

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

October 17, 2013

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Mr. Richard Morrison, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

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 work session.

Dr. Lynn House welcomed Ms. Laura Hipp from the Lt. Governor's Office, Dr. Laura Smith from the Governor's Office, and Ms. Caroline Sims with the National Teaching Board.

Dr. House welcomed the new State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Carey Wright, who will transition from Maryland to Mississippi and start at the Mississippi Department of Education on November 11, 2013.

Dr. House gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:

- Thanked MDE staff who presented at Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) conference recently. The presentations were to ensure that administrators across the state were up-to-date with critical information. She stated that she heard numerous reports that the sessions were very helpful. Three staff members, Ms. Trecina Green, Mr. Chauncey Spears, and Dr. Paula Vanderford were recognized by MASA for their contributions to the state and Dr. House offered them her heartiest congratulations.
- Clarksdale School District was recently notified that they are being awarded a Magnet Schools Assistance Grant of approximately \$5 million for a three year period. Clarksdale joins only 27 other districts from across the country to receive this distinction and the grant will allow Clarksdale to build on the work it has done over the last several years. This will also support Clarksdale's effort to move forward with an Excellence for All in its high school.
- Introduced Dr. Kim Benton and Mr. James Mason to present an update on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. With the media attention around Common Core and the accompanying assessments, it seemed appropriate to ensure that the Board be aware of the current status in that regard. The Department will have a follow-up at the November Board meeting with additional information around what is being provided for teachers and principals to ensure that they are ready for these assessments and the full implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

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- Thanked the Board for the privilege it has been to serve as the interim state superintendent and greatly appreciated their faith in her.
- Thanked the MDE staff for their support and tireless efforts to ensure that our state is moving forward and even in the midst of great strife and distractions, they have never wavered. Dr. House considered it an honor to have served with them.
- Thanked everyone for their support and encouragement. She stated that she was truly blessed and looks forward to seeing a bright future unfold for education in Mississippi.

Dr. John R. Kelly reported from the Educational Accountability subcommittee on several items that will be presented later in the meeting.

Mr. Hal Gage thanked and commended the Mississippi Department of Education staff that worked with the search for the State Superintendent. He specifically thanked Mr. Quentin Ransburg who lead the process and did a great job.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann thanked Mr. Gage and the Board for their work on the search process. He stated that he could not participate due to a conflict of interest.

Dr. Larry Drawdy, Ms. Toni Kersh, Dr. Laura Jones, Ms. Debbie Murphy, and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the contract with Christopher J. Vecchione, Ed.D. to provide consultative services relative to training and technical assistance to schools and/or districts to comply with Senate Bill 2658 (copy attached). Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Bill Welch discussed to award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program (copy attached). Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kim Benton and Mr. James Mason discussed submitting an additional waiver to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request for double testing flexibility for the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF) (copy attached). Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Benton, Ms. Trecina Green, and Mr. Nathan Oakley discussed to contract with Cambium Education, Inc. dba Sopris Learning for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton, Ms. Green, and Mr. Oakley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *2013 Standards for the Gifted Education Programs*. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the proposal from Mississippi College to recognize two Class AAA Licenses as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached). Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

- A. Recognize the Juris Doctorate Degree as a Class AAA License as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
- B. Recognize the Master of Fine Arts Degree as a Class AAA License as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

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Mr. Todd Ivey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To rename and establish State Board Policy 5300 from MS Student Information Systems to Management Information Systems. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey discussed to contract with DLT Solutions, LLC to provide services to upgrade Oracle forms and reports. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey, Dr. Paula Vanderford, Dr. Kim Benton, and Ms. Jean Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 3804 - Additional Assessment Options for Graduation. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Dr. Vanderford discussed the Accredited Status for Brentwood-Crossroads School. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Ms. Melissa Barnes discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 6902 – Required Monthly Reports to be Furnished to Local School Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey reported on status of North Bolivar Consolidated School District and West Bolivar Consolidated School District pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 37-7-104.1 (Senate Bill 2760, 2012 Legislative Session) and the appointment of Mr. Mike Kent by the State Superintendent as the Transition Team Leader.

Dr. Buckley and Ms. Raina Lee discussed the action on appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the August 8, 2013, Licensure decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. Attorney Preston Rideout presented the appeal of the Commission's decision to suspend Licensure # 137852.

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

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)
- B. Discussion of grant awards for a special project appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature and identified as the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program in House Bill 1648, 2013 Legislative Session (Kim Benton)
- C. Discussion of the *Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements for English Language Arts and Mathematics* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Kim Benton)

D. Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. John R. Kelly did not return to the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, prospective litigation, issuance of an appealable order, investigative proceedings and personnel issues in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), (d), and (k). The motion was seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion with respect to investigative proceedings of school districts regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d), and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussion of the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k). Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Lynn House, Mr. Todd Ivey, Mr. Mike Kent, Dr. Larry Drawdy, Dr. Kim Benton, Dr. Daphne Buckley, and Ms. Kathy Boteler.

Minutes of the Executive Session

Ms. Kathy Boteler informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion with respect to investigative proceedings of school districts regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d), and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussion of the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

During the Executive Session, the Board took action on the following items:

After carefully considering and reviewing the complete record of the hearing proceedings, the brief submitted by Lillian Diane Campbell and the brief submitted on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Education, on a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kami Bumgarner, the Board approved on a vote of 7 to 0, that the decision of the Commission of Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure should be reversed and the suspension of Educator License Number 137852 should be removed so as to ensure her record no longer reflects any disciplinary action taken by the Mississippi Board of Education, subject to compliance with any and all applicable requirements by statute and Board policies and guidelines. The Board found that the Appellant's conduct did not constitute a violation of State Board Policy 1717, Standard 4.

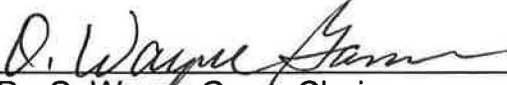
On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to hire Mr. David Pray as an Education Bureau Director II in the Office of Program Evaluation at an annual salary of \$86,500.00.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to transfer Dr. Lynn House from Interim State Superintendent to Deputy Superintendent (PIN 0187) to function as Chief of Staff and Legislative Liaison (PIN 0861) effective November 11, 2013 for an annual salary of \$207,309.38.

On motion by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the motion passed on a vote 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Approved:


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


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

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The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board members absent were: Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

- I. The meeting 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.
- II. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Kami Bumgarner gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special-Called Board meeting on September 11, 2013, regular scheduled Board meeting on September 12-13, 2013, and the Special-Called Board meeting on September 24, 2013.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended with the deletion of the following: Item 21: Action on appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the August 8, 2013, Licensure decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development.
- V. Report of the Chair
 - Reported that the Board voted in Executive Session on October 17, 2013:
 1. To reverse the decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development on August 8, 2013 for Licensure No. 137852 (order attached).
 2. To hire Mr. David Pray as an Education Bureau Director II in the Office of Program Evaluation at an annual salary of \$86,500.00.
 3. To transfer Dr. Lynn J. House from Interim State Superintendent to Deputy Superintendent to function as Chief of Staff and Legislative Liaison effective November 11, 2013 at an annual salary of \$207,309.38.

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VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, October 17, 2013.)

03. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Christopher J. Vecchione, Ed.D. to provide consultative services relative to training and technical assistance to schools and/or districts to comply with Senate Bill 2658 (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
04. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program (copy attached).
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05. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to submit an additional waiver to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request for double testing flexibility for the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF) (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
06. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the *Student Assessment Handbook*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
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08. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *2013 Standards for the Gifted Education Programs* (copy attached).
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09. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the proposal from Mississippi College to recognize two Class AAA Licenses as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
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18. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved an Accredited Status for Brentwood-Crossroads School (copy attached).
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(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
 - B. Approval of grant awards for a special project appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature and identified as the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell,

Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program in House Bill 1648, 2013
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(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

- C. Approval of the *Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements for English Language Arts and Mathematics*
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

Mr. Richard Morrison left the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

VII. Recognition Ceremony

2013 National Blue Ribbon School Winners

Clinton Public School District
Lovett Elementary School
Mike Pope, Principal

Hancock County School District
East Hancock Elementary School
Tara Ladner, Principal

Ocean Springs School District
Oak Park Elementary School
Jennifer Pope, Principal

Pass Christian Public School District
Delisle Elementary School
Desiree Lizana, Principal

2013 October Employee of the Month

Sheila Miller
Office of Reporting
Business Systems Analyst I

VIII. State Board of Education

01. There was no report from a meeting attended.
02. There was no request to attend a meeting.

IX. There was no other business.

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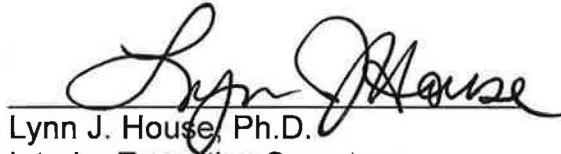
Dr. Gann announced that the November Board meeting is scheduled for November 14-15, 2013.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Approved:



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



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