MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 13, 2020
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 10:02 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the Board in accordance with Alabama Code (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: JEFF NEWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Minister Cory Williams, First Assembly of God, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Dr. Wayne Reynolds
Dr. Tommie Stewart
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Governor Kay Ivey

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 9, 2020, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of January 9, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Wayne Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF KENDALL MOORE
GUNTERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, GUNTERSVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2020 SECONDARY BEST OF SHOW STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT

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

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

WHEREAS, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for artistic literacy, educational excellence, and for a well-rounded education for every student; and
WHEREAS, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express and integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Kendall Moore, Guntersville High School, Guntersville City School System; her teacher, Valerie Jones; her principal, Mrs. Roseanne Mabrey; and her superintendent, Mr. Allen Brett Stanton, and congratulates her for winning Secondary Best of Show in the 2020 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit.

Done this 13th day of February 2020

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRATULATING THE ALABAMA MICROSOFT IMAGINE ACADEMY ON EXCEEDING 100,000 CERTIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, in 2012, Alabama launched the Microsoft IT Academy Statewide deployment (renamed Microsoft Imagine Academy); only third in the nation to initiate this worldwide program for high school students; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s Microsoft Imagine Academy offers digital access to instructional curriculum and certifications that enable high school students to learn software applications such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, as well as skills necessary in Computer Science, IT Infrastructure and Data Science; and

WHEREAS, more than 223 school sites are registered as Microsoft exam test centers through Certiport to assist high school students with earning recognized credentials for job attainment and college and career success; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 Alabama students are enrolled in Career and Technical Education courses specifically tailored to incorporate the Microsoft Imagine Academy curriculum and certification exams; and

WHEREAS, over 200 CTE teachers annually have received professional development training to fully utilize the benefits of the Microsoft Imagine Academy; and

WHEREAS, students earning industry-recognized certification such as offered through Microsoft, prepares them for college and career readiness and enables them to possess 21st Century Skills needed for success after high school; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, Alabama students and teachers have gained valuable career skills and more than 100,000 professional certifications earned through the Microsoft Imagine Academy for an annual state cost savings of more than $150,000.00 (in certification costs); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2019, Alabama achieved worldwide recognition as high school student, Seth Maddox from Geraldine High School (DeKalb County), took the stage in New York City as the 2019 Microsoft Office Specialist World Champion in Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 surpassing competitors from countries such as China, Czech Republic, and Romania; and

WHEREAS, Alabama students have an impressive track record in these competitions as six students (two top scorers from each application: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel) have been invited to compete in the 2020 National Competition in Dallas, TX.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recognize Alabama’s Microsoft Imagine Academy for empowering teachers and students to gain valuable career skills by earning more than 100,000 professional certifications.

Done this 13th day of February 2020
On motion by Dr. Tommie Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE
2020 ANNUAL STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT

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

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

WHEREAS, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for educational excellence and artistic literacy for students; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the 2020 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit award-winning students and their teachers upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s outstanding young artists and visual arts educators.

Done this 13th day of February 2020

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 2020 AS “ARTS EDUCATION MONTH” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the arts as a vital and enriching segment of children’s well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, the National Art Education Association has designated March as “Youth Art Month”; the National Association for Music Education has designated March as “Music in Our Schools Month”; the American Alliance for Theatre Education has designated March as “Theatre in Our Schools Month”; and the National Dance Education Organization has designated March as “Dance in Our Schools Month”; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, the Alabama Music Educators Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Chapter of the Educational Theatre Association, the Alabama Dance Educators Association, the Alabama Dance Council, the Alabama Conference of Theatre, and the Alabama Artistic Literacy Consortium have voiced their support for designating March 2020 as “Arts Education Month” in Alabama schools; and

WHEREAS, the arts education teachers in the public schools of Alabama continue to strive for educational excellence and artistic literacy for their students; and

WHEREAS, support should be given to arts teachers as they attempt to strengthen arts education programs in their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, arts education contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students including the following: arts education develops students’ creative problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities; arts education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; arts education gives students a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; arts education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
arts education interrelates students' learning in arts production, arts history, arts criticism, and aesthetics:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That support should be given to arts education teachers as they attempt to strengthen arts education in their schools and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That education in the arts, including dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts, is an essential component of a well-rounded K-12 public education in Alabama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to arts educators, classroom teachers, and administrators for their efforts to improve arts education in Alabama public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate March 2020 as "Arts Education Month" in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 13th day of February 2020

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1-29, 2020, AS ALABAMA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

 WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs have become a rigorous and vital part of the total educational system, which is committed to providing students with rewarding opportunities to gain valuable academic, career, and life skills; and

 WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education builds collaborative connections among education and workforce development in support of a healthy Alabama economy; and

 WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs are successfully partnering with international business and industry to ensure students are equipped with communication and leadership skills required for college and career success; and

 WHEREAS, Alabama's career and technical education programs are preparing students for "a lifetime of success" by providing them opportunities to earn industry recognized credentials, workplace experience, and college credit while still enrolled in high school; and

 WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim February 1-29, 2020, as Alabama Career and Technical Education Month and encourages local boards of education, schools, business professionals, and community organizations to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of Alabama's career and technical education program and their positive impact on student achievement.

Done this 13th day of February 2020

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zelgler and seconded by Dr. Tommie Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 2-6, 2020, AS "SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK" IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has recognized for nearly 50 years that the School Breakfast Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama's children by making nutritious morning meals available in K-12 public schools; and

 WHEREAS, every March the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Breakfast Week; and
WHEREAS, the 2020 theme of National School Breakfast Week, "School Breakfast: Out of this World," which is sure to captivate students and stakeholders with how your breakfast program is blasting off into new territory; and

WHEREAS, research has indicated that students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory; the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition; and poor nutrition is linked with absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms, and psychosocial problems; and

WHEREAS, scientifically-based food and nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program served over 44 million breakfast meals for the school year 2019-2019 to Alabama students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school nutrition professionals who make the local School Breakfast Program work in 1,598 school sites statewide:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting National School Breakfast Week:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate March 2-8, 2020, as "School Breakfast Week" in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 13th day of February 2020

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
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 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 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens 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, Athens 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 13th day of February 2020
On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
University of South Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(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 Provost at the University of South Alabama a written request to develop innovative Alternative Class A 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 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 programs:

- Innovative Executive Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
- Innovative Executive Class A English for Speakers of Other Languages (P-12)
- Innovative Executive Class A General Science (6-12)
- Innovative Executive Class A General Social Studies (6-12)
- Innovative Executive Class A Languages Other Than English (6-12)
- Innovative Executive Class A Mathematics (6-12)
- Innovative Executive Class A Visual Arts (P-12)

Done this 13th day of February 2020

SELECTION OF ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE FOR STATE JUDGING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously for Dr. Wayne Reynolds, State School Board District Eight, to serve on the Alabama Teacher of the Year Committee as the State Board’s representative.

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Eric G. Mackey recognized all the students in the audience including the Tallassee FFA Quartet. Dr. Mackey stated that the Arts students left to display their work at the state capitol. Considering March being Music and Visual Arts Month, Board members were invited to the second floor rotunda where Northridge Middle School Strolling Strings, Tuscaloosa City School System, was performing. An invitation was extended for Board members to celebrate with the students again during the next Board meeting on March 12, 2020.

Dr. Mackey thanked the teachers, students, and everyone who worked so hard across the state especially, when you look at what the department is doing in the Career and Technical Education program.

Dr. Mackey stated to the Board that the books they received, The Future Emerges from the Past: Celebrating 200 Years of Alabama African American History and Culture, was a gift from the
Alabama Bicentennial Commission. Dr. Mackey stated that the Alabama State Department of Education was part of the collaboration. He acknowledged Ms. Nettie Carson-Mullins, who is featured on page iii of the book, for her hard work with the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. Ms. Carson-Mullins is a Social Studies Specialist at the department.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Wayne Reynolds, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. The Work Session was held in Plaza 104. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

President

Secretary and Executive Officer