



“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 June 5, 2020. The minutes will be officially approved on June 15, 2020.

Special Called School Board Meeting
06/05/2020 09:00 AM
Meeting Summary

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

Attendance:

Voting Members

Mr. Mike Schmitz, Chair - Present
Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Vice Chair – Joined the meeting a little late due to connection difficulties - Present
Mrs. Amy Bonds, Board Member – Present
Mr. Franklin Jones, Board Member – Present
Mr. Chris Maddox, Board Member – Present
Mr. Brett Strickland, Board Member – Present
Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Board Member - Present

Non-Voting Members

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

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: Mrs. Amy Bonds, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – not present, Mrs. Amy Bonds – yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes

Board Comments

Mr. Franklin Jones stated I am just thoughtful of my children this morning and concerned about their families. Mrs. Susan Vierkandt stated I pray for our community and pray for our country right now. Mr. Brett Strickland stated the same and there is a lot going on and this is a lot deeper than our Board. Mr. Mike Schmitz welcomed Mrs. Guilford to the meeting. Mrs. Amy Bonds stated congratulations to all the seniors that will be graduating tomorrow and I'm proud of Mr. Singleton, his staff, Dr. Edwards and everyone who's worked to provide a full graduation ceremony for them. Mr. Chris Maddox stated I have all the same thoughts and prayers for the country, the community and congratulations to the seniors.

Dr. Dennis Coe presented the Personnel Agenda.

Approval of the Personnel Agenda

Mrs. Brenda Guilford requested items D1 and F3 be pulled from the Personnel Agenda.

Motion to approve the Personnel Agenda pulling Items D1 and F3 as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mr. Chris Maddox, Motion seconded by:



Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkant - yes

Personnel Items: Non-Acceptance of Employment(s), Retirement(s), Resignation(s), Non-Renewals, Transfer(s), and Appointment(s)

Motion to approve Item D1 of the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Susan Vierkant, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – no, Mrs. Amy Bonds – yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – no, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkant – yes

Mrs. Brenda Guilford and Mr. Franklin Jones gave personal comments describing their disagreements on Personnel Item D1.

Motion to approve Item F3 of the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Susan Vierkant, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkant – yes

Mrs. Brenda Guilford asked Dr. Coe how many applicants there were for the position, what the process was, and if there was a committee. Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated it is important for the public to know the process that was used and the number of applicants that applied.

New Business

Board approved Board Meeting(s) to be held by Zoom Webinar until further notice:
CANCELLED - 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: Mr. Franklin Jones, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Susan Vierkant, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – yes, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkant – yes