Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 25, 2022

The members of the Mississippi State Board of Education met in a Board training/work session at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, in the Mississippi Conference Room at Butler Snow, 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 1400, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. Wendi Barrett, Dr. Angela Bass (arrived 9:08 a.m.), Mr. Glen V. East, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Matt Miller, and Ms. Mary Werner. Board member absent: Dr. Karen J. Elam. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present in the Mississippi Conference Room at Butler Snow.

- 1. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Board training/work session to order and thanked the Board members for coming to the work session. Ms. Aultman thanked Butler Snow and staff for the meeting space and help with getting everything set up. Ms. Aultman thanked Ms. Sonya Amis and Ms. Donna Hales for their work in getting the meeting set up and coordinated with the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Ms. Aultman thanked Ms. Tamala Moore for setting up the technology and helping the meeting run smoothly.
- II. Dr. Carey M. Wright thanked the Board members for coming and Mr. Paola DeMaria for his time presenting to the Board.
- III. Ms. Aultman introduced Mr. Paolo DeMaria, President and Chief Executive Officer from NASBE. Ms. Aultman stated that he will be appearing via Zoom since his flight was diverted to Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. DeMaria gave an overview of the purpose and mission of NASBE. He presented to the Board of Education on the roles and responsibilities of board members and discussed professional development objectives such as the upcoming NASBE conferences. Topics discussed included: Boardsmanship, Getting to Know You, Work of NASBE, Work of State Boards, Chain of Authority, Education Ecosystem, United by a Common Desire, State Board Activity Domains, Leading for Lasting Change, State Board Authority and Influencers, Policy and Practice, Why Data and Evidence Matter, State Board Data Tools, How to Spot Quality Research, What Should State Boards Do, What Should State Board Members Do, Get Involved in NASBE, and Publications.

The Board took a break from 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

- IV. The Chiefs from each of the program offices within MDE presented information about work related to their offices. Dr. Wright and the Chiefs answered questions asked by the Board members as they presented information.
 - 01. Accountability Model and process Dr. Paula Vanderford

Ms. Erin Meyer joined the work session at 11:27 a.m.

02. SBE Board item development and process – Dr. Kim Benton

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

- 03. Administrative Procedures Act process (APA) Dr. Vanderford
- 04. Licensure and Accreditation Commissions Dr. Vanderford and Ms. Erin Meyer
- 05. Procurement process, both regular and emergency Dr. Felicia Gavin
- 06. Districts of Transformation Dr. Washington Cole and Dr. Jermall Wright
- 07. School Structure Dr. Benton
- 08. Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) formula and what is included in the formula Dr. Gavin
- 09. Federal Requirements (deadlines, testing, Perkins, special education, reporting, etc.) Dr. Benton
- 10. Mississippi Student Information System (MSIS), why the update and what we hope to achieve Mr. John Kraman
- 11. Legal issues (abstention, executive session, personal liability, Title IX [State schools]) Mr. Joe Goff and Ms. Erin Meyer
- V. Ms. Aultman thanked everyone for their attendance and stated the March 17, 2022, Board meeting will be held at the Central High School Building.
- IV. Ms. Aultman adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Approved:

Rosemary G/Aultman, Chair Mississippi Board of Education Carey M. Wright

Executive Secretary

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