

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
MARCH 9, 2023
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, March 9, 2023, 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 Pastor Cory Williams, Youth Pastor, First Assembly of God, 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
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

Absent

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. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 9, 2023.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADES K-3**

At this time, Julia Cleland; Donna Cude; Malinda Williford; Cathy Odom; Robert Monk; Gail Walton; Melissa Gates; and Mark Dixon, who registered to speak prior to the Alabama State Board of Education meeting on agenda item G.2.c (Resolution to Approve Recommendations of the State Textbook Committee for Adoption of Textbooks for English Language Arts, Grades K-3), did so individually via in person. The Board Members and State Superintendent thanked the members of the public for providing their input and sharing their views.

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 6-10, 2023, AS “NATIONAL SCHOOL
BREAKFAST WEEK” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has recognized since 1975, the National School Breakfast Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama’s children by making nutritious meals available in Grades K-12 public schools; and

WHEREAS, every March, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Breakfast Week; and

WHEREAS the National School Breakfast Week 2023 (#NSBW23) theme is “Dig into School Breakfast,” which spotlights the wide variety of flavors, dishes, delivery options, and tastes that can be customized in today’s school breakfast; and

WHEREAS research has indicated that students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory, and the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition, and poor nutrition is linked with absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms, and psychosocial problems; and

WHEREAS scientifically based food and nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS the Alabama School Breakfast Program served over 49,024,641 million breakfast meals for the school year 2021-2022 to Alabama students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to the Alabama school nutrition professionals who make the local School Breakfast Program work in 1,455 school sites statewide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting National School Breakfast Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Alabama State Board of Education designate March 6-10, 2023, as “National School Breakfast Week” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 9th day of March 2023

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 12-18, 2023, AS
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM WEEK IN ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) administered in Alabama by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Child Nutrition Section, reaffirms the vital role positive nutritional habits play in the healthy growth of children; and

WHEREAS ALSDE recognizes the importance of nutritional education for the most vulnerable and youngest children, as well as adults, through CACFP care centers and homes across the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS the CACFP provides daily meals and snacks to children and adults which increases the quality of care; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Alabama served 27.5 million meals through the CACFP to children and adults at 495 child and adult care centers; and

WHEREAS the innovative approach to CACFP implementation, which pairs childcare homes and centers, adult day care centers, and after-school sites with ALSDE highlights a unique public-private partnership that supports working families and small businesses; and

WHEREAS the third week of March is annually recognized as “National CACFP Week” to raise awareness of the child and adult care food program and the nutritional benefits established by the USDA:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate March 12-18, 2023, as “National CACFP Week” in Alabama.

Done this 9th day of March 2023

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, the Board voted 7-1-0 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell opposed.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADES K-3**

WHEREAS the Alabama State Textbook Law provides for the adoption of textbooks by the Alabama State Board of Education, the same to be adopted from recommendations made by the State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, the State Textbook Committee has made its recommendations in keeping with said law; and

WHEREAS, the State Textbook Committee has worked long and hard hours in making such recommendations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said law, the Alabama State Board of Education received the recommendations at its February 9, 2023, meeting and 30 days prior notice of the date of consideration by the Alabama State Board of Education was given to news media:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education extends thanks to the State Textbook Committee and to all those who have worked to prepare the attached recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the attached recommendations for the adoption of textbooks for English Language Arts are approved.

Done this 9th day of March 2023

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted 6-2-0 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell and Jackie Zeigler opposed.

**ADOPT A NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-3-1-.04, PERTAINING TO
FIRST GRADE READINESS**

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted 7-1-0 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell opposed.

**ADOPT A NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-3-3-.60, PERTAINING TO
ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION ORGANIZATIONS**

On motion by Dr. Tonya Chestnut and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted 7-0-1 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

**HIRE DR. AUTUMM JETER AS ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR
SUPPORT SERVICES, PAY GRADE 90, STEP 17, EFFECTIVE APRIL 3, 2023**

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey stated that it is Art's Education Month, and the Brookwood Elementary Orff Ensemble is performing on the second-floor rotunda in the building. He postponed the report until next month in order for the Board Members to attend the students' performance.

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 11:18 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer