MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 14, 2019
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 10:03 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: DR. CYNTHIA MCCARTY, VICE PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Father Sofie, St. Peters Catholic Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present
Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Wayne Reynolds

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 10, 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 January 10, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION HONORING ESTEEMED ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL, COREY J. MARTIN SELECTED “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER” JANUARY – MARCH 2019

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) has awarded the January-March 2019 Employee of the Quarter Award to Corey J. Martin for his outstanding service to our state and local education systems; and

WHEREAS, Employee of the Quarter Corey J. Martin is described by co-workers as a consummate professional who promotes positive workplace achievement during all circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Employee of the Quarter Corey J. Martin has a sincere willingness to help others and demonstrates teamwork in every situation; and

WHEREAS, Employee of the Quarter Corey J. Martin has worked for the Alabama State Department of Education for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, he is a top Education Administrator who exhibits a level of knowledge and personal experience, which is a great asset to our department’s certification and research processes; and

WHEREAS, when recently asked about Corey J. Martin’s contributions to our department, one employee said, “He always wants our team to feel valued and appreciated. This is so important in maintaining our department’s strong sense of cooperation, accomplishment, and morale”; and

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WHEREAS, Employee of the Quarter Corey J. Martin is an outstanding example of resourcefulness and quality service; and

WHEREAS, Employee of the Quarter Corey J. Martin is also well-known for his dependability. He arrives early to work and is always efficient in providing excellent service to all residents of our great state; and

WHEREAS, he has a winning attitude and exceptional professional skills; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is proud of Corey J. Martin and his many contributions to the state’s educational and certification efforts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Corey J. Martin for his commitment to the Alabama State Department of Education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

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

RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION – 2019 ALABAMA OUTSTANDING PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR JESSICA D. SHIELDS, HOLTVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, ELMORE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Jessica D. Shields, an outstanding Alabama educator who makes it her personal mission to inspire K-12 student achievement, has been named the 2019 Alabama Outstanding Practitioner of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades presented by the Alabama Counselor Association; and

WHEREAS, this award honors innovative counseling professionals who devote their careers to serving the best interests of students; and

WHEREAS, earning this esteemed award confirms Jessica Shields’ dedication to Alabama K-12 excellence; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s counseling practitioners have specialized qualifications and training, which allow them to support student academic achievement and social growth; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Jessica Shields is a school counselor at Holtville Middle School located in the Elmore County School System; and

WHEREAS, this is her fifth year at Holtville Middle School where she has been an award-winning educator and supporter of K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Jessica Shields has also been a highly respected certified Associate Licensed Counselor, a Gifted School Program Specialist, and a dedicated classroom teacher; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Jessica Shields believes it is essential for all local schools to remain connected to their communities; and

WHEREAS, she works hard to maintain close professional ties to leading organizations, which benefit her school system, including state extension offices, student outreach services, community churches, local charities, and law enforcement associations; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Jessica Shields has also created a top best practice partnership with her school facility dog “Captain” and the celebrated program Service Dogs Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Jessica Shields received a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Auburn University, a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Psychology from Troy University, and the Education Specialist degree in School Counseling from the University of West Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education and the great state of Alabama do hereby extend heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to our state’s 2019 Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Jessica Shields.

Done this 14th day of February 2019
On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION – 2019 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR ELIZABETH SHADDIX, WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CULLMAN CITY 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, Elizabeth Shaddix has earned the prestigious Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Alabama School Counselor Association; and

WHEREAS, the School Counselor of the Year Award honors school counseling professionals who devote their careers advocating for students in helping them to achieve success in school and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s school counselors make significant contributions to the total and overall well-being of students; and

WHEREAS, their unique qualifications and training allow them to support student academic achievement, career development, and social growth; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Elizabeth Shaddix is a counselor at West Elementary School located in the Cullman City School System; and

WHEREAS, this is her tenth year at West Elementary School where she has been an award-winning second grade teacher, a fifth grade language arts instructor, and the Title One Intervention educator; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Elizabeth Shaddix is described as, “articulate, calm, professional, and student focused”; and

WHEREAS, her colleagues and peers in education truly feel that she embodies the spirit of a counselor – engaged, knowledgeable, and a mentor to all students; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Elizabeth Shaddix received her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Athens State University, and Masters of School Counseling from the University of West Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama School Counselor of the Year recipients are great models for their colleagues and true inspirations for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the great state of Alabama is proud of Alabama School Counselor of the Year Elizabeth Shaddix and her many accomplishments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Alabama’s 2019 School Counselor of the Year Elizabeth Shaddix.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ZEA REMO, CLAY-CHALKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2019 BEST OF SHOW STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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 Zea Remo, Clay-Chalkville High School, Jefferson County School System; her teacher, Ashley Culwell, her principal, Michael Lee; and her superintendent, Dr. Warren Craig Poncey, and congratulates her for winning Best of Show in the 2019 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 ANNUAL STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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 2019 State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit and Bicentennial Celebration award-winning students and their teachers upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s outstanding young artists and visual arts educators.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 2019 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 Council, the Alabama Conference of Theatre, the Alabama Artistic Literacy Consortium, and the Alabama Arts Advocacy Commission have voiced their support for designating March 2019 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 2019 as “Arts Education Month” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1-28, 2019 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 programs are successfully partnering with international business and industry to ensure students are equipped with the advanced communication, time management, and leadership skills required for career success; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s career and technical education programs are continually providing students with opportunities to gain valuable hands-on experience through apprenticeships and internship programs; 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 in high school; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education has been awarded certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for its business and industry certification process utilized to certify all Alabama career and technical education programs to international industry standards; 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 1-28, 2019, 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 14th day of February 2019
On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM**
Jacksonville State University

WHEREAS, a review of the proposed educator preparation program was conducted on June 19-22 and December 13, 2018, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(3)(b); and

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

WHEREAS, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) reviewed the Jacksonville State University during November 3-5, 2013, and granted continuing accreditation on May 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the program with conditions to be addressed as noted on the attached pages:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program with approval to expire on May 31, 2021:

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

Done this 14th day of February 2019

**Nominations for Vacancies, Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees**

As required by the Code of Alabama, Section 16-26B-4, three names were provided for Alabama State Board of Education approval in the order of preference for an open position on the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees. Also included was biographical information. On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to approve Vincent J. Brewton for the Board of Trustees. A copy of this information is filed in the Board’s folder dated February 14, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (AGRICULTURE, LAW/PUBLIC SAFETY, AND STEM) STATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Code of Alabama (1975), §16-35-1 through 5, 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 as members of the Career and Technical Education (Agriculture, Law/Public Safety, and STEM) State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Code of Alabama (1975), §16-35-1 through 5, 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 attachment as members of the English Language Arts State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 14th day of February 2019

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. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously for Mrs. Tracie West, State School Board District Two, to serve on the Alabama Teacher of the Year Committee as the State Board’s representative.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Eric G. Mackey directed the Board members’ attention to information placed in their notebooks that included new rules pertaining to state travel, and information requested by Board members during the January 10, 2019, Work Session regarding Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiatives (AMSTI). Board members were also informed of a letter dated January 9, 2019, sent to city and county superintendents of education. The letter contained information required by passage of Annalyn’s Law. For monitoring purposes, Alabama State Department of Education staff has created and distributed a model policy for local education agencies.

The committee of 45 that included superintendents, principals, technology specialists, staff members in Career Tech, Special Education, and other sections of the Alabama State Department of Education was responsible for helping in the selection of a vendor for the Student Information System. Dr. Mackey expressed that of the two excellent vendors, PowerSchool was selected. He referenced that PowerSchool will make sure there will be a seamless transition in 2020. If there are glitches, the Department will not go without assistance. He reported a Learning Management System (LMS) was also included in the proposal. For instructional purposes, this system will be most beneficial for the teachers and students.

Dr. Mackey updated Board members on graduation concerns for 2017. He said the data are being reviewed and a report will be available during the March meeting, work session or the retreat. The retreat is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on March 14. There will also be a half-day session on March 15.

Dr. Mackey apprised Board members of recent visits to school systems, Cullman and Demopolis cities, and DeKalb and Houston Counties. He will visit Haleyville in Winston County on March 1 and resume visits to the school systems in the fall. Dr. Charles Nash, Vice Chancellor, The University of Alabama was a recognized guest.

With March being Music and Visual Arts Month, Board members were invited to the second floor rotunda where Brookwood Elementary Choral Ensemble, Tuscaloosa County School System, was performing. An invitation was extended for Board members to celebrate with the students again during the next Board meeting on March 14, 2019.

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 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 14, 2019, 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer