

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 9:34 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called by the Vice President of the Board in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

**PRESIDING: MR. RANDY MCKINNEY, VICE PRESIDENT  
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Randy McKinney called the meeting to order. On roll call, the following members were present:

Mrs. Stephanie Bell  
Dr. Ethel H. Hall  
Mr. Randy McKinney, Vice President  
Mrs. Betty Peters  
Mr. Gary Warren

Absent  
Mrs. Ella B. Bell  
Mr. David F. Byers, Jr.  
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, President Pro Tem  
Governor Bob Riley

Dr. Joseph B. Morton, State Superintendent of Education and Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board, was present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2009**

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the minutes of the August 3, 2009, meeting were approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Dr. Ethel H. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT**

**ADOPT PROPOSED REPEAL OF THE ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 290-6-1, AND  
ADOPT A NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 290-6-1, PERTAINING TO CAREER  
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Following the opportunity for public comment, the hearing was closed. On motion by Dr. Ethel H. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the rule changes. A copy of the rules may be found in the board folder for the meeting of September 10, 2009.

**ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-2-1.01,  
ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF FOUNDATION PROGRAM FUNDS, AND RULE 290-2-1.04,  
ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS, TO ALLOW FOR THE ANNUAL  
APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS AND TO INCLUDE THE POSTING OF PAID INVOICES ON LOCAL  
BOARDS OF EDUCATION WEB SITES**

Following the opportunity for public comment, the hearing was closed. On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the rule changes. A copy of the rules may be found in the board folder for the meeting of September 10, 2009.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Ethel H. Hall, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY MONTGOMERY  
Montgomery, Alabama**

**WHEREAS**, a review of a teacher education program was conducted on July 15 and August 24, 2009, by the 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 (2) (b)2(ii); and

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

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the program:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program, with approval to expire on May 10, 2011:

**Class A Sport Management (P-12)**

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**The University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2.(i) and Rule 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2.(ii), requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Teacher Education and Certification Section of the State Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the Chief Administrative Officer of The University of Alabama a written request for a review team to visit the institution; 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 such programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Alabama personnel have been advised that the proposed programs may not be implemented prior to the 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 Teacher Education and Certification Section of the 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 Early Childhood Education (P-3)

Class B Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education

Alternative Class A Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education

Class A Severe Multiple Disabilities (P-12) – Innovative

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

**On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to approve Michael Sibley as Acting Director of the Communication Section.**

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALABAMA STUDENT ASSESSMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama Department of Education recognize the need for a meaningful student assessment program that meets the instructional needs of our schools and our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of appropriate assessments to gauge the effectiveness of classroom instruction and thus improve instruction is critical to improving public education in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama Department of Education desire to make the student assessment program as efficient and instructionally meaningful as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has established high academic standards for all students as a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has established FIRST CHOICE (the Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement) for all Alabama students in an effort to ensure that students graduate from high school college- and career-ready; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Alabama Student Assessment Plan (5-Year Projected Revision) has as a goal to measure the essential skills and knowledge students will need to be ready to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses in two- and four-year institutions and highly skilled careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Alabama Student Assessment Plan is based on recommendations of the Committee for Accountability and Accelerating Student Learning:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby accept and adopt the proposed Alabama Student Assessment Plan with implementation to begin immediately.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

National Association of State Boards of Education Elections

Since Alabama will not be represented during the National Association of State Boards of Education annual meeting scheduled for October 15-17, 2009, the Board voted for the candidates listed below. On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously for the following:

Dana Mann-Tavegia, President-Elect  
Greg Haws, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rosetta Richard, Southern Area Director

This information will be submitted to the National Association of State Boards of Education. A copy of this information is filed in the Board's folder for the meeting of September 10, 2009.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Joseph B. Morton informed the Board that he did not have a formal report, but he did want to convey that the vaccine for the H1N1 virus is scheduled to be available the first of October. He stated that there had been a student death in Scottsboro but the medical findings were not complete as to whether or not the cause was the H1N1 virus. The Board will be kept abreast.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mr. Gary Warren, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer