

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
DECEMBER 8, 2022
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, December 8, 2022, 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 Dr. Agnes Lover, Pastor, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Montgomery, 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
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

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 NOVEMBER 10, 2022, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 10, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALABAMA EDUCATOR DR. BRYAN CUTTER, PRINCIPAL,
DALRAIDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE 2022 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education supports efforts to reward Alabama's outstanding educators for their contributions to the educational experiences of Alabama's students; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards were first presented in 1987 to acknowledge educators' crucial contributions to our national well-being and to provide public recognition and financial rewards to talented elementary and secondary educators; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, 40 recipients across the country will be awarded this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's 2022 Milken Educator Award recipient is Dr. Bryan Cutter, Principal, Dalraida Elementary School, Montgomery County School System; Dr. Bryan Cutter is the 39th recipient and the only educator in Alabama to receive this prestigious award in honor of his efforts on behalf of Alabama's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, Milken Educator Dr. Bryan Cutter, a former student in the Montgomery Public School System, believes that building students' confidence can change their lives and engages parents as partners in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bryan Cutter in his second year as principal of Dalraida Elementary School, has created a safe learning environment that braces technology and assisted in the implementation of a Science, Technology, English, and Mathematics (STEM) laboratory at the school, being one of the first for elementary students in the Montgomery Public School System where students learn through hands-on play and teachers implement best practices; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bryan Cutter previously served as an elementary and middle school assistant principal, summer school principal, career and technical education director, and music teacher, his passion for music was passed to his students as he led them to city and state recognition; facilitated after-school reading and mathematics programs and presented at state, national, and international conferences on topics such as student engagement, and academic rigor, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bryan Cutter earned a Bachelor's in music education in 2009 from Alabama State University; Education Specialist and Master's Degrees in music education in 2011 and 2013, respectively from Auburn University in Auburn; a Master's in instructional leadership in 2014 from Alabama State University, and a Ph.D. in educational leadership, policy, and law in 2019 from Alabama State University and wrote his dissertation on Assistant Principals' perceptions of school discipline policies and practices in middle schools in the Black Belt Region of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Milken Educator Dr. Bryan Cutter is truly dedicated to his students and faculty and believes in the power of engaging students through resources, which inspire them to achieve at high levels:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Dr. Bryan Cutter for his commitment to educational excellence and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 8th day of December 2022

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DECEMBER 5-11, 2022, AS "COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK" IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Computer Science Education Week is an annual national call to action to inspire Alabama's K-12 students to learn computer science, advocate for equity, and celebrate the contributions of students, teachers, and partners to the field that acknowledges computer science plays a vital role in transforming our society through enabling innovation, technological advances, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science underpins the information technology sector and many science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers, making it a foundational science for the digital age and a significant contributor to Alabama's economic output through the research and development of new innovations; and

WHEREAS, the outlook for computer science jobs is bright with more than 4,904 open computing positions across the state of Alabama with the current average salary for a computing occupation paying \$77,974, which is significantly higher than the average salary in the state; and

WHEREAS, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science courses and activities exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and provides critical thinking and computational skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, all students in Alabama deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

WHEREAS, participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the field of computer science and encourage more students to take up further studies of computer science; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science has significant equity barriers to address, including attracting more participation by females and underrepresented minorities to all levels; and

WHEREAS, the week of December 5-11, 2022, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements in computer science is designated as national Computer Science Education Week by Code.org, the Computer Science for All Initiative, the National Center for Women in Information Technology, and other nationally recognized entities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate December 5-11, 2022, as "Computer Science Education Week" in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 8th day of December 2022

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

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
STATE COURSE OF STUDY
(Career Clusters: Education and Training; Hospitality and Tourism;
Career Cluster Program: Cosmetology and Barbering)**

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3 of the *Code of Alabama*, 1975 requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas are required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the reports be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee's report on Career and Technical Education and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the State Course of Study Committee on Career and Technical Education is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on December 8, 2022.

Done this 8th day of December 2022

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

**RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK
COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION CLUSTERS: ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION, INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND LOGISTICS**

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 Career and Technical Education Clusters: Architecture and Construction, Information Technology, and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics; 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 2022 State Textbook Committee met and 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 January 12, 2023.

Done this 8th day of December 2022

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Birmingham Southern College**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(2)(a)1., requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education authorized a review of a proposed Class B English Language Arts (6-12) Program to be provided for Birmingham Southern College; and

WHEREAS, a review of the proposed program determined that the program was met with conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends continued approval with conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following program with conditions to be addressed, until June 30, 2023:

Class B English Language Arts (6-12)

Done this 8th day of December 2022

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

2022-2023 STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION K-12 MEETING AND WORK SESSION DATES SCHEDULE			
2023			
MEETING DATES		WORK SESSION DATES	
January 12	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	January 12	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
January 25	State Board Retreat Location: TBD		
February 9	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	February 9	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
March 9	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	March 9	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
April 13	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	April 13	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
May 11	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	May 11	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
June 8	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	June 8	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
*July 11	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	July 11	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
August 10	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	August 10	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
August 30	State Board Retreat Location: TBD		
September 14	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	September 14	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
October 12	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	October 12	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
November 9	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	November 9	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103
December 14	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	December 14	Gordon Persons Building Plaza 103

*Meeting required by State Law

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey congratulated Dr. Bryan Cutter, Principal of Dalraida Elementary School in the Montgomery County School System on his accomplishment of the 2022 Milken Educator Award. He asked Dr. Cutter and guest to remain for portraits after the meeting. Dr. Mackey stated that Dr. Cutter was shocked on October 19, 2022, when the group surprised him with a visit to the school to present his award.

Dr. Mackey stated that it is Computer Science in Education Week in Alabama. There are lots of computer science activities going on this week. Dr. Mackey introduced Mrs. Dawn Morrison, Education Administrator in the Career and Technical Education Section of the Department. Mrs. Morrison stated that schools, after-school programs, public libraries, and other nonprofit organizations committed to celebrating this week proclaimed by Governor Kay Ivey and resolved by the Alabama State Board Members. She said this is a great week to emphasize the importance of inspiring K-12 students to embrace Computer Science Education and the opportunities available within the field. In 2019, the Alabama Legislature approved House Bill 216, sponsored by Representative David Faulkner. Mrs. Morrison stated that 911 teachers were trained during intensive professional learning events this past summer. Praxis Prep course for middle and high school teachers preparing to take the Computer Science Praxis (5652) that had an attendance of 188 teachers; 248 elementary teachers participated in Engineering is Elementary-Computer Science; and 34,818 students enrolled in high-quality Computer Science courses taught by a teacher trained by a state-approved provider. Mrs. Morrison said the work happened with help from partners such as A+ College Ready; Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI); Alabama Technology in Motion; Auburn University; Tuskegee University; The University of Alabama; and the regional in-service centers, just to name a few. Mrs. Morrison also shared a brief video of great things happening in Computer Science across the state.

In closing, Dr. Mackey thanked Governor Ivey for her leadership, the Legislature for funding, the Board Members for their push for more Computer Science across the districts, and for the opportunity to provide these expansions.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer