The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 11:55 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called by the Vice President of the Board in accordance with Alabama Code (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: MR. RANDY MCKINNEY, VICE PRESIDENT
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were held during the Postsecondary Education meeting. Mr. Randy McKinney called the meeting to order. On roll call, the following members were present:

Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mr. David F. Byers, Jr.
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, President Pro Tem
Dr. Ethel H. Hall, Vice President Emerita
Mr. Randy McKinney, Vice President
Mrs. Betty Peters
Mr. Gary Warren

Absent
Governor Bob Riley

Dr. Joseph B. Morton, State Superintendent of Education and Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board, was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2009

On motion by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor and seconded by Mr. Gary Warren, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009, meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to federal regulations, Dr. Joseph B. Morton informed Board members that he would like to add another agenda item, Item G.2.h., Rescind the Announce Intent to Amend Alabama Administrative Code, Rule 290-3-.02, Regulations Governing Public Schools. This request was due to new federal regulations that he was apprised of today, December 10, 2009. He stated that the Department will start the process again.

On motion by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

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

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF DR. JOYCE LEVEY, SUPERINTENDENT, TUSCALOOSA CITY SCHOOLS, 2010 ALABAMA/CLASSWORKS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Dr. Joyce Levey, Superintendent of the Tuscaloosa City Schools since 2003, has been named the 2010 Alabama/Classworks Superintendent of the Year by the School Superintendents of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joyce Levey will represent Alabama in the National Superintendent of the Year program, which is sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), and will be honored as the Alabama Superintendent of the Year at the AASA National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Joyce Levey’s leadership, there has been a focus on professional development throughout the school system; the Tuscaloosa City Schools began an Administrative Academy for principals and central office staff and an Aspiring Administrative Academy, both with a mission to train leaders for the 21st Century; and Professional Learning Communities were implemented throughout the system, thereby connecting change in the school system to current research; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Joyce Levey’s tenure as superintendent, Tuscaloosa City Schools has worked to provide a Pre-K program to more than 1,028 four-year-old children who are academically at-risk in the city of Tuscaloosa for which they received the State and National Civic Star Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joyce Levey has maintained a strong connection to The University of Alabama, participated in the Superintendent’s Academy, served on Advisory Committees, and recently was presented the
Center for Community-Based Partnerships Excellence in Engagement Award for outstanding partner-initiated engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Joyce Levey’s leadership, a new magnet school opened this year, several schools have been built, and much needed change has come to programs from the elementary to high school levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joyce Levey is an effective leader who has successfully initiated change through her passionate endeavor to build leadership and ownership within the school family and through the implementation of programs such as the Pre-K Initiative, Positive Behavior Support System, a district strategic plan, a demographic study, Helping Families Linking Parents Initiative, and professional learning communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joyce Levey was selected by School Superintendents of Alabama and the Best Practices Center to participate in the Superintendents’ Leaders Network, a professional network for forward-thinking Alabama superintendents:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recognize and honor Dr. Joyce Levey, Superintendent of Tuscaloosa City Schools, for her leadership as superintendent and for her selection as the 2010 Alabama Superintendent of the Year.

Done this 10th day of December 2009.

On motion by Dr. Ethel H. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DILHANI M. USWATTE, BERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2009 MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education supports efforts to reward Alabama’s outstanding educators for their contributions to the educational experiences of Alabama’s students; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation and the Alabama Department of Education provide Alabama teachers the opportunity to participate in the National Educator Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards were first presented in 1987 to acknowledge educators’ crucial contributions to our national well-being and to provide public recognition and financial rewards to talented elementary and secondary educators; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 over 50 top educators across the country were awarded up to $1.3 million; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dilhani M. Uswatte is one of two educators in Alabama selected to receive this prestigious award in honor of her efforts on behalf of the nation’s schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dilhani M. Uswatte, a mathematics teacher at Berry Middle School in the Hoover City School System, is innovative, enthusiastic, provides leadership opportunities and motivates students through themes such as “Mission Impossible Math”; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dilhani M. Uswatte is described by her principal as one who is an engaged professional who has extended the walls of her classroom to the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Dilhani M. Uswatte for achieving this prestigious honor and becoming Alabama’s 26th National Educator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Dr. Kathleen Wheaton, Principal of Berry Middle School, and Mr. Andy Craig, Superintendent of the Hoover City School System, for their support of Mrs. Dilhani M. Uswatte.

Done this 10th day of December 2009.

On motion by Mr. Randy McKinney and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE CHASE LEGRONE, MARY G. MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL, MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2009 MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education supports efforts to reward Alabama’s outstanding educators for their contributions to the educational experiences of Alabama’s students; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation and the Alabama Department of Education provide Alabama teachers the opportunity to participate in the National Educator Awards; and
WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards were first presented in 1987 to acknowledge educators’ crucial contributions to our national well-being and to provide public recognition and financial rewards to talented elementary and secondary educators; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 over 50 top educators across the country were awarded up to $1.3 million; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stephanie Chase LeGrone is one of two educators in Alabama selected to receive this prestigious award in honor of her efforts on behalf of the nation’s schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stephanie Chase LeGrone, a science teacher at Mary G. Montgomery High School in the Mobile County School System, is an outstanding chemistry teacher who strives to have her students ready for chemistry at the college level; and

WHEREAS, eighty-one percent of Mrs. Stephanie Chase LeGrone’s Advanced Placement students earned college credit, and she is described by her principal as one who uses a variety of technology resources to enhance student learning including PowerPoint lessons, on-line practice quizzes, and podcasting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Stephanie Chase LeGrone for achieving this prestigious honor and becoming Alabama’s 27th National Educator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mr. George Romano, Principal of Mary G. Montgomery High School, and Dr. Roy D. Nichols, Superintendent of the Mobile County School System, for their support of Mrs. Stephanie Chase LeGrone.

Done this 10th day of December 2009.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Ethel H. Hall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO
Montevallo, Alabama

WHEREAS, a review of teacher education programs was conducted on July 24-26, 2006, March 10-14, 2007, and March 8-10, 2009, by the State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(a)(2); and

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

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following programs, with approval to expire on May 31, 2017:

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL (P-12)
*Education Administration
  Instructional Leadership  X
  School Counseling  X

STRENGTHENED SUBJECT MATTER OPTION (P-12)
  Speech and Language Impaired  X

INNOVATIVE/EXPERIMENTAL (P-12)
**Teacher Leadership  X

* The institution may continue to provide its current Education Administration program until required to discontinue this program and document compliance with new Class AA Instructional Leadership standards.

** The institution may continue to provide its current Teacher Leadership program until required to discontinue this program and document compliance with Teacher Leadership standards.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mr. David F. Byers, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
University of West Alabama
Livingston, Alabama

WHEREAS, the Alabama Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3.56(2)(b)2.(i) and Rule 290-3-3.56(2)(b)2.(ii), requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Teacher Education and Certification Section of the State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the Chief Administrative Officer of the University of West Alabama a written request for a review team to visit the institution; 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 such programs; and

WHEREAS, the University of West 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 Teacher Education and Certification Section of the 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 AA Early Childhood Education (Grades P-3)
- Class AA Collaborative Special Education (Grades K-6)
- Class AA Collaborative Special Education (Grades 6-12)

Done this 10th day of December 2009.

Before the vote on the Resolution to Appoint the Science Course of Study Committee, correction was made to list Jacksonville State University in School Board District 3 in place of 2.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Ethel H. Hall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following with the correction made:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE SCIENCE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Alabama Code §16-35-1 through 5 (1975) provides that the Alabama State Board of Education shall constitute Courses of Study Committees for the purposes and functions as provided within the statute; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education appoints those persons listed on the attached sheets as members of the Science State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 10th day of December 2009

A copy of the committee members is filed in the Board folder for December 10, 2009.

Motion was made by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell to adopt the Resolution on FY 2011 K-12 Education Budget Priorities.

During the discussion period, Dr. Joseph B. Morton informed Board members that the resolution was to accompany the presentation presented by Mr. Craig Poncey, Assistant State Superintendent, Administrative and Financial Services, during the work session. Mrs. Stephanie Bell stated that it was an excellent presentation; however, she had a couple of questions. Dr. Morton stated that the resolution and presentation would be sent to the Governor’s office.

On a 6-2 vote, the Board voted in favor of the resolution.

Mrs. Ella B. Bell – Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Bell – No
Mr. David F. Byers, Jr. – Yes
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, President Pro Tem – Yes
Dr. Ethel H. Hall, Vice President Emerita – Yes
Mr. Randy McKinney, Vice President – Yes
Mrs. Betty Peters – No
Mr. Gary Warren – Yes

RESOLUTION ON FY 2011
K-12 EDUCATION BUDGET PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the Education Budgets of FY 2009 and FY 2010 have experienced proration; and

WHEREAS, the 19.5 percent proration over two years has greatly impacted the classrooms of Alabama’s public schools; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2011 Budget should have as its top priorities the directing of all available growth revenues in state-collected taxes to the classroom and the operations of schools; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives centered around reading, math and science, and distance education have shown results to the nation that Alabama students and teachers can compete nationally and globally if given the right tools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby affirm its vote of November 12 on employee benefits and a fairer distribution of Education Trust Fund available dollars to K-12 education with a minimum of 70 percent of the FY 2011 Education Budget being devoted to K-12 education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted the attached funding priorities for FY 2011 within the K-12 portion of the FY 2011 Education Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recommend all actions included herein to Governor Bob Riley for his consideration of inclusion in his 2010 Regular Legislative Session Education Budget that shall be presented to the Alabama Legislature.

Dr. Joseph B. Morton informed Board members that there was not any paperwork on the agenda item added.

On motion by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor and seconded by Dr. Ethel H. Hall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

Rescind the Announce Intent to Amend Alabama Administrative Code, Seclusion and Restraint, Rule 290-3-.02, Regulations Governing Public Schools

Done this 10th day of December 2009.

Superintendent’s Report:
Dr. Joseph B. Morton introduced Mrs. Donna McCurry, President, Jefferson County Council of PTAs, and Ms. Pat Breden, PTA President, Macedonia Elementary School, who had submitted resolutions passed by PTA memberships regarding the proposed Norfolk Southern Railroad Hub. Dr. Morton stated that since this was a local matter, he had been in contact with Dr. Phillip B. Hammonds, Superintendent, Jefferson County School System. He was informed that a committee is working on this issue. For information purposes, the resolutions were given to Board members and a copy filed in the Board folder dated December 10, 2009.

Dr. Morton informed Board members that there was an excellent article in the Principal Leadership Magazine written by Dr. Melinda Maddox, Director, Technology Initiatives. He stated that ACCESS has the second largest
student enrollment behind Florida and that this clearly indicates that Alabama is a leader. Board members were informed that he would provide them with a copy of the magazine.

On motion by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer