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

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, October 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: MR. JEFF NEWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Pastor Courtney Meadows, First Missionary Baptist Church, White Hall, 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. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 12, 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 September 12, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION HONORING GINNY DONAHOO SELECTED AS “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER” OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, The Alabama State Department of Education team member Ginny Donahoo has demonstrated to fellow employees that she is consistently willing to help resolve information technology issues from the Alabama State Department of Education and local education agencies (LEA) staff; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Donahoo is pleasant and very helpful. Ginny Donahoo goes above and beyond to resolve Information Systems’ Service Desk concerns. Ginny Donahoo’s interactions are respectful and her attitude is pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Donahoo is very resourceful and consistently seeks out ways to resolve issues brought to her. Ginny Donahoo follows up in a timely and consistent manner. Ginny Donahoo is professional on the telephone and in person; and

WHEREAS, Ginny Donahoo is commonly described as a dependable person. Ginny Donahoo is very approachable and supportive of her co-workers:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Information Systems Section specifically, hereby express its gratitude to Ginny Donahoo for her dedicated and caring service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend congratulations to Ginny Donahoo for the well-deserved acknowledgement as the Alabama State Department of Education Employee of the Quarter.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DENNIS CHADWICK BUTLER, CENTRAL (FLORENCE) HIGH SCHOOL, LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 MATHEMATICS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) established by Congress in 1983, are the nation's highest honor bestowed upon Grades K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, three 2019 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Chadwick Butler of Central (Florence) High School, Lauderdale County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Chadwick Butler was chosen as a 2019 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dennis Chadwick Butler upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JESSYE GESSNER GAINES, BOB JONES HIGH SCHOOL, MADISON CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 MATHEMATICS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) established by Congress in 1983, are the nation's highest honor bestowed upon Grades K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, three 2019 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and
WHEREAS, Jessye Gessner Gaines of Bob Jones High School, Madison City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Jessye Gessner Gaines was chosen as a 2019 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Jessye Gessner Gaines upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHANIE GILLEY STEWARD, SPRING GARDEN HIGH SCHOOL, CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 MATHEMATICS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) established by Congress in 1983, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon Grades K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, three 2019 state mathematics finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Gilley Steward of Spring Garden High School, Cherokee County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama mathematics classroom for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Gilley Steward was chosen as a 2019 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in mathematics teaching;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Stephanie Gilley Steward upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama’s outstanding teachers of mathematics.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BRYAN ROSENSTIEL, MOUNTAIN BROOK HIGH SCHOOL, MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 SCIENCE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) established by Congress in 1983, are the nation’s highest honor bestowed upon Grades K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, two 2019 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and
WHEREAS, Bryan Rosenstiel of Mountain Brook High School, Mountain Brook City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Rosenstiel was chosen as a 2019 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in science teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Bryan Rosenstiel upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. PAMELA ELAINE HARMAN, SPAIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A 2019 SCIENCE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE FINALIST

WHEREAS, now that we have entered the 21st century, proficiency in mathematics and science is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) established by Congress in 1983, are the nation's highest honor bestowed upon Grades K-12 mathematics and science teachers; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 200 teachers throughout the nation, including Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, schools of the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the United States territories, are selected each year as state finalists; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, two 2019 state science finalists were chosen from a number of applications in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Elaine Harman of Spain Park High School, Hoover City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the Alabama science classroom for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamela Elaine Harman was chosen as a 2019 finalist in Alabama to receive the award for excellence in science teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Pamela Elaine Harman upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding teachers of science.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREA DENNIS, SCARBOROUGH MODEL MIDDLE SCHOOL, MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding middle and high school principals from across the United States and more than 45 countries; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Dennis, principal of Scarborough Model Middle School in the Mobile County School System, was selected as Alabama’s 2019 Middle School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Dennis has been a principal for three years and served as a science teacher, achievement specialist, and assistant principal as well; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Dennis earned her undergraduate degree at Xavier University of Louisiana where her major was biology and her minor was chemistry, she earned a graduate
degree in Secondary Science Education and certification in Educational Administration at the University of South Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Dennis along with her staff established a culture of learning and cultivated growth and achievement within Scarborough Model Middle School; and

WHEREAS, as principal of Scarborough Model Middle School, Scarborough was one of five Mobile County public schools to improve two-letter grades on this year’s state report cards, pulling its score from an F to a C; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from across the nation for their exemplary achievements by recognizing them in its Principal of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, the Principal of the Year Program, established in 1993, honors outstanding secondary and middle-level principals who ensure that America’s students acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement, and the program annually honors secondary and middle-level principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and final selections are made by committees appointed by each of the National Association of Secondary School Principals’ state affiliate offices; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Dennis with an unwavering commitment to excellence in the rewarding field of education reflects immense credit upon the entire state of Alabama, and she is truly deserving of special commendation and praise:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Andrea Dennis upon the honor of being selected as the 2019 Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CHAD HOLDEN,
MUSCLE SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL, MUSCLE SHOALS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, 2019
ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding middle and high school principals from across the United States and more than 45 countries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chad Holden, principal of Muscle Shoals High School in the Muscle Shoals City School System, was selected as Alabama’s 2019 High School Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chad Holden earned his undergraduate, graduate, and educational specialist degrees from the University of North Alabama, and in 2018 earned his doctorate in education from Samford University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chad Holden has accumulated 17 years’ worth of educational experience with seven of those years as an administrator and has also served as a teacher and assistant principal at Muscle Shoals High School; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals congratulates principals from across the nation for their exemplary achievements by recognizing them in its Principal of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, the Principal of the Year Program established in 1993, honors outstanding secondary and middle-level principals who ensure that America’s students acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. The program annually honors secondary and middle-level principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession; and
WHEREAS, secondary and middle-level principals are nominated for this achievement by peers in their state and final selections are made by committees appointed by each of the National Association of Secondary School Principals' state affiliate offices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chad Holden exhibits an unwavering commitment to excellence in the rewarding field of education that reflects immense credit upon the entire state of Alabama, and he is truly deserving of special commendation and praise:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Chad Holden upon the honor of being selected as the 2019 Alabama High School Principal of the Year.

Done this 10th day of October

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DONNA BURKE,
ROBERT F. BUMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
2019 ALABAMA ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding assistant principals from across the United States and more than 45 countries; and

WHEREAS, Donna Burke, assistant principal of Robert F. Bumpus Middle School in the Hoover City School System, was selected as Alabama’s 2019 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Donna Burke is well known for engaging with the students at Robert F. Bumpus Middle School. Donna Burke always meet with students at the front door to talk with them about their thoughts, feelings, and events from the previous night. Donna Burke works hard to eliminate potentially stressful situations among students and is well known for engaging with the staff as well. Donna Burke checks on a regular basis with the teachers to see how they are dealing with personal matters; and

WHEREAS, Donna Burke has initiated a partnership with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) to bring the Heritage Panel to Robert F. Bumpus Middle School. Donna Burke and other teachers selected 30 diverse students who were trained by the YWCA to teach other students about diversity and acceptance. Donna Burke created Bumpus Embraces Students at Trace Crossing (BEST), a program for middle school girls that builds leadership skills and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, putting her heart into every aspect of her job, Donna Burke is very passionate about the care and well-being of her students and the staff. Donna Burke is indeed deserving of the prestigious title that she has received; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Association of Secondary School Principals congratulates assistant principals from across the nation for their exemplary achievements by recognizing them in its Assistant Principal of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Principal of the Year Program honors outstanding secondary assistant principals who ensure that America's students acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement, and the program annually honors secondary assistant principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Donna Burke upon the honor of being selected as the 2019 Alabama High School Assistant Principal of the Year.

Done this 10th day of October 2019
On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MICHAEL WILSON, PRINCIPAL, GLEN IRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, BEING NAMED THE 2019 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL FROM ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Wilson, principal of Glen Iris Elementary School in the Birmingham City School System, was named the 2019 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP); and

WHEREAS, the NAESP National Distinguished Principal Program was established to recognize elementary and middle-level principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in their learning communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Wilson has been a principal since 2000 and has been at Glen Iris Elementary School since 2006. Dr. Wilson has been involved in many training opportunities including Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) certified instructional leader and NAESP national mentor certification; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Wilson always puts his students first and works tirelessly to create an atmosphere that allows teachers to be successful. Dr. Wilson leadership has a positive impact on his school and the school system for its students, teachers, and parents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Wilson many accomplishments include creating the Glen Iris Outdoor Classroom, initiating a partnership with the Jones Valley Teaching Farm, and working with the Afterschool Alliance to promote quality educational experiences. Dr. Wilson has spoken to legislators at the state and national levels to promote legislation that supports student learning. Dr. Wilson led his staff in writing curriculum guides for each grade level that included objectives for each standard and suggestions for activities. The teachers meet weekly to collaborate and refine the curriculum guides; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Wilson works with his school’s core management team to keep the focus on the students while managing a large school and working with community partnerships to provide needed resources for his students. Dr. Wilson works with the community to provide training for the needs of parents and strives to be present and mobile when needed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Wilson provides encouragement to his staff while maintaining the focus on the individual students served:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Michael Wilson upon the honor of being selected as 2019 National Association of Elementary School Principals National Distinguished Principal from Alabama.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BARRY WOOD, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT STRAUGHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS THE ALABAMA ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2019-2020

WHEREAS, the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) sponsors a national program to honor outstanding elementary and middle school assistant principals from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense, and U.S. Territories; and

WHEREAS, Barry Wood, Assistant Principal, Straughn Elementary School in the Covington County School System, was selected as the Alabama recipient of the 2019-2020 Assistant Principal of the Year by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators; and
WHEREAS, Barry Wood has been an outstanding educator in Alabama for fourteen years and an excellent assistant principal at Straughn Elementary School in the Covington County School System for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, Barry Wood has earned a bachelor’s degree in Education from the University of West Alabama, a master’s degree from the University of West Florida, and an educational specialist degree from the University of West Alabama and spent 26 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Barry Wood encourages a team approach and is known to be very supportive of the staff; and

WHEREAS, Barry Wood strives to build a deliberate and passionate leadership by building a positive rapport with the students; and

WHEREAS, Barry Wood encourages student engagement resulting in higher achievement and lower discipline issues; and

WHEREAS, Barry Wood has been recognized by his peers for his exemplary service to the students, teachers, parents, and other stakeholders at Straughn Elementary School:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Barry Wood upon the honor of being selected as the Assistant Principal of the Year for 2019-2020.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2019 AS “PRINCIPALS MONTH”

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators, the Alabama Association of Middle School Principals, and the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals have declared the month of October 2019 as “National Principals Month” in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are working with the U.S. Congress to designate “National Principals Month” and resolutions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

WHEREAS, principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, principals work tirelessly in communities across Alabama to maintain academic accountability, to ensure a safe and productive learning environment, and to encourage and facilitate teachers and parents’ efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of our young people; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of “National Principals Month,” the state of Alabama honors elementary, middle level, and high school principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes outstanding elementary, middle level, and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals, at all grade levels, to the success of students in Alabama's elementary, middle, and high schools and to encourage residents of Alabama to observe “Principals Month” with
appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 2019 as "Principals Month" in the state of Alabama.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, dyslexia is defined as a language-based learning challenge that is neurological in origin and characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia impacts between 10 percent and 20 percent of the children in Alabama schools; and

WHEREAS, through effective dyslexia screening, students with dyslexia can be identified as early as kindergarten, long before their learning challenges have resulted in learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, early identification and intervention will equip many students with dyslexia for success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has specifically addressed dyslexia within the *Alabama Administrative Code*; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has committed itself to supporting Alabama schools and teachers with resources, materials, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is fully committed to the goal that every child will read on grade level:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes October as Dyslexia Awareness Month and encourages school systems to engage their schools, families, and communities in activities that create a culture of understanding, support, encouragement, and learning for dyslexic students.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS STATEWIDE PARENT VISITATION MONTH IN ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education strongly support parent and family engagement in the education of Alabama students and parent engagement is critical to student and school success; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is committed to parent and family engagement in our schools as it strives to provide all public school children with an opportunity for a quality education with high academic standards that offer every student an opportunity to graduate and to obtain the necessary skills to be prepared for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 years of research identify parental engagement as a key component in ensuring a child's academic achievement, and a successful partnership between educators and parents is one of the most crucial factors influencing the success of students in school; and
WHEREAS, Statewide Parent Visitation Month provides parents the opportunity to learn how they can become more actively engaged in their children’s education by visiting their children’s school, learning about the curriculum, consulting with their children’s teachers, and participating in school activities; and

WHEREAS, Statewide Parent Visitation Month is an excellent opportunity for Alabama’s public schools to emphasize and increase parent engagement, partner with communities to raise awareness, and increase support for public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education proclaims October 2019 as Statewide Parent Visitation Month in Alabama, declares this year’s theme as Home and School Partnerships: Empowering Students to Learn that encourages educators, communities, parents, and families to participate in this observance and challenges educators to solicit sustained year-round parent and family engagement.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 14-18, 2019, AS “SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

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

WHEREAS, every October, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Lunch Week; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Week 2019 (#NSLW19) theme is “What’s on Your Playlist,” which spotlights the wide variety of flavors, dishes, delivery options, and tastes that can be customized in today’s school lunch; and

WHEREAS, research has indicated that students who eat lunch have better attention and memory, and 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 Lunch Program served over 80 million lunch meals for the school year 2018-2019 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 Lunch Program work in 1,488 school sites statewide; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate October 14-18, 2019, as “School Lunch Week” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 10th day of October 10 2019

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

RESOLUTION ENDORSING ALABAMA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK
(October 21-25, 2019)

WHEREAS, nearly 356,989 of Alabama’s elementary and secondary students are transported to and from school each day of the school year; and

WHEREAS, the safety of these students is of utmost importance to all citizens of the state; and
WHEREAS, Alabama's school bus drivers and other transportation employees work diligently to ensure safe transportation for all of Alabama students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby endorse October 21-25, 2019, as Alabama School Bus Safety Week and urges all Alabamians, particularly motorists, to be especially cautious where school buses and schoolchildren are involved:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education calls on every citizen of Alabama to make every week a safe one for the students and school buses of our state.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31, 2019 AS “RED RIBBON WEEK” IN ALABAMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in Alabama takes a terrible toll on families; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by schools, civic groups, and community members be continued to reduce the demand for alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 as a grassroots tribute to slain Special Agent Enrique Camarena of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is a time for gratitude for all the lives that remain drug-free, a time to pledge to live a safe and drug-free life, and a time to remember those we have lost in the fight against drugs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama’s citizens can demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons and encouraging a drug-free lifestyle during this week-long campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education works shoulder-to-shoulder with social, civic, fraternal, and faith-based organizations to bring the truth about drugs to people young and old year round; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Foundation for a Drug-Free World, a public benefit organization empowering youth with factual information about drugs so they can make informed decisions to be drug-free, we are committed to creating a drug-free Alabama by “reaching kids before drugs do”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2019, as “Red Ribbon Week” in Alabama public schools and encourages schools and the citizens of our state to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free society.

Done this 10th day of October 2019

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

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REQUEST

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

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-4-1-.05, PERTAINING TO LEGISLATIVE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM
On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**APPROVAL OF UPDATED ALABAMA REGIONAL INSERVICE CENTER ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS**

**SELECTION OF THE 2019 ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DELEGATE FOR THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS ANNUAL CONVENTION**

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously for Mrs. Jackie Zeigler to serve as the Alabama State Board of Education Delegate during the Alabama Association of School Boards Annual Convention that will be held at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham – The Wynfrey Hotel on December 5-7, 2019.

**SELECTION OF ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION TASK FORCE**

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously for Dr. Cynthia McCarty to serve on the Computer Science Education Task Force.

**EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

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

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Eric G. Mackey stated that October is always his favorite meeting because we recognize so many people. Dr. Mackey gave a big congratulation to the Blue Ribbon Schools. Alabama has five Blue Ribbon Schools. Dr. Mackey stated that the Blue Ribbon Schools will be recognized in December due to the fact that they will be in Washington, D.C., on November 13-15, 2019, attending the National Blue Ribbon Schools’ Ceremony.

Dr. Mackey informed the Board members that the newly enhanced Alabama State Report Card will go LIVE on Friday, October 18, 2019. The State Report Card is displayed in a fashion that is user friendly, even on mobile devices. Alabama is one of the only states in the nation that has used graphic illustration and easily manipulative online tools to show this rich detailed data.

Dr. Mackey stated that on October 26 through November 3, 2019, he would be leading the delegation to Korea. The group, which includes six superintendents, is going at the invitation of the Minister of Education. The group will attend a meeting with the Minister and his staff as well as the Foreign Ministry where they will participate in an official signing ceremony. Dr. Mackey and the group will visit three colleges that prepare teachers in Korea, a couple of high schools, and elementary schools. The group will discuss several topics with the Korean government on culture exchange, possibly teacher exchange ideas, and working with Alabama Colleges of Education. Korea wants to send people to Alabama to get their master degrees. There was a trip in June where several higher education people visited Korea and now K-12 is going to visit some different people. Dr. Mackey stated there is a good chance that we will be able to sign an agreement so Korean students can come to Alabama to earn their master degrees. The Korean students will earn their bachelors in Korea, come to Alabama to get their masters, and be able to earn dual master degrees.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at 10 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting.

**Vice President**

**Secretary and Executive Officer**