

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JULY 14, 2015
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 10:35 a.m. for the Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters. 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. ELLA B. BELL, VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Kathy McFadden, Pastor, Old Ship AME Zion Church, did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was held 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 Richardson

Absent

Governor Robert Bentley

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2015

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2015.

APPROVAL OF POSTSECONDARY MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2015

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes. (Since these were the last minutes prior to Postsecondary's transfer to the new Board of Trustees, the minutes were approved by the Alabama State Board of Education.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Thomas R. Bice requested that Agenda Item G.2.I., Proposal for Approval by the Alabama State Board of Education of the Agreement Concerning Outstanding Bonds Issued for the Benefit of Community and Technical Colleges be removed. The Board will review the item again before a vote. On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda with the removal of this item.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously for Mr. Jeff Newman as Vice President and Dr. Yvette Richardson as President Pro-Tem.

Mr. Jeff Newman presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The Board members thanked Mrs. Ella B. Bell for her service on the Board and extended well wishes to Mr. Jeff Newman and Dr. Yvette Richardson in their respective roles.

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING RAMONA LANGSTON ON BEING SELECTED AS THE "BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER"
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2015**

WHEREAS, Ramona Langston, ACCESS Education Specialist in the Alabama State Department of Education, Office of Learning Support, exhibits a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Langston is a team player and always meets goals and deadlines in a timely and confidential manner; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Langston is always helpful and has a willing attitude, and interacts well with coworkers, colleagues, superiors, and subordinates, no matter how difficult or detailed the problem; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Langston is very resourceful, professional, and exhibits total dedication and cooperation in performing assigned tasks and assisting employees; and

WHEREAS, Ramona Langston maintains a positive image, communicates extremely well with the public, and represents the department well:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Ramona Langston for her selection as the recipient of the "Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter Award" for July - September 2015 and expresses its appreciation for her exemplary service to the department, to this board, and, ultimately, to Alabama's public elementary and secondary schools.

Done this 14th day of July 2015.

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING LINDA MCGHEE, THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE NINTH ANNUAL ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
(AASBO) 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, the 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, Linda McGhee, Chief School Financial Officer for the Thomasville City School System, has shown leadership, commitment, and dedication to her job and community during her 37 years of service in public education; and

WHEREAS, Linda McGhee has held this position for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, she has served on numerous national, state and legislative committees and boards and currently chairs the AASBO professional development certificate program; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Ms. McGhee was the recipient of the ASBO International Eagle Award that recognizes school business officials who have displayed visionary leadership in school financial management and have made significant contributions to the profession; and

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

WHEREAS, the AASBO considers Linda McGhee worthy of recognition and acknowledgement for her honesty, integrity, work ethic, and consummate professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the AASBO wishes to bestow upon Linda McGhee the *Robert L. Morton Award* as this organization celebrates the best the 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 the AASBO in applauding Linda McGhee for such an accomplishment:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Linda McGhee upon being named the recipient of the Ninth Annual AASBO *Robert L. Morton Award* and wishes her continued success.

Done this 14th day of July 2015

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING HANNAH BEVEL, ALBERTVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS (AASBO)
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 that recognizes an individual from a local school system who provides services in an outstanding manner beyond his/her 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, Mrs. Hannah Bevel, an accountant with the Albertville City School System, has shown commitment and dedication to her job in education and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hannah Bevel has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in this position; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hannah Bevel also holds the AASBO CSFO, Payroll/Personnel, and local school certificates and is active in other educational professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, the AASBO considers Mrs. Hannah Bevel worthy of this recognition for her professionalism, work ethic, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education acknowledges the honor of receiving this award and joins the AASBO in recognizing Mrs. Hannah Bevel for this accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Mrs. Hannah Bevel for her dedicated work with the Albertville City School System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Mrs. Hannah Bevel upon being named the recipient of the annual AASBO Outstanding School Business Official Award and wishes her continued success.

Done this 14th day of July 2015

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously for the following resolutions.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
University of South 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 a new program is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the Chief Administrative Officer of the University of South Alabama a written request to develop a Class B program in Early Childhood Education (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 South 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 State Superintendent of Education recommends that the program 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 B Early Childhood Education (P-3)

Done this 14th day of July 2015

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Huntingdon College**

WHEREAS, a review of a teacher education program was conducted on July 10-13, 2014, 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 October 24, 2014; May 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules has been verified; 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, 2020:

Class B Collaborative Special Education Teacher (6-12)

Done this 14th day of July 2015

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
University of Alabama in Huntsville**

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 State Superintendent of Education has received from the Chief Administrative Officer of the University of Alabama in Huntsville a written request to develop programs in Class B Early Childhood Education and Class B Early Childhood Special Education; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed programs for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought, together with information concerning the factors to be taken into account in determining the need for the programs; and

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

WHEREAS, the 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 programs:

Class B Early Childhood Education
Class B Early Childhood Special Education

Done this 14th day of July 2015

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Thomas R. Bice informed Board member of the imminent Mega Conference with an expected attendance of over 3000. The conference will be held in Mobile, Alabama, on July 20-24, 2015. Participating staff members who were in attendance during the meeting were recognized during the meeting.

Mrs. Stephanie Bell thanked Board members and staff for their condolences during the loss of her father.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer