



“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 25, 2020. The minutes will be officially approved on July 20, 2020.

**Special Called School Board Meeting
06/25/2020 01:00 PM
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 – Present
Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Vice Chair - 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 Wadding, 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: 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 Vierkandt - yes

Dr. Phyllis Edwards requested Mr. Bill Singleton be able to speak during Personnel.

Board Comments

Mr. Franklin Jones stated I have been reading our social media document that we are developing and I am glad we are because as the scripture says when there is no law there is no transgression and I think we are headed that way now.

Approval of the Personnel Agenda

Motion to approve the Personnel Agenda as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mr. Franklin Jones, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, 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 Vierkandt - yes

Discussion was held regarding adding an item to Personnel, a committee interview process for the Band Director, Dr. Edwards sent each member an email yesterday afternoon regarding the individual asking the Board to consider the recommendation, band starts soon, there were 24 applicants and not all were qualified, it was narrowed down, references were called and this was



the recommendation, adding it as Item F.11 on the Personnel Agenda, the process has been completed and Mr. Singleton made his choice, there were 4 on the committee to include a football person, a cheer person, a teacher and an Administer, this person was in charge of 3 assistants and led a 380 member Auburn University Band.

New Business

Mr. Mike Schmitz stated the Board will meet as follows:

Thursday, July 16, 2020, 2:00 PM - School Board Work Session
Monday, July 20, 2020, 5:00 PM - Regular School Board Meeting

Dr. Phyllis Edwards stated there may have to be another meeting.

Mr. Mike Schmitz added Dr. Edwards I know this is an incredible stressful season, parents are worried about where we are going and what we are going to do, we are waiting on the State Superintendent to give us guidance, it is an incredible amount of pressure, whatever you and the Board decides, there are going to be issues, thank you for your leadership and the Board's leadership, it is going to take leadership and decisions and I am proud to serve with you.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Amy Bonds, Motion seconded by: Mr. Franklin Jones, 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 Vierkandt - yes