MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
AUGUST 8, 2019
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, August 8, 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 Brother Andy Milms, Mulberry Baptist Church, Maplesville, 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
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Wayne Reynolds
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Mrs. Ella B. Bell

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 JULY 9, 2019, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 9, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. REGINA SANKEY SELECTED AS “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, The Alabama State Department of Education team member Regina Sankey has demonstrated to fellow employees and colleagues in the field alike that she is passionate about her role in Special Education Services and goes above and beyond to ensure positive monitoring experiences; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sankey exceeds expectations in her work coordinating the Special Education monitoring process and managing part-time and full-time staff in their monitoring roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, her hospitality and professionalism are recognized by colleagues and appreciated by the attendees of the on the functions she prepares. Mrs. Sankey goes the extra mile to make sure meetings are accommodating and, though unsolicited, even provides door prizes, snacks, and beverages; and
WHEREAS, a common word used to describe Mrs. Sankey "dependable." She is supportive of co-workers and makes sure the goals of the monitoring process are met. She organizes the monitoring team leaders and others to provide technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, as much as her strong professional skills and expertise in her field set her aside as a leader, it is her interpersonal skills and caring spirit that draws people, superiors and subordinates alike, to her and make for a positive and supportive environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Special Education Services Section specifically, hereby express its gratitude to Mrs. Sankey for her dedicated and caring service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend congratulations to Regina Sankey for the well-deserved acknowledgement as the Alabama State Department of Education Employee of the Quarter.

Done this 8th day of August 2019

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

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY CERTAIN PASSING SCORES AND TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, by Resolutions of April 14, 2005, February 9, 2006, October 12, 2006, December 14, 2006, March 8, 2007, July 10, 2012, July 9, 2013, December 12, 2017, December 13, 2018, and other Resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis subject assessments and minimum passing scores as conditions for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, earning a passing score on a Praxis subject assessment is a prerequisite for initial certification, via state-approved program and several other certification approaches, in all subjects for which there is a Praxis subject assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has followed the pattern of adopting the multi-state passing score for a Praxis subject assessment as the Alabama passing score; and

WHEREAS, Praxis has developed an elementary reading test that specifically assesses the content necessary to teach reading in the elementary grades; and

WHEREAS, certain Praxis subject assessments previously approved by the Alabama State Board of Education have recently been updated and revised; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is experiencing a shortage in the number of educators certified in the area of secondary mathematics, Grades 6-12, and is seeking alternative options to certify educators in the specific areas of algebra I and geometry, as opposed to the current option that spans all areas of secondary mathematics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues and adopts the following new Praxis subject assessment and its multi-state passing score as a precondition for initial certification in the state of Alabama:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues and adopts the following replacement Praxis subject assessments and their multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial certification in the state of Alabama:
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby adopts the following new Praxis subject assessments and their multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial certification in the state of Alabama:

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Superintendent of Education is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Done this 8th day of August 2019
ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION NOMINEES

In accordance with the Alabama Code, the Governor submitted four names for two positions, the Speaker of the House submitted four names for two positions, and the President Pro Tem submitted four names for two positions. Paper ballots were given to each Board member to mark their preference for one of the two nominees for each of the six positions. Listed below are the appointees who were approved by the Board and will serve as commissioners in accordance with State Law. Six appointments were approved as provided by law.

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to approve Paul Morin, Sydney Raine, nominees of Governor Kay Ivey, and Jamie Ison, nominee of the President Pro Tem Del Marsh.

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve Kimberly Terry and Marla Green, nominees of the Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon.

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted 6-0-1 for to approve Henry Nelson, nominee of the President Pro Tem Del Marsh. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Dr. Eric G. Mackey stated that there was no report for the month of August.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Eric G. Mackey recognized the members of the Teacher Shortage Task Force for their service and hard work. Dr. Mackey stated that one of the Task Force recommendations was to get more people into the math and science classrooms. Dr. Mackey also recognized the Career and Technical Education Section, Jobs for Alabama’s Graduates (JAG), 5 of 5 for receiving the national award for meeting or exceeding the standards in five categories that measure student success. Dr. Mackey informed the Board members that schools in Alabama started this week. He informed the Board about a couple of glitches in a couple of places across the state. Dr. Mackey shared with the Board that the School Counseling Association listed Alabama as the number one state for improving the student-to-counselor ratio. Alabama gained 269 new counselors, which reduced the student-to-counselor ratio to 417 to one. Dr. Mackey stated that it speaks volumes about the State Board of Education asking for the right funding and the Governor and Legislators following through to make sure that our state have school counselors in place to deal with mental health issues and making this kind of progress.

Dr. Mackey informed the Board that the Mega conference had 3,880 participants, making it the largest one ever. The department received the best results from teachers stating that Mega was very beneficial and they received useful information. Dr. Mackey gave a great thank you to the Governor for helping to continue the regional school safety trainings. Alabama had over 1,500 school personnel trained this summer in several different Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) regions across the state. Dr. Mackey stated the plan to expand the program next year.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 10 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer