



*“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 April 20, 2020. The minutes will be officially approved on May 18, 2020.

**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**04/20/2020 05:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Dothan City Board of Education**  
**1665 Honeysuckle Road**  
**Dothan, Alabama 36305**

**Attendees:**

**Voting Members**

Mr. Mike Schmitz, Chair – lost connection at 5:25 pm  
Mrs. Brenda Guilford, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Amy Bonds, Board Member  
Mr. Franklin Jones, Board Member  
Mr. Chris Maddox, Board Member  
Mr. Brett Strickland, Board Member  
Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Board Member

**Non-Voting Members**

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

**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

Dr. Edwards added an item, Head Start Grant, to be added under the Action Items.

Motion to amend the previous motion adding the item, Head Start Grant, under Action Items 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.

**Superintendent Report - Dr. Phyllis A. Edwards**

Dr. Phyllis Edwards stated we are looking at the budget to see where we will have some savings, there will be a huge loss in food services maybe in the million-dollar range, we are checking all budgets to offset those costs, we are waiting to see what will happen with the federal government, and working closely with the CSFO, Stephanie Walker, and Dr. Dennis Coe. The Child Nutrition Program continues to serve students approximately 1,300 a day, employees are wearing masks and they are now asking parents to pop their trucks for their food, thank you to everyone. I am grateful to the employees for their hard work and continued efforts. Check out the Capital Improvement Plan which is included in your packet, you will see all that has been done. Everybody will be out of Wells Fargo by June and at Honeysuckle saving that rent.



### **Adoption of Consent Agenda:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and 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. Chris Maddox - yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes.

Minutes for the March 12, 2020 Special Called School Board Meeting and March 16, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting

Monthly Financial Reports, Accounts Payable/Payroll and Certification of Bank Reconciliations

Head Start:

Head Start Financial Report

March 2020 Enrollment and Attendance

March 2020 Summary Report

COLA and Quality Improvement Grant Outline

Personnel Agenda

Donation(s)

Ratify Contribution to Resolution of Federal Case Number 1:18-cv-414 (M.D. Ala.)

### **Adoption of Action Items:**

*Permission to Submit a Head Start Grant for \$250,000 for a Summer School Program*

Motion to approve submitting the Head Start Grant for \$250,000 for a Summer School Program as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Amy Bonds, 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.

*Bond Construction Change Order*

Motion to authorize the Superintendent and Staff to issue and execute **Change Orders #1 and #2** to the existing **Owner Contractor Agreement** between **Dothan City Schools** and **Wyatt Sasser Construction**, in the lump sum amount of **\$98,740.39** for Change Order #1 and in the lump sum amount of **\$377,156.00** for Change Order #2 for a revised total of **\$3,187,896.39** 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. Chris Maddox - yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes.

*Donation by Wiregrass Foundation*

Motion to approve the donation of \$1.3 million by the Wiregrass Foundation to assist in sustaining locally funded instructional units for the 2020-2021 school year as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion made by: Mrs. Susan Vierkandt, Motion seconded by: Mrs. Amy Bonds, 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.

#### *Identification of Surplus Property*

Motion to approve the list of surplus property identified by the Dothan City Schools 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. Chris Maddox - yes, Mr. Brett Strickland – yes, Mrs. Susan Vierkandt - yes.

**Executive Session (if needed)** – No Executive Session was needed.

#### **New Business**

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

Thursday, May 14, 2020, 2:00 PM - School Board Work Session

Monday, May 18, 2020, 5:00 PM - Regular School Board Meeting

Schedule of School Board Meetings

#### **Board Comments:**

Mr. Mike Schmitz asked for Board Comments then lost connection at 5:25 pm.

Mr. Brett Strickland stated he is thankful for the Wiregrass Foundation.

Mrs. Susan Vierkandt thanked everybody for coming together, teachers, staff, directors and Dr. Edwards and for reaching out to the students to engage them until the end of the year. She further stated she is proud of our crew feeding students every day. We are all going to be much closer and tighter because of the teamwork.

Mr. Chris Maddox echoed Mrs. Vierkandt and stated I am married to a teacher and she is still working, uploading files, contacting parents once a week, answering emails, she is available 2 hours every day for phone calls. Teachers are putting the work out there for the students to continue to learn the critical standards. Props to the Child Nutrition Program for feeding the kids. It will be something remembered after this ordeal.

Mrs. Brenda Guilford stated it is unprecedented times, my children are home with their children, they are doing so many things. I am learning a lot thanks to Jeremy and thank you to Laurie for making a way to get me my Board packet.

Mr. Franklin Jones thanked Ms. Tonya Grier and the Child Nutrition Program staff. One day the children will be sitting with their families talking about not getting to go to the prom.



## Adjournment

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