MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
APRIL 11, 2019
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 10:05 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, PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Pastor Lisa Winston, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Dr. Wayne Reynolds
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mr. Jeff Newman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 14, 2019, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 14, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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

ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-4-3-.01, PERTAINING TO INSERVICE EDUCATION AND EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT

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

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-3-3-.07, PERTAINING TO MIDDLE-LEVEL TEACHING FIELDS (GRADES 4-8)

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

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING HIGHLY REGARDED ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL ELAINE KIRKPATRICK SELECTED “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER” APRIL – JUNE 2019**

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has awarded the April-June 2019 Employee of the Quarter Award to Elaine Kirkpatrick for her outstanding service; and

**WHEREAS,** Employee of the Quarter Elaine Kirkpatrick is a consummate professional who contributes fully to Alabama’s education efforts by demonstrating teamwork in every situation; and

**WHEREAS,** she is highly respected for often being the first to volunteer for ALSDE events, employee appreciation celebrations, and community outreach initiatives; and

**WHEREAS,** Employee of the Quarter Elaine Kirkpatrick has worked for the Alabama State Department of Education for 41 years; and

**WHEREAS,** she is a top professional who exhibits great knowledge, leadership, and experience; and

**WHEREAS,** when recently asked about her contributions, one employee said, “Elaine’s cheerfulness, sense of humor, and genuine concern for others makes working with her a real pleasure”; and

**WHEREAS,** Employee of the Quarter Elaine Kirkpatrick is an outstanding example of resourcefulness who is also well-known for her dependability, and she works diligently to accomplish all tasks; and

**WHEREAS,** Employee of the Quarter Elaine Kirkpatrick is committed to local school excellence and provides accurate and useful information to education stakeholders statewide; and

**WHEREAS,** Employee of the Quarter Elaine Kirkpatrick has a winning attitude and exceptional professional skills; and

**WHEREAS,** a colleague said, “Elaine shares her knowledge with everyone and finds ways to accomplish all projects - even if it means going out of her way in the process”; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama State Board of Education is proud of Elaine Kirkpatrick and her many contributions to departmental programs and statewide initiatives:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Elaine Kirkpatrick for her commitment to the Alabama State Department of Education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF LAUREN CHOI, SPAIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS,** now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today’s information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and
WHEREAS, fewer than 400 young women in the entire nation are selected each year as national NCWIT Honorable Mention recipients; and

WHEREAS, through the northern regional affiliate selection process, only two 2019 NCWIT honorable mention recipients from Alabama were chosen from a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Choi, Spain Park High School, Hoover City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Choi was chosen as a 2019 honorable mention recipient for displaying aptitude and interest in Information Technology and computing, solid leadership ability, a commendable academic history, and plans for post-secondary education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Lauren Choi upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF FOLASADE OYEKENU,
MUNFORD HIGH SCHOOL, TALLADEGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS AWARDEE FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today’s information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 50 young women in the entire nation are selected each year as national NCWIT Awardee finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the northern regional affiliate selection process, only one 2019 NCWIT Awardee national finalist from Alabama was chosen from a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

WHEREAS, Folasade Oyekenu, Munford High School, Talladega County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Folasade Oyekenu was chosen as a 2019 national finalist to receive the award for displaying aptitude and interest in Information Technology, and computing, solid leadership ability, a commendable academic history, and plans for post-secondary education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Folasade Oyekenu upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 11th day of April 2019
On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF AMRITA LAKHANPAL, THE ALTAMONT SCHOOL, AS A 2019 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

WHEREAS, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today’s information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 400 young women in the entire nation are selected each year as national NCWIT Honorable Mention recipients; and

WHEREAS, through the northern regional affiliate selection process, only two 2019 NCWIT honorable mention recipients from Alabama were chosen from a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

WHEREAS, Amrita Lakhanpal, The Altamont School, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amrita Lakhanpal was chosen as a 2019 honorable mention recipient for displaying aptitude and interest in Information Technology and computing, solid leadership ability, a commendable academic history, and plans for post-secondary education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Amrita Lakhanpal upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF KINLEY WILSON, KERMIT JOHNSON SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, WINNER OF THE 2019 “BRING OUR MISSING CHILDREN HOME” POSTER CONTEST**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education strongly support the national effort to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals that 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 Kinley Wilson, a fifth-grader at Kermit Johnson School Jefferson 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. Annetta Pass, Teacher; Mrs. Lori Mays Lightsey, Principal, Kermit Johnson School; and Dr. Warren Craig Pouncey, Superintendent, Jefferson County School System.

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2018-2019 ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE SERIES

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize that the performing arts are a vital and enriching segment of children’s education; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Bicentennial Musical Performance Series provides an opportunity for K-12 musicians to showcase their talent at the Alabama State Capitol in accordance with the bicentennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, the performances are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations; the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, the Alabama Music Educators Association, the Alabama State Department of Education, and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to performing arts programs and educators as they strive for educational excellence and artistic literacy for students; and

WHEREAS, the arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing meta-cognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration; providing opportunities to access, develop, express, and integrate meaning across a variety of content areas, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the 2018-2019 Alabama Bicentennial Musical Performance Series student musicians, their instructors, their school, and their system upon the honor of being selected as outstanding musical ambassadors for the Alabama Bicentennial Celebration.

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
The University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, 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 President at The University of Alabama a written request to develop programs for the preparation of teachers for Middle Grades (4-8) English Language Arts, Mathematics, General Science, and General Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed programs for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought; and

WHEREAS, The University of 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:

Class B Middle-Level English Language Arts (4-8)
Class B Middle-Level Mathematics (4-8)
Class B Middle-Level General Science (4-8)
Class B Middle-Level Social Studies (4-8)

Alternative Class A Middle-Level English Language Arts (4-8)
Alternative Class A Middle-Level Mathematics (4-8)
Alternative Class A Middle-Level General Science (4-8)
Alternative Class A Middle-Level General Social Studies (4-8)

Class A Middle-Level English Language Arts (4-8)
Class A Middle-Level Mathematics (4-8)
Class A Middle-Level General Science (4-8)
Class A Middle-Level General Social Studies (4-8)

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Jacksonville 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 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 President at Jacksonville State University a written request to develop programs for Class B Middle-Level English Language Arts (4-8), Class B Middle-Level Mathematics (4-8), Class B Middle-Level General Science (4-8), and Class B Middle-Level General Social Studies (4-8); 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, Jacksonville State 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 programs:

Class B Middle-Level English Language Arts (4-8)
Class B Middle-Level Mathematics (4-8)
Class B Middle-Level General Science (4-8)
Class B Middle-Level General Social Studies (4-8)

Done this 11th day of April 2019

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Samford 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 president at Samford University a written request to develop two new programs for the preparation of teachers; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed programs for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought; and

WHEREAS, Samford 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 programs:

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

Done this 11th day of April 2019

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Nominations for Vacancies, Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees, Birmingham, Alabama. A copy of this information is filed in the Board Folder dated April 11, 2019.

Due to not having a majority vote for Agenda Item G.2.l, Alabama Public Charter School Commission Nominees, this item will be brought back for a vote during the May 9, 2019, meeting. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained from voting. She stated she did not feel she had sufficient information about the nominees and, in essence, the Board does not officially appoint individuals.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Eric G. Mackey informed Board members Dr. Ed Nichols, former Superintendent of the Decatur City School System will work with the Board and committee members to develop the Strategic Plan that was introduced during the Alabama State Board of Education Retreat on April 14, 2019. There will be a two-hour training session in May. The task force will consist of 40 committee members, one State Board member, departmental staff, teachers, principals, superintendents, parents, students, and other representation. A survey will be provided for feedback from the general public. A draft copy will be available in the fall.

Currently, Dr. Mackey’s evaluation is scheduled in December 2019; however, he asked Board members to perform an early evaluation in April to provide vital feedback as he enters his second year. He feels there has been ample time to work with Mrs. Tracie West, State Board District Two; and Dr. Wayne Reynolds, State Board District Eight. Mrs. West and Dr. Reynolds assumed office in January 2019. Once the information has been completed, Board members will return the document to Governor Kay Ivey’s legal staff.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session at 11 a.m. in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama.