MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, September 12, 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 Reverend Candice Frazer, Church of the Ascension, Montgomery, 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
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Wayne Reynolds
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2019, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 8, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONNIE WALLACE,
FLORENCE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 ROBERT L. MORTON AWARD

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) has established an annual award recognizing Chief School Financial Officers bearing the name Robert L. Morton Award in honor of the man who served as Assistant State Superintendent of the Alabama State Department of Education's Division of Administrative and Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Morton dedicated his life to distinguished service to America, the state of Alabama, and its children through serving in pivotal roles in the field of education, including teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, AASBO seeks to recognize, through this award, the dedication that individuals bring to their communities, their profession, and their school system in everyday life by identifying school business officials devoted to going above and beyond, both in their positions and in serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Connie Wallace has shown leadership, commitment, and dedication to her job and community during her years of service in public education; and
WHEREAS, Connie Wallace presently serves as the Chief School Financial Officer for the Florence City School System, a position she has held for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, her achievements made within her school system; her service provided to her peers, subordinates, and community; and her stellar reputation with those who recommended her are noted; and

WHEREAS, AASBO considers Connie Wallace worthy of recognition and acknowledgement for her honesty, integrity, work ethic, and consummate professionalism; and

WHEREAS, AASBO wishes to bestow upon Connie Wallace the Robert L. Morton Award as this organization celebrates the best their profession of school business management has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education acknowledges the honor of receiving such a distinguished award and joins AASBO in applauding Connie Wallace for such an accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Connie Wallace for her dedicated and distinguished work in public service and with the Florence City School System:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Connie Wallace upon being named the recipient of the twelfth annual Robert L. Morton Award and wishes her continued success.

Done this 12th day of September 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF SCOTT TAYLOR MORRIS, THE MONTGOMERY ACADEMY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AS ALABAMA'S 2019 HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Scott Taylor Morris, a teacher at The Montgomery Academy located in Montgomery, Alabama, was selected as the Alabama recipient of the 2019 History Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation’s leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education, sponsors the History Teacher of the Year Award to honor outstanding teachers of American history from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense, and U. S. territories; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection committee, Scott Taylor Morris was selected based upon his outstanding teaching abilities in making ancient times come alive for today’s students allowing them to relive what our forefathers did many years ago and for his dedicated efforts in attending workshops and sharing the information with not only his students but also with other history teachers in his school system; and

WHEREAS, as Alabama’s 2019 History Teacher of the Year, Scott Taylor Morris, receives a certificate and $1,000 from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and The Montgomery Academy receives an archive of primary historical materials; and

WHEREAS, Scott Taylor Morris will represent Alabama as the state finalist for the National History Teacher of the Year Award in a selection process to be held in New York City this fall:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Scott Taylor Morris upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2019 History Teacher of the Year.

Done this 12th day of September 2019

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

Alabama State Department of Education FY2020 Operating Budget

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

RESOLUTION FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM  
Spring Hill College

WHEREAS, a review of a proposed educator preparation program was conducted on June 17-21, 2019, and August 1, 2019, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with Alabama 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 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, 2021:

Class B Visual Arts (P-12)

Done this 12th day of September 2019

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

RESOLUTION FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS  
University of Alabama in Huntsville

WHEREAS, a review of three proposed educator preparation programs was conducted in fall 2018 and since then by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with Alabama 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 education unit at the University of Alabama in Huntsville during fall semester 2012 and granted continuing accreditation on April 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the programs 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 programs with conditional approval to expire on May 31, 2020:

Alternative Class A Choral Music (P-12)  
Alternative Class A Instrumental Music (P-12)  
Alternative Class A Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 12th day of September 2019

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

RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Textbook Law provides that textbooks be adopted by the Alabama State Board of Education according to a rotation cycle, and this is the year for health; and
WHEREAS, said law also provides that the State Textbook Committee meet to review
textbooks submitted by publishing companies and prepare recommendations for adoption and/or
rejection for submission to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 State Textbook Committee has met and has prepared such
recommendations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached recommendations for adoption
of textbooks made by the State Textbook Committee are hereby received by the Alabama State
Board of Education and such recommendations will be considered for approval on November 14,
2019.

Done this 12th day of September 2019

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

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2019
AS ALABAMA ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, our local school systems are working hard to advance student success by
reducing chronic school absences; and

WHEREAS, consistent school attendance ensures all students are better prepared for
success — after high school graduation, during postsecondary learning opportunities, and in their
future careers; and

WHEREAS, current research indicates that more than eight million students in the United
States each year are chronically absent from school; and

WHEREAS, chronic absenteeism places students at great academic risk and is defined in
Alabama as missing at least 15 or more days of school annually; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that chronic absences and suspensions are a leading cause
of higher student dropout rates and lower classroom reading proficiency; and

WHEREAS, barriers in transportation, health issues, poor nutrition, and mental health
matters are factors, which often impact student attendance; and

WHEREAS, we are increasing awareness by providing support and resources to parents,
which provide information on best practices to reduce chronic absences; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to effectively monitor attendance data and provide positive
outreach to parents and Alabama’s local communities to address the primary causes of chronic
student absences; and

WHEREAS, school attendance is essential to academic achievement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the Alabama State Board of Education does
encourage all local communities, school districts, and civic organizations to join in this laudable
effort to reduce chronic student absenteeism, and does hereby encourage all Alabamians to
participate in activities recognizing September 2019 as “Attendance Awareness Month.”

Done this 12th day of September 2019

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

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO AMEND ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-2-1-.01,
PERTAINING TO ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM FUNDS
On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Eila B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO AMEND ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-2-1-.05, PERTAINING TO ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF THE AT-RISK FUNDS

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

ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-3-2-.36, PERTAINING TO HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITIONAL CERTIFICATE

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

ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-3-3-.09, PERTAINING TO COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (GRADES 6-12)

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Dr. Eric G. Mackey stated that the release of Alabama Report Cards for Institutions of Higher Education, Colleges of Education would go LIVE today.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Eric G. Mackey recognized Mr. Jeffery Beams and Mr. Dom Martel along with their supervisor Mr. Dave Pope of the department’s Information Systems Section for receiving the CCD Proactive Follow-up Award. The award was given to state agencies that provided comments in DMS concerning the data quality questions prior to when the official outreach was underway. Due to our state education agency taking initiative to review the files, it was a great assist in completing the data quality efforts in a timely manner to move forward with faster releases.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 10 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer