

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 18, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016, via teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code for their regular scheduled monthly Board meeting. The location of the meeting available to the public was the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Buddy Bailey (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Ms. Kami Bumgarner (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Jason S. Dean (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Beech Mountain, North Carolina), Mr. Johnny Franklin (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. William H. Jones (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. John R. Kelly (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), and Mr. Charles McClelland (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi). Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present at the Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi.

I. The Board meeting was called to order by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair.

Ms. Aultman noted that the meeting of the Board of Education was being held via teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code and that the notice of this meeting made at least five days prior to the meeting included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Ms. Aultman also stated that an audio recording was being made of the meeting and that a quorum of the Board was present at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference means.

II. Dr. Jason S. Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. John R. Kelly gave the Invocation.

III. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of July 14, 2016, minutes of Special-Called meeting of July 25, 2016, and the minutes of the Special-Called meeting of August 11, 2016.

Members voting aye:
Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones

Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

- IV. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

- V. Recognition Ceremony

**2016 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
Teaching Finalists**

Angela Marie August
Twenty-Eighth Street Elementary School
Gulfport School District

Angela C. McKinnon
Lewisburg Elementary School
DeSoto County Schools

Meredith Leigh Sanders
Kosciusko Upper Elementary School
Kosciusko School District

Adrine Renee Williams
Baker Elementary School
Jackson Public Schools

Mr. William H. Jones recognized his daughter and son-in-law, Katie and Jordan Bennett. Mr. Jones also recognized Mr. Claude Hartley, former State Board member.

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
- Dr. Wright reported she visited the Petal Early Learning Collaborative. Dr. Wright stated it is a partnership with Petal School District and Head Start and they focus on quality standards.
 - Dr. Wright reported that she spoke at the following:
 - Early Childhood Conference co-sponsored with Head Start;
 - Senator Jordan's Voters' League; and
 - Senator Simmon's Education Forum.
 - Dr. Wright presented an update on the 21st Century Community Learning program. Dr. Wright stated the reimbursement requests came in lower than expected for August and a process called a Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative has been put into place. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Milton Matthews, former State Director, who has done extensive work with the United States Department of Education (USDE) will be helping the Department. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Quentin Ransburg has been named Interim Director and Ms. Elisha Campbell has been named as Interim Fiscal Specialist. Dr. Wright stated that all the 21st Century entities have been contacted by email and by phone and the Department will continue to work with the USDE. Dr. Wright stated that an audit by the Internal Audit Team is being conducted.
 - Dr. Wright stated that over the past two weeks there were several moving parts and many MDE staff from across the Department have gone above and beyond the call of duty to put in extra time to help in a department they do not work in. These staff have worked late into the evenings and over the weekends to ensure essential tasks got accomplished. Dr. Wright recognized staff who have put in extra hours to help out: Ms. Toni Kersh, Mr. Damian Thomas, Dr. Sebrina Palmer, Dr. Sonja Robertson, Ms. Wendy Clemons, Ms. Staci Donaldson, Dr. Armerita Tell, Ms. Tanya Bradley, Mr. Quentin Ransburg, Ms. Elisha Campbell, Mr. James Hart, Ms. Kimberly Williams, Ms. Brensha Roby, Ms. Shanika Grant, Ms. Farrah Nicholson, Ms. Rana Hood, Ms. Darla Hammons, Dr. Nathan Oakley, Ms. Maria Banks, Dr. Sharon Dungan, Dr. Milton Matthews, Dr. Jim Hamilton, Mr. Walt Drane, Mr. Vinnie Segalini, Ms. Libby Cook, Mr. Brooks Little, Mr. Richard Baliko, and Ms. Shuntina Johnson. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Kim Benton had met with all the Federal Program Directors this week to provide information to keep them informed.
 - Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is the Mississippi Teachers Collaborative, Create Exemplar Units for Colleagues. Dr. Wright thanked Ms. Wendy Clemons, Director of Professional Development and State Schools, for her work with the Collaborative. Dr. Wright stated that

the Collaborative is funded through a Kellogg grant and 47 highly effective teachers were brought in to write exemplar lesson plans in English Language Arts and math. Some of these teachers will come back in the fall to train teachers across the state on the exemplar lesson plans.

VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board did not give a report.

VIII. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee Meetings

Dr. John R. Kelly reported from the Accountability Subcommittee that three items were presented to the Subcommittee today: Spring 2016 ACT results for 11th grade, the 2016 Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) results, and the recommendations of the 2016 Mississippi Statewide Accountability System. Dr. Kelly stated these items will be presented to the Board today.

Mr. William H. Jones reported from the Legislative Subcommittee that a list of priorities were discussed and will be sent to the Board members soon.

Ms. Kami Bumgarner reported from the Educator Quality Subcommittee that met on Wednesday by teleconference and they were given updates on the teacher and principal rubric that the steering committee has been working on for the past six months. The rubric will provide feedback to the teachers and the rubric will be renamed the Growth Rubric.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. J. P. Beaudoin presented the Spring 2016 Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) results [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the item and asked questions.

02. Dr. Beaudoin and Mr. Walt Drane discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to include the recommended cut scores beginning in school year 2015-2016 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the item and asked questions. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.

03. Dr. Beaudoin and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the Spring 2016 ACT Results for 11th Grade [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the item and asked questions.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:13 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

04. Dr. Carey M. Wright discussed the Update on *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan* [Goals, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the item and asked questions. Dr. Wright recommended approval.

05. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items.
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)

 - B. Renew contracts with vendors for the adoption of textbooks in the area of U.S. History: Post Reconstruction to Present & U.S. History Advanced Placement Grades 9-12 (Kim Benton)

 - C. Establish Part 3, Chapter 99, Rule 99.1 – Title IX Grievance Policy (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment) (Kim Benton)

 - D. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 41, Rule 41.1 – Intervention (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Kim Benton)

 - E. Revision to the methodology to award grant funds in support of local school improvement efforts authorized by Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Kim Benton)

 - F. Contract with the Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) (Kim Benton)

 - G. [PULLED]

 - H. Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES School – Saucier (J.P. Beaudoin)

- I. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Guidelines and Clarification of Requirements for Issuance of Career and Technical Education Licenses and endorsements as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (J.P. Beaudoin)
- J. Renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program (subject to the availability of funds) (J.P. Beaudoin)
- K. Award competitive contract to Prairie Farms to provide ice cream products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (All 7 Regions in the state) (Todd Ivey)
- L. 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 1643, 2016 Legislative Session (Todd Ivey)

X. Approval of Action Items

- 02. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to include the recommended cut scores beginning in school year 2015-2016 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board approved that A-90%, B-63%, C-38%, and D-14% (copy attached).
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

04. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the update on *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan* [Goals, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board approved Goal 6 to read: Every School and District is Rated “C” or Higher (copy attached).

(Office of State Superintendent)

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

05. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, J, K, and L (copy attached).

A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

B. Renew contracts with vendors for the adoption of textbooks in the area of U.S. History: Post Reconstruction to Present & U.S. History
Advanced Placement Grades 9-12

(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

C. Establish Part 3, Chapter 99, Rule 99.1 – Title IX Grievance Policy
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment)

(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

D. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 41, Rule 41.1 – Intervention
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)

(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

- E. Revision to the methodology to award grant funds in support of local school improvement efforts authorized by Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

- F. Contract with the Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3)
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

- G. [PULLED]

- H. Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES School – Saucier
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

- I. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Guidelines and Clarification of Requirements for Issuance of Career and Technical Education Licenses and endorsements as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

- J. Renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program (subject to the availability of funds)
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

- K. Award competitive contract to Prairie Farms to provide ice cream products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (All 7 Regions in the state)
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

- L. 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 1643, 2016 Legislative Session
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

Members voting aye:

Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin

Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Johnny Franklin seconded the motion and the motion passed on an 8 to 0 vote. Ms. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

Dr. John R. Kelly, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k). Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 8 to 0. Ms. Raina Lee informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None
Members absent: None

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k).

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None
Members absent: None

Dr. Carey M. Wright left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Aultman reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

01. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Dana Bullard as an Education Bureau Director II to serve as Director of High School Programs in the Office of Secondary Education at a salary of \$85,000.00.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly

Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Members absent: None

Mr. Johnny Franklin discussed the 21st Century deficit and made some suggestions for repaying the funds. The Board discussed the suggestions.

Mr. Charles McClelland had some questions and comments about the downgrading of Jackson Public Schools to Probation status. Dr. Paula Vanderford answered the questions.

Mr. Johnny Franklin requested that the Department send the back-up materials before any Board meetings so the Board members will have time to review the materials before the meetings. Dr. Karen J. Elam agreed. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated she had spoken with Dr. Wright about this matter.

Mr. William H. Jones left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There was no report on meetings attended.
2. Dr. John R. Kelly requested approval to attend the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Government Affairs meeting since he is representing the State Board on the committee.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. Kelly to attend the NASBE Government Affairs meeting.

Members voting aye:
Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Mr. William H. Jones

XIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Members voting aye:

Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay:

None

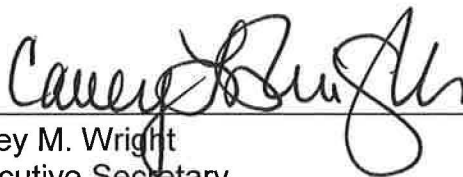
Member absent:

Mr. William H. Jones

Approved:



Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education