

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JUNE 9, 2016
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 10:15 a.m., for a regular 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: MR. JEFF NEWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. John Ed Mathison, Mathison Ministries, Montgomery, Alabama, did the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mr. Matthew Brown
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette Richardson

Absent

Governor Robert Bentley
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter

Dr. Philip C. Cleveland, Interim State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF MAY 12, 2016, AND JUNE 9, 2016

Request was made for the minutes to be held over until the July 12, 2016, meeting in order for additional information to be added pertaining to the Charter School Commission vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Steve Hermeling, a local parent in the Crenshaw County School System, spoke before the Board pertaining to local school systems establishing guidelines regarding athletic practices during the academic school day. Mr. Hermeling's address before the Board may be accessed using the link below.

<http://www.alsde.edu/sites/boe/Pages/PreviousMeetings.aspx>

RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2016-2017 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DANA JACOBSON, CLAY-CHALKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, (PROFESSIONALS) STATE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT VII

Due to a prior commitment, the 2016-2017 Alabama Teacher of the Year, Dana Jacobson, Clay-Chalkville High School, Jefferson County School System, could not attend the meeting to receive a resolution in her honor. Dr. Philip C. Cleveland requested that the resolution be presented at a later date. On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mr. Matthew Brown, the Board voted unanimously in support of the request.

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

RESOLUTION COMMENDING 2016-2017 ALTERNATE ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, DAWN DAVIS, MONTANA STREET ACADEMIC MAGNET SCHOOL, DOTHAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis, who, has spent most of her 20-plus years as an educator teaching in the Dothan City School System, strives to create a 21st century learning environment for her fourth graders where instruction is personalized, project-based, and hands-on; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis believes that while she cannot change the many circumstances from which her students come, she can change where they are going in life; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis is not interested in perfecting students, but is greatly determined to perfect her abilities to encourage goal-based mindsets, so that all children can realize their worth and potential; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis accomplishes this through planning, building a support team, encouraging risk-taking, and utilizing her student's natural curiosity; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis, who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Elementary Education from Troy University, states that her greatest rewards from teaching come in the form of a smile; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis believes when a teacher sees a smile cross the face of a child, he or she knows that student is gaining in knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Davis personifies the time, attention, and patience that great educators show every day in the classroom:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Dawn Davis for being named the 2016-2017 Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year and the Elementary Teacher of the Year and commends her for her dedication to her students, her commitment to excellence, her achievement in the field of education, and the recognition she has brought to the teaching profession for the benefit of students throughout Alabama.

Done this 9th day of June 2016

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2016-2017
ALABAMA DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education seeks to recognize and encourage excellence in education, both in teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program is a means of identifying and rewarding some of the state's outstanding teachers each year; and

WHEREAS, well-trained, dedicated, caring, enthusiastic, and innovative elementary and secondary teachers are among the ingredients essential to achieving excellence in preparing Alabama's children and youth to become capable adults; and

WHEREAS, the following honorees in the 2016-2017 Alabama Teacher of the Year Program exhibit these qualities and more:

Kelly Cleere

Orange Beach Elementary School, Baldwin County
District I

Judy Peacock Bridges

Baldwin County High School, Baldwin County
District I

Dawn Davis

Montana Street Academic Magnet School, Dothan City School System
District II

Kathryn Johnson Enos

Enterprise High School, Enterprise City School System
District II

Kathryne Flippo

Bluff Park Elementary School, Hoover City School System
District III

Vinny Chiaramonte

Robert F. Bumpus Middle School, Hoover City School System
District III

Mikki Powell

Rock Quarry Elementary School, Tuscaloosa City School System
District IV

Joseph Smith, III

John Herbert Phillips Academy, Birmingham City School System
District IV

Dawn Judy Ellis

Peter Crump Elementary School, Montgomery County School System
District V

John C. Conway

Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, Montgomery County School System
District V

Connie Bowman

Iola Roberts Elementary School, Pell City School System
District VI

Mary Katherine (Kate) White

Guntersville High School, Guntersville City School System
District VI

Sandy Georgette Deades Ritchey

Crestline Elementary School, Mountain Brook City School System
District VII

Dana Jacobson

Clay-Chalkville High School, Jefferson County School System
District VII

Nancy Spencer Brandon

Rainbow Elementary School, Madison City School System
District VIII

Carol Bohatch

James Clemens High School, Madison City School System
District VIII

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education commends these teachers and expresses its gratitude to each of them for their commitment, sacrifice, dedication, and service to the children and youth of Alabama that have earned them the distinction of 2016-2017 District Teachers of the Year.

Done this 9th day of June 2016

On motion by Mr. Matthew Brown and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously for the resolution below. Mrs. Stephanie Bell offered a friendly amendment requesting that the students' names be added to the resolution. Mrs. Malissa Valdes-Hubbert, Public Information Manager, stated that she would take care of this request.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2016 STATE SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the vital need for student voice in assisting to make decisions in the realm of public education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent Student Advisory Council is a group of 16 secondary school students who currently participate in their local Student Government Association (SGA); and

WHEREAS, the inaugural class of the State Superintendent Student Advisory Council convened in Fall of 2015 and met with the State Superintendent in December 2015 and April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the members are:

- District 1
- William Tyler Loft – Mobile County, Alma Bryant High School
- Morgan Manning – Brewton City, T.R. Miller High School

District 2
Jessie Warren – Geneva County, Samson High School
Madeline Armstrong – Henry County, Headland High School

District 3
Casey Brumbeloe – Elmore County, Stanhope Elmore High School
Jadaria Thomas – Talladega County, Childersburg High School

District 4
Taelor Allen – Birmingham City, Huffman High School
Addie Melchior- Tuscaloosa County, Hillcrest High School

District 5
Rebecca Kravec – Montgomery County, Booker T. Washington High School

District 6
Grace Mitchell – Oxford City, Oxford High School
Anna Clay Adams – Albertville City, Albertville High School
Trey Cheatham – Decatur City, Decatur High School

District 7
Jacob Burchfield – Jefferson County, Oak Grove High School
Sami Warren, Haleyville City, Haleyville High School

District 8
Garrett Little – Jackson County, Stevenson Middle School
Stephen Phraner – Athens City, Athens High School

WHEREAS, over the course of six months, the council members gathered input from their district on students' needs and opinions on state-level policies or directives, bringing the issues and proposed solutions to the attention of the State Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the council's recommendations will be presented to the Alabama State Board of Education where it will be discussed and evaluated in order to bring about change and progress for the students of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and thank the 2016 State Superintendent Student Advisory Council for its hard work, research, and dedication to improving the lives of students.

Done this 9th day of June 2016.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THREE POSITIONS ON THE ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, a review of teacher education programs was conducted on July 12, 2014, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Department of Education *Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

WHEREAS, additional documentation was reviewed on December 31, 2015; March 26, 2016; and April 27, 2016; and

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

WHEREAS, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) reviewed Oakwood University programs on November 8-10, 2015, and granted continuing accreditation in May 2016; and

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

Done this 9th day of June 2016

Interim Superintendent's Report

Dr. Philip C. Cleveland expressed how pleased he was with the technology conference that was held in Birmingham on June 7-9. He also reflected upon the FFA conference that was held at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Conference Center. The event was viewed as a great success with approximately 1600 participants. The State Board members who were in attendance were thanked for their participation. Dr. Cleveland stated that it was a great day to see the students celebrating and competing for the workforce.

Dr. Cleveland directed the Board's attention to the Alabama Association of School Boards annual video contest that highlighted "How We Achieve Excellence in our School." The first place recipient was Demopolis Middle School, Demopolis City School System; Second Place, Muscle Shoals High School, Muscle Shoals City School System; Third Place, Florence High School, Florence City School System; and Honorable Mention, Gadsden City High School, Gadsden City School System. The winning, student-produced videos will be posted on the Alabama Public Television's Website, www.aptv.org and on www.AlabamaSchoolBoards.org.

Also, during the Interim Superintendent's Report Sami Warren, Haleyville High School, Haleyville City School System; Morgan Manning, T. R. Miller High School, Brewton City School System; and Taelor Allen, Huffman High School, Birmingham City School System, Student Advisory Task Force members, expounded on three areas of concern in some of the local school systems: technology, college and career readiness, and school lunches. The students felt that these concerns were not in keeping with the goals of PLAN 2020. Possible solutions referenced were professional development for technology use in the classrooms, surveying students on dual enrollment, and augmenting lunches with fresh fruits and salads. Board members were in consensus on the success and wonderful examples of dual enrollment and the benefits provided to students. A detailed copy of the students' report will be provided to the Board members.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Vice President

Interim Secretary and Executive Officer