and other professional educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs to help students become productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive school counseling programs are considered to be an integral part of the total educational process, which enables all students to achieve success in school, and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 6-10, 2018, as Alabama School Counseling Week and encourages local boards of education and schools to participate in this celebration through activities that celebrate the importance of Alabama’s highly skilled school counseling professionals.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1-28, 2018, AS  
ALABAMA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's career and technical education programs have become a *vital* part of the total educational system, which is committed to providing students with rewarding opportunities to gain valuable *academic* and *essential career experience*; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's career technical programs are successfully partnering with international business and industry to ensure students are equipped with the advanced communication, time management, and leadership skills required for career success; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's career technical programs are continually providing students with opportunities to gain valuable hands-on experience through apprenticeships and internship programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's career technical programs are preparing students for success and providing them opportunities to earn industry recognized credentials, gain workplace experience, and college credit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Department of Education is International Organization for Standardization (ISO) recognized for its Business/Industry Certification (BIC) process, which is used to certify all Alabama career technical programs to international industry standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama's career and technical education students are achieving excellence in the classroom and success in their personal lives after high school graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2018, as Career and Technical Education Month and encourages local boards of education, schools, and business organizations to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of Alabama's career and technical education programs.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION TO  
APPOINT THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
STATE COURSES OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, *Code of Alabama* (1975), §16-35-1 through 5, provides that the Alabama State Board of Education shall constitute Courses of Study Committees for the purposes and functions as provided within the statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education appoints those persons listed on the attached as members of the Health and Physical Education State Courses of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION TO  
APPOINT THE MATHEMATICS  
STATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, *Code of Alabama* (1975), §16-35-1 through 5 provides that the Alabama State Board of Education shall constitute Courses of Study Committees for the purposes and functions as provided within the statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education appoints those persons listed on the attached as members of the Mathematics State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF AN EDUCATOR  
PREPARATION PROGRAM  
The University of Alabama**

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.55(2)(b)2.(ii), requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for new programs is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education has received from the President of The University of Alabama a written request to develop a Class A Early Childhood Education Program (P-3); and

**WHEREAS**, the request lists the specific proposed program for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Alabama personnel have been advised that the proposed program may not be implemented prior to Alabama State Board of Education approval based on documentation of compliance with all applicable standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends that the programs be reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes a review of the following program:

Class A Early Childhood Education (P-3)

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

**SELECTION OF ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE  
ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE**

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously for Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler to serve as the State Board's representative on the Alabama Teacher of the Year Selection Committee.

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer