

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 16, 2014

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014 in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board member absent was: 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. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:

- Dr. Wright welcomed Dr. Laurie Smith, Governor's Office; Georgianna Butt, Foundation for Excellence in Education; Dr. Christy Hovenanty, Foundation for Excellence in Education; and Senator Gary Tollison.
- MDE received the PEER Report: Common Core for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Dr. Wright read the following statement from the PEER letter to MDE:

The Joint Legislative PEER Committee, the Mississippi Legislature's oversight committee, has approved a review of the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and mathematics and the state's adoption and implementation of such standards. The Committee's authority for conducting this review is MS Code Ann. 5-3-31 through 5-3-71.
- The Starkville/Oktibbeha Consolidated School District Structure Commission will be signing the legislative report on Friday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Greensboro Center in Starkville, MS.
- Dr. Wright reported that she attended the Mississippi Teachers Forum. This group was selected from the Teachers of the Year chosen either by the Mississippi Department of Education or the school district. The group talked about key issues in the state. This very talented group of people will meet on a regular basis and will help with teacher leadership.
- The Office of School Recovery received notification this week that the FY 2013 School Improvement Grant (SIG) application is in the final stages of approval and we should receive official notification of award by the end of this week. We currently have 7 SIG schools in the state implementing school turnaround initiatives. The approval of the SIG application paves the way for the state to begin a competitive process for selecting a new cohort of schools to receive additional funds.
- The MDE has completed a series of six Regional Principals meetings entitled, "Leadership for Common Core State Standards Implementation." Approximately

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1,100 administrators from across the state participated in these interactive sessions. The feedback from participants was overwhelming positive. Dr. Wright recognized the following individuals for their hard work: Trecina Green, Nathan Oakley, Vinnie Segalini, Dr. Marla Davis, Jean Massey, Debbie Murphy, and Dr. Kim Benton.

- The Clarksdale School District was one of five recipients of the highly competitive Race to the Top grants. The grants will go to support locally developed plans to personalize and improve student learning, directly increase student achievement and educator effectiveness, close achievement gaps, and prepare every student for success in college and careers. These winners particularly shine a light on the innovative work going on in rural school districts across the country to tailor education for all students and provide school leaders and teachers with key tools that support them in meeting students' needs.
- Dr. Wright congratulated Dr. Lynn House on her retirement and thanked her for her work and length of service to MDE. Dr. Wright also thanked Dr. House for making the transition more smoothly for her. There will be a reception immediately following the Board meeting on Friday, January 17, 2014.

There were no subcommittee reports.

Mr. Mike Kent, Mr. John Wallace, Chair, Board of Trustees of Yazoo City School District, Ms. Lucille Lovette, Lead Teacher, Yazoo City School District, and Dr. Arthur Carlidge, Superintendent of Yazoo City School District, gave a report on the current status of the Yazoo City School District.

Mr. Kent gave a report on school district consolidations status for:

- A. Bolivar County
- B. Clay County/West Point

Dr. Larry Drawdy, Dr. Bill Welch, and Dr. Bob Strebeck, Conservator for Leflore County School District, reported on Leflore County School District, specifically, the overall neglect of facilities and grounds, major personnel issues, and academic deficiencies. A written copy of the report was provided to the Board (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed contracting with Fahrenheit Creative Group, LLC. The purpose of this contract is to provide dropout prevention and graduation completion awareness throughout the state to students, schools, and communities. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh discussed the methodology to award competitive grant funds to Local Education Agencies in support of local dropout prevention initiatives as authorized by the Legislature. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the methodology to award discretionary grants to public school districts, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, and educational entities for the implementation of innovative high school programs. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey discussed revising the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education and Academic Education. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Dr. Therrell Myers discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To remove the following State Board Policies. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

A. State Board Policy 7211 – Exemptions, Maximum Enrollment

B. State Board Policy 7213 – Medicaid Placements

These Educable Child policies and all their requirements for public agency placements will be included in the revisions to State Board Policy 7201 for Educable Child.

Dr. Benton and Dr. Myers discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 7201 – Educable Child Program. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Mr. James Mason discussed the contract with Renaissance Learning for the purpose of providing a coherent assessment system for the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS<sup>2</sup>). Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Trecina Green discussed the Transition Plan to align the Mississippi State Assessment System with the PARCC Assessments and the Common Core State Standards. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Green discussed modifying the Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program grant awards. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Green discussed textbooks as recommended by the 2013 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics 7-12, English Language Arts K-6, English Language Arts 6-8, English Language Arts 9-12, and Spelling/Handwriting K-8. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Benton and Mr. Mason discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *2014 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts*. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Green discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *2014 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Mathematics*. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Green discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish a transition plan to allow school districts to continue to offer selected secondary courses from the *2007 Mississippi Mathematics Framework, Revised* during the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton discussed revising State Board Policy 4300 – Intervention. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the request from Delta State University to modify its Elementary Education Program and offer a Secondary Mathematics Supplemental Endorsement as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

- A. Discussion of the request to modify the Elementary Education program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
- B. Discussion of the request for a secondary mathematics supplemental endorsement program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Dr. Buckley discussed the request from the University of Southern Mississippi for a Master's Degree Program in Dyslexia as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request from William Carey University for a Master of Education program in Interscholastic Athletic Administration as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the appointments to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Todd Ivey and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the Corrective Action Plan for districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

- A. Discussion of the Corrective Action Plan for the Coahoma County School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1
- B. Discussion of the Corrective Action Plan for the Greenville School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1
- C. Discussion of the Corrective Action Plan for the Gulfport School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1
- D. Discussion of the Corrective Action Plan for the Leake County School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1
- E. Discussion of the Corrective Action Plan for the North Tippah School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1
- F. Discussion of the Corrective Action Plan for the Noxubee County School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1

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Mr. Ivey and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the proposed revisions to the Process Standards in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012* as outlined in the back-up material. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey, Dr. Vanderford, Ms. Jo Ann Malone, and Mr. Pat Ross discussed the proposed recommendations for the Statewide Accountability System beginning school year 2013-2014. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey, Dr. Vanderford, Ms. Jean Massey, and Dr. Benton discussed establishing State Board Policy 3804 – Additional Assessment Options for Graduation. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

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 (There were no monthly contracts for consideration.) (Kim Benton)
- B. Discussion to establish Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Dental Assisting Technology and (2) Sports Medicine (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- C. Discussion to establish the *Standards for the Gifted Education Programs* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- D. Discussion to repeal State Board Policy 6100 – Public Records Requests and reestablish it as Request for Information (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Todd Ivey)
- E. Discussion to establish State Board Policy 6101 – Public Records Requests (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Todd Ivey)
- F. Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to litigation, 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 Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, 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 involving the Department 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 matter as related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (a) and (k) and transaction of business related thereto. Dr. John R. Kelly 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. Carey M. Wright, Dr. Kim Benton, Dr. Therrell Myers, Ms. Heather Deaton, and Ms. Kathy

Boteler. Dr. Daphne Buckley was asked to be available.

### **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 involving the Department and 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 matter as related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (a) and (k) and transaction of business related thereto.

During the Executive Session, the Board voted on the following items:

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the appointment of Dr. Kim Benton to serve as Chief Deputy State Superintendent at a salary of \$160,000.00.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the salary adjustment for Mr. Pete Smith, Bureau Manager of the Office of Communications and Legislation at a salary of \$113,964.27.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted 7 to 0 to approve the appointment of Mr. Washington Cole to serve as Associate State Superintendent/Chief of Staff at a salary of \$113,964.27.

On motion by Ms. Rosemary Aultman, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the motion passed on a vote 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

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

  
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Carey M. Wright, Ed.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education

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January 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014, in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board member absent was: 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. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Richard Morrison gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 19, 2013 Board meeting.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Report of the Chair
  - Welcomed Mr. Stan House to the Board meeting.
  - Stated that this is Dr. Lynn House's last official Board meeting and wished her good luck on her future endeavors. A reception to honor her will be immediately following the Board meeting today in the lobby area.
  - Revised the subcommittee list to include Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman. There is a revised list at your seat.

The following items were approved yesterday, January 16, 2014 in Executive Session:

- 1) Approved appointment of Dr. Kim Benton to serve as Chief Deputy State Superintendent at a salary of \$160,000.00
  - 2) Approved the salary adjustment for Mr. Pete Smith, Bureau Manager of the Office of Communications and Legislation at a salary of \$113,964.27
  - 3) Approved the appointment of Mr. Washington Cole to serve as Associate State Superintendent/Chief of Staff at a salary of \$113,964.27
- VI. Approval of Action Items  
*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, January 16, 2014.)*



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06. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Fahrenheit Creative Group, LLC (copy attached).
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08. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award competitive grant funds to Local Education Agencies in support of local dropout prevention initiatives as authorized by the Legislature (copy attached).
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11. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To remove the following State Board Policies (copies attached).

A. State Board Policy 7211 – Exemptions, Maximum Enrollment

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12. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 7201 – Educable Child Program (copy attached).

Dr. John R. Kelly recused himself for the vote on Item 13 and left the room.

13. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Renaissance Learning for the purpose of providing a coherent assessment system for the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS<sup>2</sup>) (copy attached).
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- B. Approval of the request for a secondary mathematics supplemental endorsement program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
23. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the request from the University of Southern Mississippi for a Master's Degree Program in Dyslexia as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
24. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the request from William Carey University for a Master of Education program in Interscholastic Athletic Administration as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
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27. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the proposed revisions to the Process Standards in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012* (copy attached).

28. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the proposed recommendations for the Statewide Accountability System beginning school year 2013-2014. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
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  - B. Approval to establish Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Dental Assisting Technology and (2) Sports Medicine  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)**
  - C. Approval to establish the *Standards for the Gifted Education Programs*  
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  - D. Approval to repeal State Board Policy 6100 – Public Records Requests and reestablish it as Request for Information  
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**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
  - E. Approval to establish State Board Policy 6101 – Public Records Requests  
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**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

VII. Recognition Ceremony

**2013 December Employee of the Month**

James Williams

Office of Compulsory Schools

School Attendance Officer

January 17, 2014

**2014 January Employee of the Month**

Ursula Smith  
Office of Child Nutrition  
Accountant/Auditor III

VIII. State Board of Education

01. There were no reports of meetings attended.
02. Dr. John R. Kelly requested to attend the NASBE Governmental Affairs in Washington, DC in January.

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. John R. Kelly to attend the NASBE meeting in Washington, DC in January.

IX. There was no other business.

Dr. Gann announced that the February Board meeting is scheduled for February 20-21, 2014.

- X. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Approved:



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



Carey M. Wright, Ed.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education