Mississippi Board of Education

July 18, 2013

10:00 A.M.

4th Floor Boardroom

Central High School Building

359 North West Street

Jackson, Mississippi

**Agenda**

01. Report of State Superintendent of Education

02. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings

03. Discussion to initiate the process to reconstitute North Panola School District that is in conservatorship (Larry Drawdy)

04. Discussion to initiate the process to reconstitute Hazlehurst City School District that is in conservatorship (Larry Drawdy)

05. Discussion to initiate the process to reconstitute Tate County School District that is in conservatorship (Larry Drawdy)

06. Reports from the following conservator school districts: Sunflower County School District including Drew School District and Indianola School District   
(Larry Drawdy)

07. Report on Aberdeen School District (Larry Drawdy)

08. Report on Oktibbeha County School District (Larry Drawdy)

09. Report of the Commission on Starkville Consolidated School District Structure that includes Oktibbeha County (Larry Drawdy)

10. Discussion to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy 3107 - Home School Enrollment Guidelines (Larry Drawdy)

11. Discussion of methodology to pilot an on-line learning program, with sponsoring school districts, to implement “Grade Results” in the Juvenile Detention Centers   
(Larry Drawdy)

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12. Discussion of methodology to award discretionary grant dollars to statewide agencies and organizations to provide technical services and training across MDE offices (Kim Benton)

13. Discussion to award a discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University to enhance the statewide system of support and coordinated services to local districts (Kim Benton)

14. Discussion to award discretionary grants to school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance(Kim Benton)

15. Discussion to contract with literacy personnel to provide consultative services relative to serving as literacy director and regional literacy coordinator   
(Kim Benton)

16. Discussion to contract with the following individuals to provide administrative consultant services to selected local school districts and State agency school programs (Kim Benton)

1. Discussion to contract with Joseph Fisher to provide administrative consultation services to selected local school districts and State agency school programs
2. Discussion to contract with Robert L. Greer to provide administrative consultation services to selected local school districts and State agency school programs

17. Discussion to award grants to three (3) service providers to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts as a part of *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004* (IDEA) (Kim Benton)

18. Discussion to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: Approval to allow up to two (2) of the three (3) required science units (excluding Biology I) to be earned by completing Agriculture and Natural Resources I & II (Mike Kent)

19. Discussion to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process for the following Carnegie unit credit for 8th grade courses:

1. Approval to allow Introduction to Agriscience to be taught at the eighth (8th) grade level for one (1) Carnegie unit credit for high school graduation purposes (Mike Kent)
2. Discussion to allow Carnegie unit credit in Mississippi Studies (1/2 unit) and Geography (1/2 unit) in the eighth (8th) grade beginning in school year 2013-2014 (Mike Kent)

20. Discussion to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: Approval of establishment of the Mississippi Early Exit Diploma (Mike Kent)

21. Discussion to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: Approval of innovative program courses to be taken in lieu of the required courses for graduation (Mike Kent)

22. Discussion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Harvard College to participate in the Strategic Data Project (SDP) Fellowship (Mike Kent)

23. Discussion to contract with a Harvard Data Fellow with the Office of Educational Accountability as provided by House Bill 1648, 2013 Legislative Session   
(Mike Kent)

24. Discussion to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 3102 – Reporting Unexcused Absences – to comply with House Bill 1530 (Mike Kent)

25. Report on the Accountability Task Force/Technical Review Team meeting held on July 11, 2013 (Mike Kent)

26. Report on the Educational Principles and Practices Task Force meetings and timeline for completion of the review of the process standards, state statute, and State Board of Education Policies (Mike Kent)

27. Discussion of preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2015 (Todd Ivey)

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29. Discussion of the Mississippi Department of Education FY 2015 Budget Request (Gracie Sanders)

30. Discussion of the State Board of Education’s 2014 Legislative Priorities   
(Pete Smith)

31. Consent Agenda

A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)

B. Discussion to award competitive contracts to various produce distributors to supply and deliver produce to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (six regions in the state) (Kim Benton)

C. Discussion of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2013-2014 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)

D. Discussion of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2013-2014 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar (Daphne Buckley)

E. Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

32. Consideration of Executive Session