



“State of Alabama, Proclamation by the Governor dated March 18, 2020

Section III. Open Meetings Act:

- A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Open Meetings Act, members of a governmental body may participate in a meeting – and establish a quorum, deliberate, and take action – by means of telephone conference, video conference, or other similar communications equipment if:
 - 1. Any deliberation conducted, or action taken, during the meeting is limited to matters within the governmental body’s statutory authority that is (a) necessary to respond to COVID-19 or (b) necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body; and*
 - 2. The communications equipment allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear one another at the same time.**
- B. Governmental bodies conducting a meeting pursuant to this section are encouraged, to the maximum extent possible, to use communications equipment that allows members of the public to listen to, observe, or participate in the meeting.*
- C. No less than twelve hours following the conclusion of a meeting conducted pursuant to this section, a governmental body shall post a summary of the meeting in a prominent location on its website – or, if it has no website, in any other location or using any other method designed to provide reasonable notice to the public. The summary shall recount the deliberations conducted and the actions taken with reasonable specificity to allow the public to understand what happened*
- D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, or modify any other provision of the Open Meetings Act, including the notice requirements found in section 36-25A-3 and the enforcement, penalty, and remedy provisions found in section 36-25A-9. Any action or actions taken in violation of paragraph A will be deemed invalid.*
- E. To the maximum extent possible, the terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as the terms defined in section 36-25A-2 of the Open Meetings Act.”*



Per the Proclamation by the Governor, below is a summary of the discussions, deliberations, and/or actions taken on January 14, 2021. The minutes will be officially approved on February 16, 2021.

*Due to the COVID-19 public health concern, the Dothan City Board of Education will hold their Board Meetings through ZOOM Webinar as well as limited capacity public viewing at the Dothan City Board of Education, Board Room, 1665 Honeysuckle Road, Suite 1. Per ADPH Risk Indicators, the Dothan City Board of Education meetings will adhere to the following capacity limitations for in-person numbers at the board meeting while observing social distancing and wearing masks: **Green - Low Risk** - Groups of 90 or fewer pertaining to the Board Room; **Yellow - Moderate Risk** - Groups of 50 or fewer; **Orange - High Risk** - limited to 20 outside visitors by appointment only; and **Red - Very High Risk** - no outside visitors allowed in the building. Participants may still view the meeting via ZOOM webinar. Those who have made prior notification to participate on the agenda will remain on the in-person agenda. Board Meetings will be held in this manner until further notice. (See the State of Alabama, Proclamation by Governor Ivey dated March 18, 2020)*

**School Called School Board Meeting
01/14/2021 05:30 PM
Meeting Summary**

**Dothan City Board of Education
ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID-19
1665 Honeysuckle Road, Suite 1
Dothan, Alabama 36305**

Attendees:

Voting Members

Mr. Mike Schmitz, Chair – Present
Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Vice Chair – Present
Mrs. Amy Bonds, Board Member – Present
Mr. Franklin Jones, Board Member – Present
Mr. Chris Maddox, Board Member – Not Present
Mr. Brett Strickland, Board Member – Present
Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Board Member – Present

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Dennis Coe, Acting Superintendent – Present
Mr. Kevin Walding, Board Attorney – Present

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Agenda and Proposed Agenda Modifications**

Motion to approve the agenda and proposed agenda medication as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, and Mrs. Susan Vierkandt –

- 5. Board Comments**

NOTE: No comments were made by the board members.

- 6. Review of the January 19, 2021 Board Agenda**



NOTE: Dr. Dennis Coe reviewed the following:

There are several items on the January 19th board agenda. We are currently working on posting positions for the new schools, and we are getting ready for our district Accreditation that takes place on February 1st – 3rd.

7. Approve Carryover Request of Grant #04CH01162901 and Grant #04CH01162901C3

NOTE: Dr. Dennis Coe reviewed the following:

These are federal funds, and for multiple reasons, they were not spent by the close of the fiscal year due to COVID. We need your approval to spend these funds, or we will have to send the funds back.

Motion to approve the agenda and proposed agenda medication as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, and Mrs. Susan Vierkandt – Yes

8. Executive Session for Student Hearings

NOTE: Kevin Walding, Board Attorney, stated he didn't need to make any comments.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session for Student Hearings as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, and Mrs. Susan Vierkandt – Yes

Motion to reconvene into Regular Session as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - Yes

NOTE: No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion for Student Number 51136 from Dothan City Schools to finish the school year out in Virtual School as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - Yes

Motion to expel Student Number 87089 from Dothan City Schools as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt – Yes

Motion for Student Number 10844 from Dothan City Schools to finish the school year out in Virtual School as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - Yes



9. New Business

A. Board approved Board Meeting(s) to be held as listed below:

- i. Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 5:00 PM – Regular School Board Meeting
- ii. Thursday, January 28, 2021, 5:30 PM – Whole Board Training

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – Yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – Yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – Yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – Yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – Yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - Yes