The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, June 13, 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 Pastor Agnes Lover, St. Paul African Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Governor Kay Ivey
Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Dr. Wayne Reynolds

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 9, 2019, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 9, 2019.
On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BASIC SKILLS ASSESSMENT AS A CONDITION FOR DEGREE EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, by resolution of September 8, 2016, the Alabama State Board of Education adopted the Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators specifically designed to assess teachers’ basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics with minimum passing scores as a condition for initial certification in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has expressed a desire to improve recruitment of Career and Technical Education teachers in technical education program areas and health science; and

WHEREAS, ACT® conducted validation studies on the Applied Math, Business Writing, and Workplace Documents tests of the WorkKeys® System as tools for screening applicants for Career and Technical Education Degree Equivalent Certificates; and

WHEREAS, a component of the validation study identified critical core tasks associated with Applied Math, Business Writing, and Workplace Documents necessary for holders of Career and Technical Education Degree Equivalent Certificates endorsed in technical education program areas or health science; and

WHEREAS, the validation study resulted in recommended passing scores as indicated in the chart below:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent of Education to implement the Career and Technical Education Basic Skills Assessment to meet the basic skills testing requirement for Career and Technical Education teachers pursuing the Degree Equivalent approach to certification in a technical education program area or health science effective July 1, 2019.

Done this 13th day of June 2019
On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**
University of West Alabama

**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 President at the University of West Alabama a written request to develop programs at the Class B, Alternative Class A, Class A levels; 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 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 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)
Class B Health Education (6-12)

Alternative Class A Middle-Level English Language Arts (4-8)
Alternative Class A Middle-Level Mathematics (4-8)
Alternative Class A Middle-Level General Science (4-8)
Alternative Class A Middle-Level General Social Studies (4-8)
Alternative Class A Health Education (6-12)

Class A Reading Specialist (P-12)
Class AA Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 13th day of June 2019
On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously in support of Erinn Fears Floyd for the open position on the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board.

**APPROVAL OF NOMINATION FOR VACANCY, ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Based on the requirement of the *Code of Alabama*, Section 16-26B-4, the Alabama School of Fine Arts submitted a written request in order of preference for Alabama State Board of Education approval for one open position on the Board. The recommended candidates were Erinn Fears Floyd, Jennifer M. Buettner, and Gloria Mitchell Howell. A copy of this documentation has been filed in the Board folder dated June 13, 2019.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Eric G. Mackey introduced the Alabama Association of School Boards Statewide Video contest, “Road to Success.” This year’s interest was on ways Alabama public school students are achieving success in their schools. The first place recipient, Haleyville High School, Haleyville City School System, received $1,500.00; second place, Phenix City Intermediate School, Phenix City School System, $1,000.00; South Baldwin Center for Technology, Baldwin County School System, $500.00; and honorable mention, Jemison Middle School, Chilton County School System, $250.00. This is the eighth year of the Statewide Video contest.

Board members were also informed of Alabama ranking six in the nation with 171 new National Board Certified Teachers. Recognition was also given to Erin Howard, the state spelling bee champion and one of eight co-champions of Scripps National Spelling Bee. Erin is a student at Mountain Gap School in the Huntsville City School System. Dr. Mackey stated he had reached out to Mrs. Christie Finley, Huntsville City Schools Superintendent, with a request for Erin to be recognized at a future Alabama State Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Mackey apprised Board members of *Forbes Magazine*’s recognition of Hampton, Virginia and Montgomery, Alabama as two states located near military bases that are leading the way in support of troubled school systems. He stated that a congratulatory message had been received from Mayor Todd Strange.

Dr. Mackey informed Board members of his response to information received regarding his evaluation instrument. Members were made cognizant of Governor Kay Ivey’s feedback and based on the information received, there were three key areas he was going to focus on in this endeavor: Enhance visibility of the Alabama State Department of Education, Develop a K-12 Strategic Plan to replace the current PLAN 2020, and improve communication and professional engagement within the Alabama State Department of Education.
There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. The next meeting, the Annual Meeting required by State law, will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 10 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer