



“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 July 20, 2020. The minutes will be officially approved on August 17, 2020.

Special Called School Board Meeting
07/20/2020 05:00 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 – Not 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: Mr. Brett Strickland, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes

Dr. Edwards asked that Item 6.B be moved and placed as Item 7.I on Consent Agenda to be voted on.

Motion to amend the Agenda placing Item 6.B., Head Start Preschool Program Grant, as Item 7.I. on the Consent Agenda as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Voting: Mr. Mike Schmitz – yes, Mrs. Brenda Guilford – yes, Mrs. Amy Bonds – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes

Board Comments – No comments were made.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Phyllis A. Edwards

Dr. Phyllis Edwards discussed everyone working hard on planning, ordering materials, putting the plan together and posting it, videos, answering questions, leadership, communications is key, making sure we are listening to what others are saying, organized ourselves in terms of the CARE Act, being careful on what we are requesting, connected to our needs for corona virus, Governor saying we need to wear masks, some parents want us to say come to school with masks, we will probably get to that point, Houston County is blowing up with this, trying to be careful on what we need to do, we are doing the normal things you have to do to open, we are in the 30-day period where teachers are not supposed to leave but we still have some that are



leaving, we are doing what we can to get our staff in place, struck at the things that are taken for granted that we do for children, we continued feeding children then switched to summer feeding, social work, nurses, we have fragile children with physical needs, we have clubs, sports, before and after school programs, people think about education as children sitting at desks facing the front, we don't do that anymore, we want them moving, when you talk about social distancing and masks all day you have to think about what is going on, as the virus continues to ramp up we may need to think about are we doing the right thing, right now we have over 1,300 people that want to do virtual, how do you figure the scheduling, we are getting requests from teachers to look at getting the virtual assignment, we are thinking about our employees and their needs, schools are very complex places, you should be extremely proud of the people you have in leadership roles, they are being positive, communicating, and it is not going to be easy.

Mrs. Susan Vierkandt stated as the numbers continue to climb we will be faced with a difficult decision, based on information we know today, the masks would be the piece I would probably revisit, they really need to be in school but we need to do it safely and it is a delicate balance. We do not have the benefit of the work session right now and I would be interested in hearing some thoughts from our Board about it. Dr. Phyllis Edwards stated give us another week and let's have a work session and give you an update and my thoughts and talk it out. Mr. Mike Schmitz stated that would be good, there are so many questions that have to be answered. Dr. Phyllis Edwards stated we will contact you and set a time and date.

A. AASB All-State School Board Member Nomination – No action was taken.

B. Head Start Preschool Program Grant – Moved to Item 7.I. of the Consent Agenda.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda deleting Item F.2. from the Personnel Agenda and pulling Item 7.G. from the Consent Agenda 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 – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes

- A. Minutes for the May 18, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting, May 28, 2020, and June 5, 2020 Special Called School Board Meetings, June 15, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting and June 25, 2020 Special Called School Board Meeting
- B. Monthly Financial Reports, Accounts Payable/Payroll and Certification of Bank Reconciliations
- C. Head Start Financial Report
- D. Personnel Agenda
- E. 2020-2021 Salary and Supplement Schedules
- F. Bids(s):
 - i. CNP Milk Service Bid
 - ii. Systemwide Fencing
 - iii. Systemwide Waste Removal
- G. ***Voted on separately (see below)***
- H. Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar
- I. Head Start Preschool Program Grant (moved from Item 6.B.)



Motion to approve **Item 7.G., Social Media Policy**, of the Consent 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 – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – no, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes

Adoption of Action Items

A. Adult Meal Price Adjustment

Ms. Tonya Grier stated the USDA set guidelines for pricing adult meals, based on that our adult meals are running lower than required to meet the regulations, we are asking for a little higher so we will not have this same situation again next year, raising the price 50 cents for staff and 75 cents for visitors.

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

B. MEDICAID Administrative Claim Program Contract

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

New Business

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

Thursday, August 13, 2020, 2:00 PM - School Board Work Session/Special Called School Board Meeting/First Public Hearing for 2020-2021 Annual Budget

Monday, August 17, 2020, 5:00 PM - Regular School Board Meeting/Second Public Hearing for 2020-2021 Annual Budget

Dr. Phyllis Edwards stated we are very proud we got the Head Start grant for the next 5 years. Thank you to Mrs. Vincent for her work.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 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 – not present, Mr. Franklin Jones – yes, Mr. Chris Maddox – yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes