MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JANUARY 10, 2019
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 10:05 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 Minister Tim Anderson, Jr., 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
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Governor Kay Ivey
Mr. Jeff Newman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the agenda was amended to include Resolutions Honoring Mrs. Betty Peters and Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 13, 2018, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of December 13, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA EDUCATOR HEATHER HURT RECIPIENT OF THE 2018 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

WHEREAS, Alabama officially joined the Milken Educator Awards program in 1998; and a total of 36 Alabama educators have earned this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s 2018 Milken Educator Award recipient is Mrs. Heather Hurt, a Fifth Grade teacher at Vestavia Hills Elementary School Central, Vestavia Hills City School System where she specializes in the areas of K-12 reading, history, and science; and

WHEREAS, Milken Educator Heather Hurt stresses daily to her students the importance of “going further” in their personal educational experience; and

WHEREAS, after her students recently read Balloons Over Broadway, a book about the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, Milken Educator Heather Hurt insisted that her students study the full history of the parade, including its traditions on building parade decorations; and

WHEREAS, each student in her classroom had to describe in detail their own parade float concepts in an essay, and they were required to design actual miniature float models, and lastly to create individual small-scale, three-dimensional models of New York City; and

WHEREAS, for this same classroom lesson, students also programmed LEGO MINDSTORMS robots to pull their miniature floats through their model city designs; and
WHEREAS, Milken Educator Heather Hurt is truly dedicated to making important history, geography, and science concepts come alive in her classroom, and her exciting class lessons engage students, while boosting creativity; and

WHEREAS, her students use everything, from Google Presentations, to actual video-green screens to demonstrate their class work and research findings, and

WHEREAS, to learn about colonial history, her students recently role-played the events of the Boston Tea Party via Skype with actors from the renowned Boston Museum; and

WHEREAS, Milken Educator Heather Hurt wholeheartedly believes in the power of engaging students through resources, which truly inspire them to achieve at high levels; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is proud of its 2018 Milken Educator Heather Hurt:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Heather Hurt for her commitment to educational excellence and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 10th day of January 2019

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

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

University of South Alabama

WHEREAS, a review of proposed educator preparation programs was conducted on October 14 and 30, 2018, by the Alabama 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(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 University of South Alabama during April 7-9, 2013, and granted continuing accreditation on October 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama 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, 2021:

Alternative Class A Choral Music (P-12)
Alternative Class A Instrumental Musical (P-12)
Class A Choral Music (P-12)
Class A Instrumental Musical (P-12)

Done this 10th day of January 2019

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM

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 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 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens State University a written request to develop a Class B General Science (6-12) program; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed program 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 program; and
WHEREAS, Athens State University personnel have been advised that the proposed program 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 program:

Class B General Science (6-12)

Done this 10th day of January 2019

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

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO REPEAL AND ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-4-3-.01 PERTAINING TO EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT

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

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

This being the last Board meeting for State Board Members Betty Peters and Mary Scott Hunter, Dr Eric G. Mackey read resolutions honoring State Board Members Peters and Hunter. Immediately following the meeting, well wishes were extended and photos were taken. On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION HONORING ESTEEMED ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER BETTY PETERS – DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE BOARD DISTRICT TWO

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has served our state well as an active, engaged, and knowledgeable member of the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, Mrs. Betty Peters was officially elected to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters was re-elected and served three additional terms on the Alabama State Board of Education – 2006, 2010, and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has been a consistent pillar of strength and character throughout her years of service; and

WHEREAS, she has embodied one of her favorite philosophies, which was originally posed by President Abraham Lincoln – it declares “we often reap what we teach, or neglect to teach in our classrooms” – our focus must remain steadfast on preparing our youth for success; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters graduated from Dothan High School and then Troy University, summa cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has also had an exceptional professional career – she has worked for Auburn University, the United States Taiwan Defense Command in Taipei, Taiwan, the United States Social Security Administration, and has been a top substitute and volunteer school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has successfully led Alabama State Board of Education, District Two, as a dedicated, compassionate, and focused leader; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has been a positive influence for statewide growth and educational achievement – always keeping the best interest of students at the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Peters has been a strong advocate for all children, working tirelessly to improve communication among parents, educators, and all stakeholders statewide; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has been a true servant-leader who has inspired excellence throughout her many years of service; and
WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters has been an advocate for innovative educational initiatives, which allow students to achieve at higher levels, including our K-12 Reading Programs, Science Initiatives, English and Language Arts curriculum development, Career and Technical Education Standards, and Computer Science Literacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is proud of Alabama State Board of Education Member Betty Peters and her many years of service to our state and nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Betty Peters for her commitment to excellence and does hereby extend its sincere congratulations.

Done this 10th day of January 2019

RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER MARY SCOTT HUNTER – DEDICATED REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT EIGHT

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter has served our state well, as an active, engaged, and knowledgeable member of the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter has been instrumental in helping this organization to build stronger relationships among its members, local communities, parents, and educators; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter was elected to the Alabama State Board of Education in 2010, and re-elected in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter has successfully led State Board District Eight as a faithful and committed servant-leader; and

WHEREAS, Her dedication to the core values Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All have been a great example of professionalism throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter has increased communication between parents and local school educators, and also improved student achievement in State School Board District Eight; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter has also been an advocate for innovative educational initiatives, which allow students to achieve at high levels, including our award-winning K-12 Reading Programs, Science and Technology initiatives, Arts Education curriculum, Career and Technical Education initiative, and promotion of statewide Computer Science Literacy; and

WHEREAS, This Board, wholeheartedly, believes all students must have access to a quality education – one that prepares them for postsecondary learning and career success; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter graduated from Fairhope High School and The University of Alabama, cum laude; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter also has served our nation with distinction as a member of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter was commissioned as a United States Air Force Officer and served ten years as a Judge Advocate General; and

WHEREAS, she earned the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, a National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, and a Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter is a true “servant-leader” who values teamwork; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and her family have contributed immensely to the Great state of Alabama, its local communities, charitable organizations, and programs that support child well-being, student achievement, and K-12 learning success; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama is extremely proud of Alabama State Board of Education Member Mary Scott Hunter and her many years of service to our state’s educational system:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter for her commitment to educational excellence and does hereby express its sincere appreciation.

Done this 10th day of January 2019

State Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Eric G. Mackey informed Board members Dr. Wayne Reynolds, incoming Board Member for State Board District Eight, was not feeling well and would not be in attendance at the inauguration on Monday, January 14, 2019. Dr. Mackey gave a praise report on State Board Member Jeff Newman who is on the list for a kidney transplant. He stated Mr. Newman was in high spirits and does plan to attend the inaugural event for Board members.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. for the Work Session that was held in Plaza 104. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019, 10 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building. The meeting will be followed by the Work Session that will be held in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer