The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 10:05 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board in accordance with Alabama Code (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: GOVERNOR KAY IVEY, PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Associate Pastor Kenny Hoomes, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Dr. Wayne Reynolds
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mr. Jeff Newman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 14, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MOUNTAIN BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Mountain Brook Elementary School in the Mountain Brook City School System as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, nearly 8,800 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those who reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 349 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2018, in Washington, D.C.:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Mountain Brook Elementary School, Mountain Brook City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2018.

Done this 14th day of March 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ROCK QUARRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TUSCALOOSA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Rock Quarry Elementary School in the Tuscaloosa City School System as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, nearly 8,800 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those who reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 349 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2018, in Washington, D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Rock Quarry Elementary School, Tuscaloosa City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2018.

Done this 14th day of March 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ARAB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ARAB CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Arab Elementary School in the Arab City School System as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 nearly 8,800 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those who reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 349 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2018, in Washington, D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Arab Elementary School, Arab City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2018.

Done this 14th day of March 2019
On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Wayne Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF LIBERTY PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL, VESTAVIA HILLS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Liberty Park Middle School in the Vestavia Hills City School System as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, nearly 8,800 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those who reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 349 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2018, in Washington, D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Liberty Park Middle School, Vestavia Hills City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2018.

Done this 14th Day of March 2019

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ATHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ATHENS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2018 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos named Athens Elementary School in the Athens City School System as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 nearly 8,800 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those who reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 349 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation, for the 2018 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2018, in Washington, D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Athens Elementary School, Athens City School System, on achieving the status of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2018.

Done this 14th day of March 2019
On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

RESOLUTION FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Samford 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 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 Samford University fall semester 2012 and granted continuing accreditation on April 24, 2013; 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, 2020:

Class B Biology (6-12)

Done this 14th day of March 2018

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted 5-2 to adopt the resolution below. Mrs. Stephanie Bell and Dr. Wayne Reynolds abstained due to concerns by constituents and psychologists.

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF HEALTH EDUCATION STATE COURSE OF STUDY

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3, of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas are required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the reports be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee’s report on Health Education and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the State Course of Study Committee on Health Education is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on March 14, 2019.

Done this 14th day of March 2019

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

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STATE COURSE OF STUDY

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and
WHEREAS, the report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas are required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the reports be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee’s report on Physical Education and recommends its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the State Course of Study Committee on Physical Education is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on March 14, 2019.

Done this 14th day of March 2019

State Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Eric G. Mackey stated that the adoption of the health standards will play a major role in his strategic plan that will be presented during the State Board Retreat scheduled in the afternoon. Dr. Mackey stated that the math course of study will not be voted on in April. He referenced a letter from Governor Kay Ivey requesting that the course of study committee reconvene in order to compare the proposed standards with those of Massachusetts, Minnesota, the Department of Defense, Virginia, New Jersey, and Wyoming.

The City of Gadsden sent a certified copy of Resolution No. R-37-19 that certified the results of the Referendum Election of the City of Gadsden as to whether or not to change the Gadsden City Board of Education to an elected board. There will be a special election of board members on April 9, 2019. If needed, there will be a run-off election on May 21.

Immediately following the meeting, the Board members attended the students’ performance of Park Crossing Concert Chorale, Montgomery County School System. These are special musical performances, during the months of February and March, from an Alabama public school. The State Board Retreat was held immediately following in the conference room of the Alabama Association of School Boards. The second session was held on Friday, March 15, at 8:30 a.m. A copy of the agenda and pertinent information have been filed in the Board folder.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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President

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Secretary and Executive Officer