

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
AUGUST 11, 2022  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10 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: DR. WAYNE REYNOLDS, VICE PRESIDENT**

The invocation was done by Minister Barrett Long, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia, 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. Cynthia McCarty 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

**Absent**

Dr. Tonya Chestnut  
Governor Kay Ivey

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 12, 2022, MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of July 12, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHRISTY MEAD  
ALBERTVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
RECIPIENT OF THE  
2022 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 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**, Christy Mead has shown leadership, commitment, and dedication to her job and community during her years of service in public education. Ms. Mead presently serves as the Chief School Financial Officer for the Albertville City School System, a position she has held for over thirteen 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 Christy Mead worthy of recognition and acknowledgement for her honesty, integrity, work ethic, and consummate professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, AASBO wishes to bestow upon Christy Mead 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 Christy Mead for such an accomplishment:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Christy Mead for her dedicated and distinguished work in public service and with the Albertville City School System; and

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

Done this 11th day of August 2022

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

**ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-2-2-.01, PERTAINING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES: APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION**

**ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION NOMINEES**

In accordance with the *Alabama Code*, Senate President Pro Tem Greg Reed recommended two nominees for one position on the Alabama Public Charter School Commission. The nominees were Mr. Ryan Kendall and Mr. Ryan Cantrell. The Board voted 6-0-1 to recommend Mr. Ryan Kendall to serve on the Alabama Public Charter School Commission. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

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

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

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mackey stated that there were two special presentations regarding our schools. Dr. Mackey acknowledged Mr. David Smith, Executive Director of Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO), who leads the organization that created the Robert L. Morton Award. Mr. Robert L. Morton was a longtime Cleburne County Superintendent, and great numbers person as Assistant State Superintendent of Administration and Finance at the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE). Dr. Mackey congratulated Ms. Christy Mead, Chief School Financial Officer, Albertville City School System, for earning the 2022 Robert L. Morton Award. He said that everyone knows that it is budget season, and no doubt they are probably missing Ms. Meads' presence today.

Dr. Mackey stated that some superintendents were in attendance to receive a special award. Dr. Mackey introduced Dr. Jendia Grissett, Chief, Faculty Relations, Air University, Montgomery, Alabama, to coordinate the awards. Dr. Grissett stated that the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) supports all military connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve educational challenges associated with the military lifestyle. Since 2004, the Lieutenant General H. G. Pete Taylor Award has been an opportunity to recognize individual and community partnership formed between military installation and school districts that serve military connected children. Winners reflect General Pete Taylor's belief that goodness starts at the local level. The program recognizes military family schools that have a military liaison, a student led transition program, professional development focusing on the military lifestyle for educators, administrators, and several other military family-centered activities. Dr. Grissett introduced General Major Jeff Hinrichs, the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air University, Montgomery, Alabama, to present this year's Pete Taylor Partnership Award certificates to Alabama community partners.

Dr. Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, represented the ALSDE; Mr. Timothy Tidmore, Superintendent, represented Autauga County School System; Mr. Richard Dennis, Superintendent, represented Elmore County School System; Dr. Melvin Brown, Superintendent, represented Montgomery County School System; Dr. Daniel Keith Lankford, Superintendent, represented Pike Road City School System; and Ms. Jennifer Holliday, Alabama Military Family Liaison, represented the Alabama Military Stability Foundation.

Dr. Mackey acknowledged Mrs. Amy Childress, Superintendent, Scottsboro City School System, who was accompanied with the Scottsboro High School Beta Club. Mrs. Childress introduced Kyle Wright, Alabama State Beta Secretary, who gave a great overview of how the Scottsboro High School Beta Club started and highlights from the past year with their club. Kyle stated that Beta is a national organization with 3,574 national clubs and 304 state clubs that is rooted in the following four principles: service, character, leadership, and achievement. Kyle introduced Holland Griggs, vocalist, Alex Holder, guitar and vocalist, and Tori Lynch, piano and vocalist, who performed two beautiful selections. Dr. Mackey informed the Board that Dr. Sandy Ledwell, Director of Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) at the Department, has deep Scottsboro roots and connections. He said that Dr. Ledwell has been very instrumental in getting the Scottsboro High School Beta Club to perform at the Board meeting. Dr. Mackey thanked Mrs. Childress and her staff for the great work they are doing with their students.

Dr. Mackey informed the Board that Dr. Ledwell has done a marvelous job with AMSTI, but people move on to bigger and better things. He announced that Dr. Ledwell has been awarded the job of Dean of Education at Faulkner University. Dr. Mackey reported that Dr. Ledwell will depart the Department in September. He thanked Dr. Ledwell for her many years of work with Alabama's K-12 students. Dr. Mackey stated that although he hates to see Dr. Ledwell go, but it will be a bittersweet since she is going a short distance from the Department in order to prepare teachers to go into the classrooms to change the hearts and minds of more young people.

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 10:43 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer