

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Work Session

February 16, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy. Board member absent was: Mr. Hal Gage. Dr. John R. Kelly joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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. Tom Burnham gave the following report from the Superintendent of Education:

- Reported that the 2012 Legislative Technical Amendment Bills were finalized with both House and Senate Education Chairs;
- Reported that he had made presentations before the House Education, Senate Education, and House Appropriations committees recently;
- Reported that a date has not be confirmed for the Senate Appropriations committee presentation;
- Noted that the ESEA Waiver Flexibility Request to the U.S. Department of Education would be discussed later in the meeting as an action item;
- Reported that Rankin County School District and Hinds Community College are piloting the Gateway to College Program which is funded by the Gates Foundation grant;
- Stated that Dr. Phillip Rogers, Executive Director of the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board will be making a presentation at the March Board Work Session on Kentucky's Teacher Prep Dashboard; and,
- Introduced Mr. Charles Evers and Ms. Jeannie Truitt with the Godwin Group, who gave an update on the MDE Website, and noted that the Department would work with the RESA in each area to schedule school district training sessions on the new website.

Mr. Claude Hartley reported on the Accountability Subcommittee meeting held prior to the Board Work Session.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Mr. Bob King, Conservator for North Panola School District, gave a report on the North Panola School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy, Ms. Suzanne Smith, financial advisor for Hazlehurst City School District, and Dr. Bill Welch gave a report on Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy discussed the appointment of Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract for appointed Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the Pilot Exit Criteria and Transition Period for Conservator Districts. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed initiating the process to merge Drew School District into the Sunflower County School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Mr. Shane McNeill discussed removal/revision of the following State Board Policies. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

- A. Remove State Board Policy 4006 – School Resource Officer Basic Course. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- B. Remove State Board Policy 4007 – School Safety Officer Basic Course. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- C. Remove State Board Policy 6005 – Historical Sites. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- D. Remove State Board Policy 7909 – Inspection of Buses. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- E. Remove State Board Policy 8001 – School Violence. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- F. Revise State Board Policy 6200 – Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- G. Revise State Board Policy 7901 – Bids. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- H. Revise State Board Policy 7902 – Drivers. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- I. Revise State Board Policy 7903 – Driver Training/Motor Vehicle Record Check. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.

- J. Revise State Board Policy 7905 – Employment Process. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- K. Revise State Board Policy 7906 – Minimum Qualifications. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- L. Revise State Board Policy 7907 – Emergency Removal. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- M. Revise State Board Policy 7910 – Leased Buses. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- N. Revise State Board Policy 7911 – Pupil Transportation Guide. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
- O. Revise State Board Policy 7912 – Repair Shops. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.

Dr. Lynn House and Mr. James Mason discussed the revised methodology to award discretionary grant funds to school districts to provide partial funding for a universal screener in language arts/reading and mathematics for students in grades K-3. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Jean Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise 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. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Dr. House, Mr. Joe DeCastr, and Ms. Staci Curry discussed submitting the ESEA Waiver Flexibility Request to the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a request from Vocational Career/Technical Education for revision to Licensure Endorsement Title and approval of New License Codes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request from the University of Southern Mississippi for a Masters Degree Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request from the Mississippi University for Women for a Masters Degree Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a new Praxis test for Economics and Cut Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. John Gilbert and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise 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. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.
Ms. Kami Bumgarner did not return to the meeting after lunch.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove/establish the following State Board Policies. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

- A. To remove State Board Policy 3800 – Graduation Requirements
- B. To establish State Board Policy 3801 – Graduation Requirements – Policies for Subject Area Testing
- C. To establish State Board Policy 3802 – Graduation Requirements – Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to add Grades 5 and 8 Science to the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to be included in the 2013 Accountability Results. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policy 4903 – Teacher Funding. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the contract with eScholar LLC to provide services for the Mississippi Department of Education's Business Intelligence System. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the contract modification with the Office of the Attorney General to provide the full-time equivalent of four attorneys and one full-time administrative assistant to perform support services for legal staff for the State Board of Education for FY 2012 (subject to Attorney General's approval). Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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

- Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- Award competitive contract to Foster Farms to provide corn dogs to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- Mississippi School of the Arts 2012-2013 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School of the Arts 2012-2013 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Report on 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, issuance of an appealable order, 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. John R. Kelly, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 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 contractual issues, litigation and issuance of an appealable order 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 6 to 0.

Mr. Claude Hartley 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 contractual issues, litigation and issuance of an appealable order 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).

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

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding contractual issues, litigation and issuance of an appealable order 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).

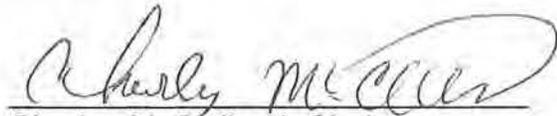
Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0.

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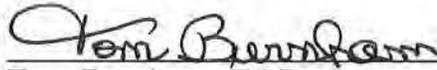
Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Charles McClelland announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 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

February 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 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, 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. Board member absent was: Mr. Hal Gage.

- 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.

Mr. McClelland welcomed Mr. Johnny Franklin, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor, to the meeting.

- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 19-20, 2012.
- IV. Mr. William H. Jones made a motion to amend the agenda to add items 26 – 31 under the Office of Educational Accountability and to add item 32 under the Office of State Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly and unanimously approved by the Board.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Report of the Chair:
 - Noted that Senate Bill 2401 was taken up by the Senate Education Committee and that discussion on the bill would continue next week; and
 - Reminded members of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents Summer Conference to be held on the Gulf Coast in July, 2012.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, February 16, 2012.)
05. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Earl Watkins to serve as

Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

06. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the contract for Dr. Earl Watkins, appointed Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
07. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to Pilot Exit Criteria and Transition Period for Conservator Districts (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
08. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved initiating the process to merge Drew School District into the Sunflower County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to remove/revise the following State Board Policies (copies attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
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10. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revised methodology to award discretionary grant funds to school districts to provide partial funding for a universal screener in language arts/reading and mathematics for students in grades K-3 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
11. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise 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 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

12. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to submit the ESEA Waiver Flexibility Request to the U.S. Department of Education (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

14. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the request from Vocational Career/Technical Education for revision to Licensure Endorsement Title and approval of New License Codes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)

15. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the request from the University of Southern Mississippi for a Masters Degree Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)

16. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the request from the Mississippi University for Women for a Masters Degree Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
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(Office of Educational Accountability)

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21. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4 (copy attached).
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(Office of Educational Accountability)
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(Office of Educational Accountability)

25. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copies attached).
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
 - B. Approval to award competitive contract to Foster Farms to provide corn dogs to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
 - C. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2012-2013 Staff Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
 - D. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2012-2013 Student Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
26. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment Mr. Quentin Ransburg to serve as Education Bureau Manager for the Office of Reporting at an annual salary of \$91,560.00 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
27. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Patrick Ross to serve as Director of Accountability Services for the Office of Accreditation at an annual salary of \$91,560.00 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
28. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Jo Ann Malone to serve as Director of Accountability Systems for the Office of Accreditation at an annual salary of \$73,460.00 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
29. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Kim McCrory to serve as School Finance Officer for the Office of Internal Accountability at an annual salary of \$69,670.57 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

30. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved salary adjustment of Mr. Arthur Self to serve as Bureau Director II for the Office of Management Information Systems at an annual salary of \$90,000.00 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
31. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the salary adjustment of Mr. Cliff Triplett to serve as Bureau Director II for the Office of Management Information Systems at an annual salary of \$76,958.56 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
32. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to reject all submitted proposals for the administration, management and operation of school districts in conservatorship (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)

VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- **Most Improved School Districts**
 - Canton Public School District
 - Carroll County School District
 - Chickasaw County School District
 - Copiah County School District
 - East Tallahatchie Consolidated School District
 - Marion County School District
 - Stone County School District

**Presidential Awards for Excellence in
Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)**

- **2011 State Finalists for Science**
 - Lucy McKone
 - Enterprise Attendance Center
 - Lincoln County School District

 - Teresa Ware
 - Tupelo High School
 - Tupelo Public School District
- **2011 State Finalists for Mathematics**
 - Jenny Simmons
 - Saltillo High School
 - Lee County School District

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Lynn Speegle
Oxford Middle School
Oxford School District

Jennifer Wilson
Northwest Rankin High School
Rankin County School District

- **2010 National Awardee for Science**

Kristen Wheat
South Side Elementary School
Picayune School District

- **February 2012 MDE Employee of the Month**

Dale Allen
Combined Services at Mississippi School for the Blind/Deaf
Branch Director II

VIII. State Board of Education

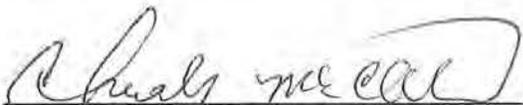
01. Dr. O. Wayne Gann reported that he recently attended a Speech-Language Taskforce Subcommittee meeting.

02. There were no requests for attendance at meetings.

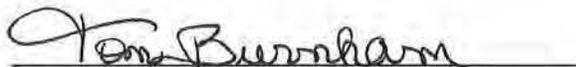
IX. There was no other business.

X. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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