

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 10:09 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

**PRESIDING: DR. YVETTE RICHARDSON**

Mrs. Ella B. Bell 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  
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter  
Dr. Cynthia McCarty  
Mrs. Betty Peters  
Dr. Yvette Richardson

**Absent**

Governor Robert Bentley  
Mr. Jeff Newman

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2016**

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Yvette Richardson stated during the last meeting held on October 13, 2016, the motion to adopt *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule Number 290-4-1-.03, was laid on the table and entertained a motion to remove from the table. On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to take the adoption of the rule from the table.

Dr. Yvette Richardson asked Mr. Michael Sentance to share with the Board any additional information pertaining to the proposed rule.

Mr. Michael Sentance stated that since the last Board meeting, he and staff had an opportunity to communicate with legislative leadership regarding the A-F report card. He stated that he and staff members, Shanthia Washington and Angela Martin, had a conference call with Representative Terri Collins to explore options. An agreement was made to release data about school and district but with no attachment with grade. Mr. Sentance said he would like the Board's support of the written code provision. He advised where the appropriate language was in the code and stated that it does not amend the release of information in a manner in which it is transparent to the public endeavor. A copy of this information is filed in the Board folder dated November 10, 2016.

Dr. Yvette Richardson asked for a vote on the amended motion. On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mr. Matthew Brown, the Board voted unanimously in support of the amended motion. She then asked for a vote on the original motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Board members commended Mr. Sentance and staff in this endeavor.

On motion by Mr. Matthew Brown and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution below.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TROY  
UNIVERSITY, TROY, ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rules No. 290-3-3-.55(8) and 290-3-3-.56(4)(b)2, require 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 Troy University a written request to develop innovative programs and submit them for review; 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**, Troy University 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 innovative programs to be offered at the post-baccalaureate level and leading to Class B certification:

- Class B Biology (6-12)
- Class B Chemistry (6-12)
- Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
- Class B General Science (6-12)
- Class B History (6-12)
- Class B Physics (6-12)
- Class B Mathematics (6-12)
- Class B General Social Studies (6-12)

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Board meeting and Work Session dates. A copy of this information is filed in the Board folder dated November 10, 2017.

**2017 ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING/WORK SESSION DATES**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Michael Sentance informed Board members of individuals he would like to appoint, Dr. Dee Fowler, Superintendent, Madison City School Systems; Dr. Barbara Cooper, Assistant Superintendent, Huntsville City School System, and Chasidy White, a teacher in the Tuscaloosa County School System. He expressed confidence in the individuals, their commitments and other attributes he felt would be beneficial in the respective roles. He felt these individuals would meet the qualification in who he was looking for to meet the needs identified. On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mr. Matthew Brown, the Board voted 7-0-1 in support of the motion. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained due to guidelines she felt is in place in the hiring process.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Sentance informed Board members of recent visits to local school systems and voiced concern regarding unusual circumstances in high poverty areas with a higher female population than male in math and physics classes. He has asked Dr. Tony Thacker, staff member, to pull information together regarding this concern. In order to allow adequate timing, Mr. Sentance stated that the math initiative task force will be in place in the spring of 2017.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer