

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JUNE 8, 2017
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at 10:11 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: DR. YVETTE M. RICHARDSON

Mrs. Stephanie Bell did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison. The following members were present:

Present

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
Mrs. Ella B. Bell

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 11, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Stephanie Bell requested that an item (Agenda Item G.2.f.), regarding fiscal budgetary matters be added to the agenda. On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the agenda was amended to add the item. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE WINFIELD CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ADVANCED STEM CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the vital need for STEM education as a central focus of schools and school systems; and

WHEREAS, the Winfield City School System works daily to integrate best practices for STEM instruction into classrooms and uses project-based learning to encourage STEM challenges; and

WHEREAS, Robotics is seen in the Pre-K programs and continued in a natural progression through the high school grades as students are competitive in rocketry and robotics teams; and

WHEREAS, in the Winfield City School System, data-driven decisions are made to meet the individual learning needs of diverse students and key educational practices are employed to create a dynamic educational model focused on reinforcing high-academic standards, personalizing learning opportunities through work-based learning and student-choice in authentic mastery-based projects, engaging students in college prep academic and career-focused curriculums; and

WHEREAS, the Winfield City School System opted for the elementary and middle school to go through the AdvancED STEM Certification process in February 2017 in order to ensure that relevant curriculum with continuing opportunities for cross-curricular integration as recommended by state and national standards are available to all students; and

WHEREAS, following rigorous guidelines and submitting evidence online, Winfield Elementary and Winfield Middle School became the first AdvancED STEM Certified schools in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the AdvancED certification shows that the Winfield City School System is providing a quality education for its children that will equip them to be life-long learners in this ever changing world; and

WHEREAS, the Winfield City School System staff are committed to partnering with other Alabama

school districts in order to promote the STEM Certification process so that others may learn how their schools can attain this achievement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the Winfield City School System for its ambitious and forward-thinking work to move its students ahead into the world of tomorrow.

Done this 8th day of June 2017

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

**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND APPROVAL OF INITIAL
EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
TROY UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education approves educator preparation programs, including the time frame for approved program status; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education and the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) schedule simultaneous onsite reviews for prospective CAEP-accredited educator preparation institutions; and

WHEREAS, prior to June 1, 2015, Troy University began the process of submitting documentation of compliance with Alabama State Board of Education standards that do not duplicate CAEP standards and in March 2017 was deemed to meet all Alabama-specific standards; and

WHEREAS, CAEP provides standards for initial (Class B and Alternative Class A) and advanced (Class A and Class AA) programs; and

WHEREAS, the onsite Alabama/CAEP review conducted in November 2016 resulted in a determination that Troy University did not meet all CAEP standards applicable to initial programs, and must provide additional documentation, and perhaps host another onsite visit, no later than spring semester 2019, in order to achieve continued CAEP accreditation of initial programs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education approval of Troy University educator preparation programs will expire on May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the status of Troy University based on the results of the second CAEP review will not be determined until fall 2019:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby extends until June 30, 2020, approval of all initial educator preparation programs at Troy University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That to continue state-approved status for the following Class B and Alternative Class A programs beyond June 30, 2020, Troy University must either document compliance with all CAEP standards or must host an onsite visit to document compliance with Alabama standards that duplicate CAEP standards.

- Class B Biology (6-12)
- Class B Chemistry (6-12)
- Class B Collaborative Special Education (K-6)
- Class B Collaborative Special Education (6-12)
- Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
- Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
- Class B General Science (6-12)
- Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
- Class B Health Education (6-12)
- Class B History (6-12)

- Class B Mathematics (6-12)
- Class B Music, Choral (P-12)
- Class B Music, Instrumental (P-12)
- Class B Physical Education (P-12)
- Class B Theatre (P-12)
- Class B Visual Arts (P-12)

- Alternative Class A Biology (6-12)
- Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6)

Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12)
Alternative Class A Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6)
Alternative Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
Alternative Class A General Science (6-12)
Alternative Class A General Social Studies (6-12)
Alternative Class A History (6-12)
Alternative Class A Mathematics (6-12)
Alternative Class A Music, Choral (P-12)
Alternative Class A Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Alternative Class A Physical Education (6-12)
Alternative Class A Visual Arts (P-12)

Done this 8th day of June 2017

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

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
MILES COLLEGE
Birmingham, Alabama**

WHEREAS, a review of teacher education programs was conducted prior to concurrent Alabama and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) onsite visits in 2014 and 2016, in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, *Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

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

WHEREAS, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) granted continuing accreditation on October 24 2016; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following programs with approval to expire on June 30, 2022

Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B Chemistry (6-12)
Class B Early Childhood (6-12)
Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B General Science (6-12)
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Music, Instrumental (P-12)

Done this 8th day of June 2017

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
University of West Alabama
Livingston, Alabama**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(4)(b)2., 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 Provost of the University of West Alabama a written request to develop a Class B Early Childhood Special Education (P-3) program; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed program 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 program; and

WHEREAS, the University of West 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 Special Education (P-3)

Done this 8th day of June 2017

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted 5-0-2 to approve the Alabama Public Charter School Commissioner Appointments/Reappointments (below). A copy of this documentation is filed in the State Board folder dated June 8, 2017.

Voted in Support of the Motion

Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler

Abstained

Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mrs. Bell Peters

ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Governor Kay Ivey's Appointments

Charles Jackson
Mac Buttram (Incumbent)

Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon Appointments

Tommy Ledbetter
Melissa Kay McInnis

President Pro Tempore Del Marsh Appointment

Henry Nelson (Incumbent)

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A HIRING FREEZE RELATED TO THE MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTERVENTION

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education requests an intervention budget reflecting the proposed appropriation for Montgomery Public Schools for the period commencing when the Alabama State Board of Education assumed oversight of the Montgomery County Board of Education's operations to this date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby approve an authorization of a hiring freeze as to the Alabama State Department of Education and the Montgomery County Board of Education until the requested budgetary information has been provided to and reviewed by the Alabama State Board of Education.

Done this 8th day of June 2017.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Michael Sentance introduced Dana Vandiver, Alabama Association of School Boards, who presented the winners of the 2017 statewide, "How We Achieve Excellence in our School" video contest. The winners were:

First Place, Saraland High School, Saraland City School System, \$1,500; Second Place, Fort Payne High School, Fort Payne City School System, \$1,000; Third Place, James Clemens High School, Madison City School System, \$500; and Honorable Mention, Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, Montgomery County School System, \$200. The student-produced videos will be posted on Alabama Public Television's Website, www.aptv.org and on the Alabama Association of School Boards Website, www.AlabamaSchoolBoards.org.

Mr. Michael Sentance informed Board members of three meeting presentations of *Alabama Ascending*. He stated that the events were well attended and expressed appreciation to the Board members who were in attendance.

Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter extended appreciation to organizational members who will be leaving their respective position. Dr. Earl Franks, Executive Director, Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS), and Diane Sherman, Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Mr. Jeff Newman expressed appreciation to Ms. Collie Wells and Mr. Jacob Davis. He complimented their leadership roles and the great job of the approximately 1500 students during the annual State FFA conference.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. for the Work Session that was held in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer