

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
APRIL 13, 2023
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 10 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 Brother Frank Bowling, Pastor, Eastmont 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 in person
Dr. Tonya Chestnut in person
Governor Kay Ivey in person
Mrs. Marie Manning in person
Mrs. Belinda McRae in person
Dr. Wayne Reynolds in person
Dr. Yvette Richardson in person
Mrs. Tracie West in person
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler in person

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 9, 2023, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 9, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ALABAMA 2023 PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, today over one million Americans are bravely serving in the United States Armed Services. More than 300,000 Alabamians served their nation at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, over 40,000 children in the State of Alabama are members of military families; and

WHEREAS, students who have parents in the military may experience unique challenges as a result of their family's military service including attending multiple schools; and

WHEREAS, frequent moves, family separations through deployments, and reintegration which can cause academic difficulties for youth; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated as the Month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Purple Star Class of 2023 is committed to meeting the unique needs of all students, especially those of military youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Alabama Purple Star Class of 2023, comprised of the 13 school districts and 122 schools listed below, for their support and commitment to military personnel, their families, and veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 21, 2023, as Purple Up Day and encourages local boards of education, schools, business professionals, and community organizations to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of Alabama's military community and Purple Star Schools.

Alabama Independent School Association

Macon East Academy

Autauga County School System

Marbury High School, Prattville Elementary School, Prattville Intermediate School, Prattville Kindergarten School, and Prattville Primary School

Baldwin County School System

Daphne East Elementary School, Daphne Elementary School, Daphne High School, Florence B Mathis Elementary School, and W.J. Carroll Intermediate School

Dale County School System

Ariton High School, Dale County High School, George W. Long Elementary School, George W. Long High School, Midland City Elementary School, and Newton Elementary School

Decatur City School System

Austin High School, Austin Junior High School, Austin Middle School, Austinville Elementary School, Banks-Caddell Elementary School, Benjamin Davis Elementary School, Chestnut Grove Elementary School, Decatur Middle School, Decatur High School, Eastwood Elementary School, Frances Nungester Elementary School, Julian Harris Elementary School, Leon Sheffield Magnet School, Oak Park Elementary School, Walter Jackson Elementary School, West Decatur Elementary School, and Woodmeade Elementary School

Elmore County School System

Coosada Elementary School, Eclectic Middle School, Holtville High School, Millbrook Middle School, Redland Middle School, Stanhope Elmore High School, The Edge, Wetumpka High School, and Wetumpka Middle School

Homewood City School System

Homewood Middle School and Homewood High School

Huntsville City School System

Academy for Science and Foreign Language Elementary School, Academy for Science and Foreign Language Middle School, Blossomwood Elementary School, Chaffee Elementary School, Challenger Elementary School, Challenger Middle School, Chapman Elementary School, Chapman Middle School, Columbia High School, Dr. Ronald E. McNair Junior High School, Farley Elementary School, Goldsmith Schiffman Elementary School, Hampton Cove Elementary School, Hampton Cove Middle School,

Huntsville City School System Continuation

Highlands Elementary School, Huntsville High School, Huntsville Junior High School, James I. Dawson Elementary School, Jones Valley Elementary School, Lakewood Elementary School, Lee High School, Mae Jemison High School, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, McDonnell Elementary School, Monte Sano Elementary School, Montview Elementary School, Morris Elementary School, Morris Middle School, Mountain Gap Elementary School, Mountain Gap Middle School, New Century Technology High School, Providence Elementary School, Ridgecrest Elementary School, Rolling Hills Elementary School, Sonnie Hereford Elementary School, The Academy for Academics and Arts Elementary School, The Academy for Academics and Arts Middle School, Virgil I. Grissom High School, Weatherly Heights Elementary School, Whitesburg Elementary School, Whitesburg Middle School, Williams Elementary IB World School, and Williams Middle School

Jacksonville City School System

Jacksonville High School and Kitty Stone Elementary School

Madison County School System

Buckhorn Middle School, Central School, Endeavor Elementary School, Harvest Elementary School, Hazel Green Elementary School, Hazel Green High School, Legacy Elementary School, Madison County Elementary School, Madison County High School, Madison County Virtual Academy, Madison Cross Roads Elementary School, Monrovia Elementary School, Monrovia Middle School, Moores Mill Intermediate School, New Hope Elementary School, New Hope High School, New Market Elementary School, Owens Cross Roads Elementary School, Riverton Intermediate School, Sparkman 9th Grade School, Sparkman High School, and Sparkman Middle School

Ozark City School System

Lisenby Primary School and Mixon Intermediate School

Russell County School System

Dixie Elementary School, Ladonia Elementary School, Mount Olive Intermediate School, Mount Olive Primary School, and Oliver Elementary School

Saraland City School System

Saraland Early Education Center, Saraland Elementary School, Saraland High School, and Saraland Middle School

Done this 13th Day of April 2023

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. CATHERINE JONES SELECTED AS THE “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”
APRIL–JUNE 2023**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Catherine Jones, Education Administrator in the Alabama State Department of Education, Instructional Services Section, exhibits a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Catherine Jones has worked for the Alabama State Department of Education for over 15 years and clearly believes in and has a passion for public education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Catherine Jones is a top Education Administrator who exhibits a level of knowledge and personal experience, which is a great asset to our Department’s Instructional Services processes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Catherine Jones supervises the writing of each Alabama Courses of Study and works professionally with all stakeholders to ensure that high quality standards are written for Alabama students; and

WHEREAS, as much as her strong professional skills and expertise in her field characterizes her as an effective leader, it is her interpersonal skills and caring spirit that draws people, superiors, and subordinates alike to her and make for a positive and supportive environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Instructional Services Section specifically, hereby express its gratitude to Mrs. Catherine Jones for her dedication and caring service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Catherine Jones for her commitment to the Alabama State Department of Education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 13th day of April 2023

On motion by Dr. Tonya Chestnut and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF APRIL 2023 AS
“SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the school library as a vital and enriching segment of children’s well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School Library Association has designated April as Alabama School Library Month; and

WHEREAS, school libraries promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading, viewing, and listening; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide resources and learning activities designed to enhance reading motivation and establish the information literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide access to a wide variety of print and digital educational materials and the technology needed to utilize these resources; and

WHEREAS, school libraries promote competencies in new and developing technologies; and

WHEREAS, school libraries support the classroom curriculum and are integral to a quality educational program; and

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the importance of qualified, certified school librarians by allocating a librarian for every school with 250 or more students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That school libraries are an essential component of a well-rounded K-12 public education in Alabama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school librarians, classroom teachers, and administrators for their efforts to support library media programs in Alabama public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate April 2023 as School Library Month in Alabama public schools.

Done this 13th day of April 2023

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS FOR
TWO OPEN POSITIONS ON THE
ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the *Code of Alabama (1975)*, Section 16-26B-4, states that as terms of board members of the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees expire that the school shall recommend to the State Superintendent of Education and the Alabama State Board of Education qualified persons for appointment to the Board; and

WHEREAS, said statute also requires the Alabama School of Fine Arts to submit the names of qualified persons for appointment to the board in order of preference; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School of Fine Arts has submitted for consideration and approval via the attached information the names of individuals nominated for two open positions on its Board of Trustees in order of preference with biographical information on the top nominee for each open position:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby approve the recommendations submitted for the two open positions on the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees.

Done this the 13th day of April 2023

Note: Lisa Paden Gaines for open position one, and Gene Gard for open position two.

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

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO REPEAL ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-080-030-.05, PERTAINING TO SUPERVISION AND ADMINISTRATION, AND REPLACE WITH ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-080-030-.05, PERTAINING TO SCHOOL-BASED CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM PERSONNEL

On motion by Dr. Tonya Chestnut and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO REPEAL ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-080-030-.06, PERTAINING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION, AND REPLACE WITH ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-080-030-.06, PERTAINING TO ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board 8-1-0 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell opposed.

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-3-3-.03, PERTAINING TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Dr. Mackey stated that there was no report necessary for the month of April.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey thanked the special guest in attendance for Purple Star Schools. He acknowledged Dr. Aaron Milner, Superintendent, Saraland City School System; Mr. Benjamin Baker, Superintendent, Dale County School System; Mr. Mike Howard, Superintendent, Jacksonville City School System; Assistant Superintendents; Principals; and Teachers who represented their schools. Dr. Mackey stated that resolutions and banners were available for the honored schools. He asked all representatives to remain for portraits after the meeting. Dr. Mackey stated that in 2022 when the Purple Star Schools were introduced, they were expecting approximately 20 school applications. There were 53 schools in 2022 and 123 schools in 2023. Dr. Mackey introduced Lt. Col. Karvwnaris, who is stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, to give a brief overview of the Purple Star Schools. Lt. Col. Karvwnaris stated that Purple Star School students move every two years. It is emotional for kids to leave their friends, favorite teachers, and schools. Lt. Col. Karvwnaris stated that they wanted the Purple Star Schools support to have value. There are 11 entire Purple Star school districts. Dr. Mackey recognized the guest who accompanied Lt. Col. Karvwnaris by asking them to stand.

Dr. Mackey stated that April is Library Month in Alabama schools. He acknowledged and thanked Jennifer Northrup and Tamika Lawrence, two librarians with the Alabama School Library Association. School libraries play a vital role in our literacy. After students are taught to read, they will have books to read.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer