

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2015

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2015, in the Azalea A Meeting Room at the Beau Rivage, 875 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent was: Mr. Richard Morrison.

The work session was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair. Dr. Kelly noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

01. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:

- Dr. Wright stated Dr. J. P. Beaudoin, Chief of Research and Development, will be starting at the Department on August 1, 2015.
- Dr. Wright stated she spoke at three events: Office of Technology and Strategic Services Data Conference, Office of School Improvement Summer Conference, and Mississippi Association of Grantmakers meeting. Dr. Wright focused on how each of these groups play a role in advancing the Board's Strategic Plan. The meeting with the grantmakers focused exclusively on the Literacy-Based Promotion Act.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the Charter Authorizer Board meeting held in Laurel, Mississippi. The Charter Authorizer Board voted to approve two more charter schools in Jackson, Mississippi and denied the application for a high school in Natchez, Mississippi.
- Dr. Wright updated the Board on the Standard Review Forum. Dr. Wright stated that over 5,000 comments have been received from 750 users. Ninety-one percent of the comments are a thumbs up for the Standards.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is Ocean Springs High School, Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Ocean Springs High School achieved the top growth in the nation on Advanced Placement (AP) exams. The school expanded student access to AP courses through partnership with the National Math and Science Initiative in one year. The number of qualifying AP scores students achieved skyrocketed from 18 to 195. Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter, Superintendent of Ocean Springs School District thanked the Board for the recognition.

02. There were no subcommittee meetings held.

03. Mr. Pat Ross and Mr. Mike Kent reported on the Superintendents Academy and recognized the FY 15 Superintendents Academy members of COHORT 1 [Goals

- 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The members of the Academy stated they appreciated the opportunity to attend the Superintendents Academy and hoped the Academy would be continued for other superintendents. The Board members discussed their appreciation of the work done for the Academy and asked if there would be a Principals Academy next year.
04. Mr. Ross discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Process Standard 20 – *Instructional Management System* of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* [Goals 2 and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the revisions made to the standard. Mr. Ross recommended approval.
 05. Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Jean Massey discussed awarding competitive grants for 2016 Engineering Enhancement for 21st Century Grant [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
 06. Dr. Benton, Mr. Nathan Oakley, and Dr. Jill Denton reported on the Early Learning Collaboratives and public Pre-Kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Oakley presented a PowerPoint on the Early Learning Collaboratives and public Pre-Kindergarten programs.
 07. Dr. Benton and Mr. Oakley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 4300 – Intervention [Goals 1, 2, and 5 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
 08. Dr. Benton and Mr. Marcus Cheeks discussed awarding competitive grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goal 1 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed awarding the competitive grants. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
 09. Mr. Todd Ivey and Ms. Donna Nester discussed the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2017 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.
 10. Mr. Ivey and Ms. Nester discussed the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2017 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.
 11. Mr. Ivey and Ms. Gracie Sanders discussed the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5– MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.
 12. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss items C, E, and G.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
- B. Revise State Board Policy 6200 – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments) (Pat Ross)
- C. Contract with Dr. Bob Thompson to facilitate the Mississippi Superintendents' Academy (Pat Ross)
- D. Grants to school districts to support kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy instruction and intensive intervention for Fiscal Year 2016 (Kim Benton)
- E. Award discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches (Kim Benton)
- F. Establish the *Foundations of Algebra* course (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Kim Benton)
- G. Contract with personnel to serve as a literacy coach in school districts (Kim Benton)
- H. Modify a grant for the Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-Kindergarten programs (Kim Benton)
- I. Contract with a Harvard Data Fellow as provided by House Bill 1648, 2013 Legislative Session (Pat Ross)

The meeting recessed for a break at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

Board Meeting Agenda

Immediately following the work session

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly.
- II. Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the Innovation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 18-19, 2015 and Special-Called meeting of July 8, 2015.

- IV. On the motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. There was no report from the Chair
- 04. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Process Standard 20 – *Instructional Management System of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* [Goals 2 and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)
- 05. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved awarding competitive grants for 2016 Engineering Enhancement for 21st Century Grant [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- 07. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 4300 – Intervention [Goals 1, 2, and 5 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- 08. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board approved awarding the competitive grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program [Goal 1 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. O. Wayne Gann

Members voting nay:

Mr. William H. Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member absent:

Mr. Richard Morrison

09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2017 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
10. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2017 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
11. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5– MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Mr. William H. Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent: Mr. Richard Morrison

12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I (copy attached):
- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
- B. Revise State Board Policy 6200 – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments)
(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)
- C. Contract with Dr. Bob Thompson to facilitate the Mississippi Superintendents' Academy
(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)

- D. Grants to school districts to support kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy instruction and intensive intervention for Fiscal Year 2016
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- E. Award discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- F. Establish the *Foundations of Algebra* course
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- G. Contract with personnel to serve as a literacy coach in school districts
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(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)

VII. Recognition Ceremony

2015 Exemplary Inclusion Program

Ocean Springs School District

Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter, Superintendent

VIII. State Board of Education

01. There was no report on meetings attended.

02. There was no request to attend a meeting.

03. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted to elect Dr. John R. Kelly to serve as Board Chair and Mr. Richard Morrison to serve as Board Vice-Chair from July 2015 to July 2016.

IX. Other Business

Dr. Kelly stated the August Board meeting will be in Jackson, Mississippi on August 20, 2015.

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X. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Approved:



John R. Kelly, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education