



“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 deliberations/actions taken on May 28, 2020. The minutes will be officially approved on June 15, 2020.

**Special Called School Board Meeting
05/28/2020 09:00 AM
Meeting Summary**

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

Attendees:

Voting Members

Mr. Mike Schmitz, Chair – Absent
Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Vice Chair - Present
Mrs. Amy Bonds, Board Member - Absent
Mr. Franklin Jones, Board Member - Present
Mr. Chris Maddox, Board Member – Absent
Mr. Brett Strickland, Board Member – Present
Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Board Member - Present

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Phyllis Edwards, Superintendent
Mr. Kevin Walding, Board Attorney - Absent

**Call to Order
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance**

Approval of Agenda and Proposed Agenda Modifications

Motion to approve the Agenda and Proposed Modifications as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – not present, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – not present, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes

Board Comments

Mrs. Susan Vierkandt commended Seniors for 2020 and everything they have done to bring the schools together, we value and honor you and we are so grateful to all of you and proud of your accomplishments.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Personnel Agenda

Dr. Dennis Coe presented the personnel deleting Item I.6 from the Personnel Agenda.

Motion to approve the Personnel Agenda deleting Item I.6 as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – not present, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – not present, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes



2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – not present, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – not present, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt – yes

New Business

Dr. Phyllis Edwards discussed

- The mindfulness and thoughtfulness that went into the decision to do graduation about 2 or 3 weeks ago.
- It has not changed so much we should throw caution to the wind.
- Just seeing the emails. I am trying to do what is right for our students.
- Huge responsibility to make these kinds of decisions.
- Not trying to ruin their graduation, they have been terrific leaders.
- My responsibility to protect them along with their parents.
- Shared the plan immediately with Dr. Eric Mackey and he said it looks like a good plan.
- There are people trying to do prom but be clear that has nothing to do with Dothan City Schools.
- I will talk with Bill Singleton to see what we can do but right now it is not to go to the football stadium. We made a careful and thoughtful decision, the best we can do at this time.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated it is a hard call to make. We trust you are making the best decision for the children and everyone. Mrs. Susan Vierkandt stated folks do not understand how hard it is to be responsible for so many people. It is one thing to make a call for a family. I know you feel the weight of the world on you and we support you.

Dr. Phyllis Edwards stated I put out a survey. When we get the results, I will share it with all of you. I think people have appreciated what we have done to try to stay in touch with everyone. We have received in one day over 1,000 responses. I want you to know we are trying to reach out to people to get their opinion.

Mr. Franklin Jones stated I want to thank all of you. I would hate for graduation to be the last memory for any parent for one single child. I am sorry. We are not getting all of the facts. Other countries are on the up-rise because they decided to do something early. We cannot afford to do something too early. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated I face a lot of what you are facing Dr. Edwards with parent's concerns with daycare. When I make a decision to open up I am putting a lot of people at risk, it is a hard decision. I am moving day by day to see where it takes us. It is something we are all facing one way or the other

Board approved Board Meeting(s) to be held by Zoom Webinar until further notice:

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 2:00 PM - School Board Work Session

Monday, June 15, 2020, 5:00 PM - Regular School Board Meeting

Schedule of School Board Meetings

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – not present, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – not present, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes