

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

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 10:12 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

Pastor Shane Isner, First Christ Church (Disciples of Christ), Montgomery, Alabama, did the invocation 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
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 FEBRUARY 8, 2018, MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2018, meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUANITA CAFFEY ON BEING SELECTED AS THE “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”
January – March 2018**

WHEREAS, Juanita Caffey, Administrative Assistant in the Educator Preparation Division of the Alabama State Department of Education Office of Teaching and Leading, goes beyond the call of duty on a daily basis to assist with assigned tasks; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Caffey maintains a positive image, communicates extremely well with the public, and represents the Alabama State Department of Education in a most exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, rarely is Juanita Caffey, who has worked at the Alabama State Department of Education for 12 years, asked a question she does not know the answer and when such situations occur, she is diligent in researching and following up to make sure questions, etc., are answered in a timely and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, when she assumed the duties of a colleague who left the Educator Preparation Division, she did so without complaint and maintained her cheerful countenance and jovial personality; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Caffey does all possible in making sure new employees are provided with the resources needed, leaving little room for questions; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Caffey arrives to work early and makes sure everything is in order for colleagues to begin the work day without delay:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Juanita Caffey for her selection as the recipient of the “Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter Award” for January - March 2018, 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 8th day of March 2018

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ADDIE MAE TAYLOR,
SUGAR CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LIMESTONE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
WINNER OF THE 2018 “BRING OUR MISSING CHILDREN HOME”
POSTER CONTEST**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Interim State Superintendent of Education strongly support the national effort to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals who work to keep Alabama students safe; and

WHEREAS, each year 1.3 million children are reported missing; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, citizens, and even children have been instrumental in keeping children safe and returning them home to their families, community, and school; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is committed to working with the United States Department of Justice through the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the Alabama Center for Missing and Exploited Children in sponsoring a poster contest entitled, “Bring Our Missing Children Home”; and

WHEREAS, the statewide “Bring Our Missing Children Home” poster contest is an excellent opportunity for Alabama’s public schools to emphasize and increase community involvement, to partner with law enforcement officials to raise awareness and increase support for assistance in finding missing children, and to educate parents and others about child safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Addie Mae Taylor, a fifth-grader at Sugar Creek Elementary School in the Limestone County School System, as the winner of the “Bring Our Missing Children Home” poster contest and wishes her well in the national poster competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes all of the Alabama educators who participated, Ms. Tammy Britton, Teacher; Ms. Cleo Miller, Principal, Sugar Creek Elementary School; and Dr. Thomas M. Sisk, Superintendent, Limestone County School System.

Done this 8th day of March 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALABAMA’S “GROW OUR OWN” INITIATIVE AND “FUTURE
TEACHERS OF ALABAMA” ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education and the Alabama Education Association (AEA) have formed a partnership dedicated to encouraging Alabama’s students to pursue a career in the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, research shows there will be an even greater demand for highly qualified teachers in the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the Future Teachers of Alabama (FTA) organization and the TEACH Alabama program are innovative approaches focused on attracting more talented students to careers in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, the Future Teachers of Alabama organization and the TEACH Alabama program are rigorous, progressive, and *vital* parts of Alabama’s total education system; and

WHEREAS, these programs are committed to providing students with opportunities to gain valuable hands-on experiences through internships, classroom observations, and project-based learning; and

WHEREAS, Future Teachers of Alabama and TEACH Alabama started the “Grow Our Own” initiative to provide Alabama’s local school systems with additional opportunities to focus on activities that promote teaching

as a career, highlight the importance of America's educators, and encourage students to strongly consider the field of education as a future career choice; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Education Association and the Alabama State Department of Education also want to honor the service, dedication, and professionalism of Alabama's educators:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recognize Alabama's "Grow Our Own" Initiative and the *Future Teachers of Alabama* Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages local boards of education and all educational organizations statewide to support these special programs through activities that demonstrate the true importance of the teaching profession and the opportunities teaching provides for students to achieve personal and professional success.

Done this 8th day of March 2018

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DEVELOPMENT
AND DISSEMINATION OF A REPORT CARD
ON EDUCATOR PREPARATION**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education (ALSBE) is responsible for determining the standards or rules that colleges and universities must meet to earn institution and program approval to prepare educators who may be recommended for Alabama certification; and

WHEREAS, the colleges and universities that have achieved approved institution and program status are committed to continuous review and improvement of the programs provided; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of the courses used to achieve approved program status are taught by college and university faculty members who are employed in campus entities other than the College/School/Division/Department of Education, thus extending institutional responsibility for educator preparation; and

WHEREAS, the ALSBE believes that information about the status of educator preparation institutions should be disseminated to the public through the development of a report card for each college or university:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to develop and disseminate a report card on educator preparation for each Alabama college and university approved to prepare educators for Alabama certification, with the first draft to be sent to Alabama colleges and universities in May 2018 for review, and a final report card for each Alabama college and university to be issued in September 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the report card issued in September 2018 should be limited to information on the approval/accreditation status of each college and university, productivity, performance on statewide required assessments, and information acquired by surveying new teachers and their principals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That subsequent versions of the educator preparation report card may include additional actionable information that can be used by colleges and universities to improve their programs and the preparation of educators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That subsequent versions of the educator preparation report card will include an assessment standard intended to communicate the educator preparation college or university's effectiveness in preparing future educators.

Done this 8th day of March 2018

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted 7-1-0 to adopt the following. Mrs. Betty Peters opposed.

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF
DIGITAL LITERACY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION
STATE COURSE OF STUDY**

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3 of the *Code of Alabama*, 1975, requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas are required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the reports be submitted to the Interim State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Interim State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee's report on Digital Literacy and Computer Science Education and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the State Course of Study Committee on Digital Literacy and Computer Science Education is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on March 8, 2018.

Done this 8th day of March 2018

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Samford University**

WHEREAS, a review of proposed educator preparation programs was conducted on June 21-23, 2017, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, *Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(3)(b); under the Continuous Improvement in the Educator Preparation (CIEP) process; and

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

WHEREAS, all other educator preparation programs at Samford University are approved as of this date with an expiration date of May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the program review process resulted in a recommendation for conditional approval; and

WHEREAS, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends conditional approval of the programs; and

WHEREAS, Samford University must submit a written report by October 1, 2019, discussing and documenting how the programs are making significant progress in meeting conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the program below with conditional approval to expire on May 31, 2020.

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

Done this 8th day of March 2018

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Faulkner University**

WHEREAS, a review of a proposed educator preparation program was conducted on June 21-23, 2017, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, *Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(3)(b); under the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) process; 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 Faulkner University during April 15-17, 2012 and granted continuing accreditation on October 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends conditional approval of the program; and

WHEREAS, all other educator preparation programs at Faulkner University are also approved as of this date with an expiration date of May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the program review process resulted in a recommendation for conditional approval for two years; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner University must submit a written report no later than October 1, 2019, discussing and documenting how the program is making significant progress in meeting conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the program below with conditional approval to expire on May 31, 2020.

Class A School Counseling (P-12)

Done this 8th day of March 2018

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
University of Mobile

WHEREAS, a review of a proposed educator preparation program was conducted on June 21-23, 2017, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, *Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(3)(b), under the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) process; and

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

WHEREAS, the Interim State Superintendent of Education recommends conditional approval of the program; and

WHEREAS, all other educator preparation programs at the University of Mobile are also approved as of this date with an expiration date of May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the program review process resulted in a recommendation for conditional approval for three years; and

WHEREAS, the University of Mobile must submit a written report on August 1, 2019, discussing and documenting how the program is making significant progress in meeting conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the program below with conditional approval to expire on May 31, 2021.

Class B Collaborative Special Education (K-6)

Done this 8th day of March 2018

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
University of South Alabama

WHEREAS, a review of a proposed educator preparation program was conducted on June 20-23, 2017, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, *Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(3)(b); 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 the University of South Alabama during April 7-9, 2013 and granted continuing accreditation on October 23, 2013; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the program below with approval to expire on May 31, 2021.

Class B Health (6-12) and Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 8th day of March 2018

Interim State Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Ed Richardson provided the Board with a progress report regarding the Montgomery County School System. He stated there would be a mediation hearing Monday morning, March 12, 2018. He had hoped to have the financial plan in order for discussion; however, due to mediation proceedings, there will be a delay. Plan B pertains to

personnel options. He stated that AdvancED will visit the system March 19-21, 2018. The reorganization of the Alabama State Department of Education will be discussed during the Work Session. There will be a meeting with the 31 exempt employees in the Department. Dr. Richardson advised Board of the Alabama State Department of Education being recognized by the State-Combined Campaign. The Department achieved 187.65 percent of goal in this effort. Dr. Richardson recognized Rita Smith and the employees for their commitment.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting in Plaza 104.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer