

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

September 11, 2013

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a special-called meeting at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters related to the search of a State Superintendent of Education. The location of the meeting 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, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II. Board member absent was: Mr. Richard Morrison. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman was introduced as the new State Board member.

The work session of the special-called meeting was called to order by Mr. Hal Gage, Vice Chair. Mr. Gage noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.

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

Mr. William H. Jones then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discrete personnel matters related to the search for a State Superintendent in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussion of a strategy sessions and negotiations with respect to litigation involving the Department of Education regarding an employment issue in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, which passed on an unanimous vote.

Mr. Hal Gage stated the following should remain in the Executive Session for discussion of litigation: Dr. Lynn House, Dr. Daphne Buckley, and Ms. Kathy Boteler.

Mr. Gage stated the following should remain in the Executive Session for discussion of the search for a State Superintendent: Mr. Mike Kent and Mr. Quentin Ransburg. Dr. Gann and Dr. House recused themselves from the discussion of a search for a state superintendent.

### **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 discrete personnel matters related to the search for a State Superintendent in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussion of a strategy sessions and negotiations with respect to litigation involving the Department of Education regarding an employment issue in accordance

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with Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

1. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board approved on a vote of 6 to 0 authorization to negotiate with the respective individuals to settle litigation involving the MDE regarding an employment issue. Mr. Charles McClelland abstained from voting.

On motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the motion passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Approved:



Hal Gage, Vice Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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