

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 11:10 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: GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

The invocation was done by Reverend Jackie Slaughter, Pastor, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Governor Kay Ivey
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Betty Peters
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent

Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Dr. Yvette Richardson

Dr. Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 9, 2018, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes for the August 9, 2018, meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION – PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
RECIPIENT CHASITY COLLIER, DAWES INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL
SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, an innovative Alabama educator, who makes it her personal mission to find strategies to make learning more engaging and relevant for students, has earned the national Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching; and

WHEREAS, the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government, specifically for Grades K-12 mathematics and science teaching; and

WHEREAS, established by Congress in 1983, the President now annually recognizes up to 108 exemplary teachers; and

WHEREAS, Mobile County School System teacher Chasity Collier recently received this national award during a special ceremony at the White House; and

WHEREAS, Chasity Collier was presented an official citation from President Donald J. Trump, and was also awarded a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this award is given to mathematics and science teachers (including computer science educators) from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, and U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching recognize educators who implement high-quality instructional programs, which enhance student learning and classroom achievement; and

WHEREAS, Alabama educator and Presidential Award for Excellence recipient Chasity Collier teaches fifth-grade science at Dawes Intermediate School in Mobile County; and

WHEREAS, Chasity Collier has served in many different professional roles during her career, including as a representative on state education committees and as an Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) coach from 2008-2015 and Alabama's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, more than 4,700 teachers nationwide have been recognized for their contributions to the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching awardees are models for their colleagues, and inspiration for their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of Alabama is proud of Presidential Award for Excellence recipient Chasity Collier and her many accomplishments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend its appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Presidential Award for Excellence Recipient Chasity Collier.

Done this 13th day of September 2018

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

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION – PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
RECIPIENT HEATHER SIMPSON, HUEYTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, a devoted Alabama educator who demonstrates a genuine commitment to her students' learning and academic achievement is now a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching; and

WHEREAS, the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching* (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government, specifically for Grades K-12 mathematics and science teaching; and

WHEREAS, established by Congress in 1983, the President now annually recognizes up to 108 exemplary teachers; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County School System teacher Heather Simpson recently received this national award during a special ceremony at the White House; and

WHEREAS, Heather Simpson was presented an official citation from President Donald J. Trump and was also awarded a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this award is given to mathematics and science teachers (including computer science educators) from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools, and U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, this award recognizes educators who develop high-quality instructional programs, which enhance student learning and classroom achievement; and

WHEREAS, Alabama educator and Presidential Award for Excellence recipient Heather Simpson teaches all kindergarten subjects at Hueytown Elementary School in the Jefferson County School System, including mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Alabama educator Heather Simpson has served in many different professional roles during her career, including as a representative on education committees, a grade-level chairperson, and Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) trainer; and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, more than 4,700 teachers nationwide have been recognized for their contributions to the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching awardees are models for their colleagues and inspiration for their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of Alabama is proud of Presidential Award for Excellence recipient Heather Simpson and her many accomplishments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend its appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Presidential Award for Excellence Recipient Heather Simpson.

Done this 13th day of September 2018

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ALABAMA'S TOP 50 "MILLION-DOLLAR SCHOOLS" IN
THIRD-GRADE READING GAINS, 2017-2018**

WHEREAS, The Alabama State Legislature determined it an appropriate investment to include an additional \$1 million in the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) 2018 budget to recognize schools that have made the most significant growth in third-grade reading; and

WHEREAS, reading is recognized as the cornerstone for all other learning by countless educators and serves as the most fundamental aspect of any academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) examined the percentage of third-grade students by school that showed the greatest reading growth as measured by improvement between the initial assessment taken in the fall of 2017 and the end-of-year assessment taken in the spring of 2018 on the Scantron Performance Series Reading Assessment to determine award schools; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that 50 Alabama schools will evenly divide the \$1 million allotted with a monetary award of \$20,000 for each school, and the school's administration will determine how to spend; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education wholeheartedly supports the advancement of strong reading skills in early grades and recognizes both the need for early reading success and the detriment of not making growth targets in reading; and

WHEREAS, ARI serves teachers, coaches, and administrators in Grades K-12, with specific support to educators in Grades K-3 by providing on-going professional learning that equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to teach beginning reading, and with job-embedded coaching for school reading specialists who provide in-class coaching, data analysis, lesson planning for standards-based instruction, engagement strategies, and intervention:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education and Alabama State Department of Education express appreciation to Alabama's Top 50 "Million-Dollar Schools" in third-grade reading gains for their excellent work.

Done on this 13th day of September 2018.

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2019 Education Budget Request.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2019 EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has reviewed budget allocations for the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the progress being made in K-12 public education in Alabama needs to be maintained and expanded; and

WHEREAS, the expressed goals of the Alabama State Board of Education are for every student to attend a school that is safe and well disciplined; a school that employs the highest quality teachers; a school that offers a rigorous curriculum; and a school that is led by an outstanding leader so that every student can graduate from high school and be prepared for work and/or additional educational training leading to every student being a productive citizen:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby adopt its FY2019 State Department of Education budget.

Done this 13th day of September 2018

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Athens State University**

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 and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens State University a written request to develop a Class B Mathematics (4-8) 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, Athens State University 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 Mathematics (4-8)

Done this 13th day of September 2018

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
University of South 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 and Senior Vice President of the University of South Alabama a written request to develop Alternative Class A Choral Music, Alternative Class A Instrumental Music, Class A Choral Music, and Class A Instrumental Music programs; 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, University of South Alabama 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:

- Alternative Class A Choral Music (P-12)
- Alternative Class A Instrumental Music (P-12)
- Class A Choral Music (P-12)
- Class A Instrumental Music (P-12)

Done this 13th day of September 2018

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

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-3-3, PERTAINING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION

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

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-2-1, PERTAINING TO APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

ADOPT ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-3-1-.02 8(A), PERTAINING TO ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

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

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-3-1-.02 (11) PERTAINING TO DUAL ENROLLMENT

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

PUBLIC RELEASE OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTIONAL REPORT CARDS

The Educator Preparation Institutional Report Card was discussed during the Work Session that was held prior to the Alabama State Board of Education meeting. The report card contained information regarding 2016-2017 data on first-year teachers from undergraduate and graduate programs. The last release of report cards was in 2009. The report cards for institutions are posted on the Alabama State Department of Education's Website.

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted 5-0-1 to approve the Personnel Recommendations below. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Tena Elisabeth Davis will serve as Assistant State Superintendent for the Office of Student Learning. Dr. Davis is currently the Superintendent of the Eufaula City School System. Her employment with the Alabama State Department of Education begins on Monday, October 1, 2018. Dr. Jeff Langham and Dr. Tony Thacker are currently serving in their respective position. Dr. Jeff Langham serves as Chief of Staff/Assistant State Superintendent, and Dr. Tony Thacker as Assistant State Superintendent, Evaluation and Innovation. All three positions will commence at Step 15 (Salary, \$157,197.60) effective October 1, 2018. In keeping with the rules and regulations of the Alabama State Department of Human Resources and the legal office, Dr. Mackey stated it was necessary that this action be brought to the Board and reflected in the Minutes of the Alabama State Board of Education

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Since the last meeting, Dr. Mackey informed the Board he had an opportunity to visit school systems that also included a visit to the Cherokee County School System with Dr. Cynthia McCarty. He stated the real tragedy was the fire that burned Booker T. Washington Magnet High School. He apprised Board members he is working with the Montgomery Public School System, the State Building Commission, and the Governor's Office. What would have cost the school system \$380,000 to move the rubbish from the fire, the City of Montgomery will incur the cost. He expressed appreciation for the community's efforts in this endeavor. In response to a question from State Board Member Ella B. Bell regarding funds left for the school during Governor Don Siegelman's administration, Dr. Mackey stated there is an amount of \$3.9 million for the school.

Dr. Mackey indicated he attended the Superintendents' meeting, the College Deans meeting, and the NAEP meeting for principals that was held in the auditorium. He imparted that 50 schools would also be recognized at 2 p.m., today in the auditorium for third-grade reading gains. Each school will receive \$20,000 that will be sent to the local school system.

Dr. Mackey stated that the new strategic plan, with focus on reading and science, will be discussed during the State Board Retreat scheduled on December 12. Also, Dr. Mackey informed Board members that he will be traveling a lot prior to the next meeting. On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

President

Secretary and Executive Officer