

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Work Session

April 19, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy.

The work session was called to order by Mr. Charles McClelland, Chair. Mr. McClelland noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

Dr. Burnham gave the following report from the State Superintendent of Education:

- Presented an update on the Legislative bills;
- Recognized Dr. Lynn House who gave an update to the Board on the ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request and the Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) Conference;
- Introduced Mr. Mike Kent to update the Board on the Regional Principal Meetings across the state. He also reported that the SLDS project is currently being audited and a report will be provided at the May Board meeting; and
- Stated he will be conducting Regional Superintendent Meetings in seven locations across the state starting May 7, 2012.

There was no report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Mr. James Malone gave a report on Tate County School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Mike Vinson gave a report on Okolona School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Suzanne Smith discussed the Intercept Agreement for Hazlehurst City School District. This item will be pulled from Friday's agenda for further consideration.

Ms. Jean Massey gave a presentation on Career Academies (copy attached).

Dr. Lynn House and Ms. Massey discussed the revision of State Board Policy 8102—Career and Technical Education Ongoing Program Parameters. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Natural Resources, (2) Architecture and Drafting, (3) Electrical, (4) Finance and Accounting, (5) International Business, (6) Masonry, (7) Plumbing, (8) Precision Machining, and (9) Technology Foundations. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment). Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Sue Matheson recused herself from the discussion of the Mississippi Community College Foundation for the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality School Leadership Alternate Route Administrator Program.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request from the Mississippi Community College Foundation for the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality School Leadership Alternate Route Administrator Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Matheson returned to the meeting.

Dr. Burnham requested item 30 be pulled from the agenda and brought back to the Board for discussion at the May meeting.

Dr. Buckley discussed modifying grant awards for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert, Mr. Joshua Shoemaker, and Ms. Kimberly McCurley discussed the new policy for the Office of Internal Accountability and Program Evaluation. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on this item.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the revision of the Accreditation Policies in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, pending approval of legislative amendments to Section 37-17-6 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. The Board requested that Standard 2.8 be revised to provide that in the event a district fails to have its accreditation reinstated after a period of two years, all interscholastic activities shall be suspended until the district's accreditation status is reinstated. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Melissa Barnes discussed the appointment of Tony Foster to serve as School Finance Officer for the Office of School Financial Services. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed an Accredited Status for Millcreek of Meadville School. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m. Mr. Claude Hartley did not return to the meeting after lunch.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford gave a report from the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the Aberdeen School District (copy on file).

Dr. Vanderford discussed the determination by the Commission on School Accreditation that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Aberdeen School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in the District and that this emergency situation is related to serious violations of accreditation standards, violations of state and federal law, and continued pattern of poor student performance. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Bobby Eiland, Interim Superintendent for Aberdeen School District, made a presentation to the Board. Dr. Burnham recognized a letter received from Cecil S. Belle, Mayor Elect for the City of Aberdeen.

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Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the determination by the State Board of Education to officially abolish the Aberdeen School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Aberdeen School District. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the appointment of a Conservator for the Aberdeen School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract modification for a Conservator for the Aberdeen School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract modification with Charles King Barron, Sr. to serve as Conservator of the Drew School District and the Conservator for the Sunflower County School. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. McClelland gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items:

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- B. Mississippi School of the Arts 2012-2013 Calendar (Daphne Buckley)
- C. Mississippi School for the Blind 2012-2013 Crisis Management Manual (Daphne Buckley)
- D. Mississippi School for the Blind 2012-2013 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- E. Mississippi School for the Blind 2012-2013 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar (Daphne Buckley)
- F. Mississippi School for the Blind 2012-2013 School Wellness Policy (Daphne Buckley)
- G. Report - see attached 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 to discuss litigation, prospective litigation, investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and personnel issues in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4), (a), (b), (d) and (k). The motion was seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved in closed session that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contractual issue and litigation and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k). Dr. Sue Matheson seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

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 with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contractual issue and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

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Mr. Charles McClelland stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Lynn House, Mr. John Gilbert, Mr. James Mason, Mr. Paul Sumrall, and Ms. Kathy Boteler.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contractual issue and litigation and transacted business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussed investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and transacted business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d). Dr. Sue Matheson moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

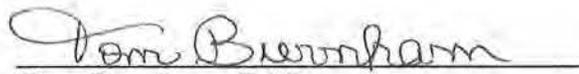
Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Charles McClelland announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. No other business was discussed.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and Mr. Hal Gage seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 20, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy. Board member absent: Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, and Dr. Sue Matheson.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles McClelland, Chair. Mr. McClelland noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.
- II. Mr. McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of March 15-16, 2012.
- IV. Mr. McClelland noted that the backup material for Item 33, Approval to revise the Accreditation Policies in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*, had been revised consistent with the Board's discussion from the work session. The backup material for Item 43 (A) under the Consent Items had been revised to include additional contracts with former state employees. He also noted that Items 05 and 30 were pulled from the agenda at the work session.

Mr. Hal Gage made a motion, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, to approve the agenda modifications.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Report of the Chair:
 - Noted that recently he along with Dr. Burnham served as a panelist at the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Forum held in Jackson;
 - Reminded the Board members that a photo would be taken of the Board at the May Board meeting; and,
 - Stated that the Board would need to appoint a representative to serve as the Board's representative for National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, April 19, 2012.)

07. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revision of State Board Policy 8102—Career and Technical Education Ongoing Program Parameters. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
08. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revision of the *Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks* in Career and Technical Education for (1) Agricultural and Natural Resources, (2) Architecture and Drafting, (3) Electrical, (4) Finance and Accounting, (5) International Business, (6) Masonry, (7) Plumbing, (8) Precision Machining, and (9) Technology Foundations. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
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(Office of Educational Accountability)
34. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Tony Foster to serve as the School Finance Officer for the Office of School Financial Services at an annual salary of \$69,670.57 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
35. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved an Accredited Status for Millcreek of Meadville School (copy attached).
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(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
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(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
- 49. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the contract modification for the Conservator for the Aberdeen School District (copy attached).
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VII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- **2011 Milken Award Recipient**
Michelle Brister
Clinton School District

- **QuestBridge Scholarship Recipients**
Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science
Erica McCoy
Destin McMurry

- **April 2012 MDE Employee of the Month**
Pat Whitley
Office of Accreditation
Administrative Assistant III

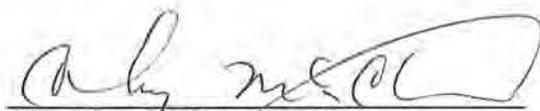
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01. There was no report on meetings attended.
02. There was no request for attendance at meetings.

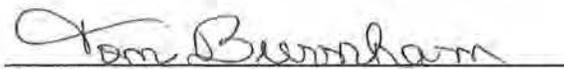
IX. Mr. Gage reported on the Accountability Subcommittee meeting that was held on April 19, 2012.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann and seconded by Mr. Hal Gage the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education