

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

December 20, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012 via teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code for the purpose of holding its monthly work session and monthly meeting. The location of the meeting available to the public was the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner (Madison, Mississippi), Dr. O. Wayne Gann (Corinth, Mississippi), Mr. Hal Gage (Vicksburg, Mississippi), Mr. William H. Jones (Petal, Mississippi), Dr. John R. Kelly (Gulfport, Mississippi), Mr. Charles McClelland (Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Richard Morrison later joined the meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, MS), Ms. Martha Murphy (Rienzi, Mississippi), and Mr. Simon Weir (Southaven, MS). Dr. Lynn House, Interim State Superintendent, was present at the Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

The work session was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.

Mr. Mike Kent reported on the implementation of Senate Bill 2760, 2012 Legislative Session. The Board members were provided a list of the Bolivar County consolidation town hall meeting dates scheduled to gather public comments prior to the board determining the new district and trustee lines for North Bolivar Consolidated School District and West Bolivar Consolidated School District as required by SB 2760, 2012 Legislative Session. Mr. Kent provided the Board with information on the Agricultural High Schools as a follow-up to the November 1, 2012 Report from Augenblick, Palaich and Associates on the Administrative Consolidation of the State's Agricultural High Schools that the Board discussed at the November 2012 Board meeting. Members of the Board discussed financial and curriculum issues of the agricultural high schools.

Mr. Richard Morrison joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Kim Benton discussed the contract with the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to administer additional U.S. History tests. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2012-2013. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

Dr. Vanderford discussed establishing a Task Force to review the Process Standards in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012*, to make

recommendations for revisions to the Commission on School Accreditation and the Mississippi Board of Education. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

Dr. Vanderford reported on the Accountability Task Force meetings held on November 16, 2012 and December 10-12, 2012. Dr. Vanderford stated that the Accountability Task Force will present its recommendations to the Board in January, 2013.

Mr. Todd Ivey discussed the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.

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Dr. Lynn House discussed the revisions of the Strategic Goals for the Mississippi Board of Education. Dr. House recommended approval.

Dr. House discussed the Position Paper on Charter Schools for the Mississippi Board of Education. Board members discussed that the position of the Board is that the Board supports the establishment of charter schools in schools classified as “D” and “F” without local board approval.

Dr. Gann gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items.

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)
- B. Discussion to award a competitive contract to Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., to provide food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Kim Benton)
- C. Discussion to establish Board Policy 2650 – Conversion Charter Schools (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Larry Drawdy)
- D. Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

**Immediately following the work session**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair.

- II. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting on November 15-16, 2012.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

- III. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

IV. Approval of Action Items

- 01.B. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved to adopt the report and recommendations prepared by Augenblick, Palaich and Associates on the agricultural high schools pursuant to SB 2760 and notify the Legislature of the Board action (copy attached).

**(Office of the State Superintendent)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Member voting no:

Mr. Charles McClelland

02. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, the Board unanimously approved to contract with the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to administer additional U.S. History tests (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

03. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2012-2013 (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

04. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved to establish a Task Force to review the Process Standards in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012*, to make recommendations for revisions to the Commission on School Accreditation and the Mississippi Board of Education (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly

Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

06. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2014 (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Financial Services)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

07. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2014 (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Financial Services)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

08. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Strategic Goals for the Mississippi Board of Education (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones

Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

09. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Position Paper on Charter Schools for the Mississippi Board of Education with the change that the Board's position is that it supports the establishment of charter schools in schools classified as "D" and "F" without local board approval (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

10. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached).
- A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)**
  - B. Approval to award a competitive contract to Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., to provide food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)**
  - C. Approval to establish Board Policy 2650 – Conversion Charter Schools (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage

Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Dr. John R. Kelly requested approval to attend the NASBE meeting in Washington, DC on Common Core Policy on January 24, 2013 and to attend a NASBE study group in Washington, DC on Governmental Affairs on January 25 and 26, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. John R. Kelly to attend the NASBE meetings on January 24-26, 2013 in Washington, DC.

Members voting aye:

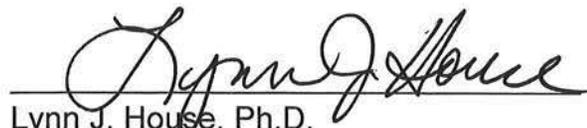
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Dr. House informed the Board members that the Department of Education collected over \$1,800.00 for needy children this year. The funds helped to adopt 10 angels from The Salvation Army Angel Tree and brought 33 gift cards for children at The Baptist Children's Village.

V. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Approved:

  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Lynn J. House, Ph.D.  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education