

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Work Session

March 15, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: 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. Board member absent was: Ms. Kami Bumgarner.

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:

- Updated the Board on the 2012 Legislative Bill Summaries and thanked Mr. Paul Sumrall, Mr. Pete Smith, Mr. Todd Ivey, Mr. Mike Kent and Ms. Gracie Sanders for their work;
- Thanked Dr. Gloria Kellum, Ms. Jayne Buttross, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Dr. Ben Burnett, and all the Task Force Members who served and contributed to the tremendous efforts on the Licensure of Speech/Language Pathologists Committee;
- Noted that on Wednesday, March 13, 2012, the Department hosted a meeting with Deans and Directors of Mississippi Schools and Colleges of Education for a presentation on the Teacher Preparation Program Data Dashboard by Dr. Phillip Rogers and Mr. Scott Smith.

Dr. Burnham recognized Dr. Gloria Kellum who gave a report from the Committee on Licensure of Speech/Language Pathologists (copy on file).

Dr. Lynn House recognized Dr. Philip Rogers, Executive Director, and Mr. Scott Smith, Information Systems Manager with the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board, who gave a presentation on the Teacher Preparation Program Data Dashboard (copy on file).

Mr. Mike Kent gave an update on the Statewide Longitudinal Data System.

Mr. Claude Hartley reported on the Accountability Subcommittee meeting held on March 15, 2012 prior to the work session.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. Earl Watkins, Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District, gave a report on the Indianola School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Mr. Bob Strebeck, Conservator for the Sunflower County School District gave a report on the Sunflower County School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Mr. Charles Barron, Conservator for the Drew School District, gave a report on the Drew School District (copy attached).

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Lynn House discussed modifying the contract with Joseph Francis Murphy to develop the Principal Evaluation System in Mississippi. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House discussed modifying the contract with Evergreen Educational Consulting, LLC as the project evaluator for the State Personnel Development Grant, also known as REACH-MS, as required by the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Jean Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 8102—Career and Technical Education Ongoing Program Parameters. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Debbie Murphy discussed the revision/removal of the following State Board Policies. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

- A. Remove State Board Policy 2400 – Consolidated Applications (Federal Funds)
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- B. Revise State Board Policy 4200 – Homeless
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- C. Remove State Board Policy 4700 – Level 1 and 2 Districts Consolidated Applications
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- D. Revise State Board Policy 7801 – Complaint Procedures
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- E. Revise State Board Policy 7802 – Expenditure of Funds on Instruction
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

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

Mr. John Gilbert discussed modifying the contract with Coast Accountability Statistical Services (CASS), LLC to support transition of the accountability system. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed an Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES School – Gulfport. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed an Accredited Status for St. Charles Borromeo School. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert, Ms. Melissa Barnes, Ms. Sheryle Coaker, Business Manager for the Petal School District, and Ms. Sandy Halliwell, Business Manager for the Clinton School District, discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to establish State Board Policy 6901 – Licensure of School Business Administrator. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process 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)
- Renew competitive contract with C. F. Sauer to provide reduced fat portion control mayonnaise to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2012-2013 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed a temporary rule and final action to revise Appendix A and Standard 20 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, to provide the Career Pathway Option to be effective for seniors in school year 2011-2012 (Section 37-17-6 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended). Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss 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. John R. Kelly, 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 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).

Mr. Charles McClelland stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Lynn House, Mr. John Gilbert, Dr. Larry Drawdy, Mr. Mike Kent, Dr. Paula Vanderford, Mr. James Mason, Ms. Kathy Boteler, and Ms. Raina Lee.

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During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contractual issue and transacted business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussed with respect to 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) and discussed discrete personnel matters related to persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and transacted business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

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.

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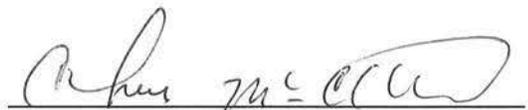
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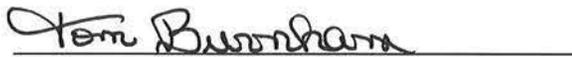
Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Charles McClelland announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 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

March 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: 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. Board member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner.

- 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 Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 16-17, 2012.
- IV. Mr. William H. Jones made a motion to amend the agenda to add items 02, 20, 21, 22, and 23 to the agenda. Item 02 is to accept the Report from the Committee on Licensure of Speech/Language Pathologists and items 20-23 are personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley and unanimously approved by the Board.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, 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:
 - Note that the Board had received a memo regarding nominations for the 2013 NASBE President-Elect and Area Directors. He also noted that the Area Director was the position that Ms. Rosetta Richard held previously; and
 - Stated that on May 17, 2012 a Board group photo would be taken of Board members prior to the Work Session.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, March 15, 2012.)
02. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to accept the Report from the Committee on Licensure of Speech/Language Pathologist (copy on file).
(Office of State Superintendent)

08. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Joseph Francis Murphy to develop the Principal Evaluation System in Mississippi (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
09. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify contract with Evergreen Educational Consulting, LLC as the project evaluator for the State Personnel Development Grant also known as REACH-MS, as required by the U.S. Department of Education (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
10. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy 8102—Career and Technical Education Ongoing Program Parameters (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
11. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the revision/removal of the following State Board Policies (copies attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
 - A. Approval to remove State Board Policy 2400 – Consolidated Applications (Federal funds). The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - B. Approval to revise State Board Policy 4200 – Homeless. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - C. Approval to remove State Board Policy 4700 – Level 1 and 2 Districts Consolidated Applications. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - D. Approval to revise State Board Policy 7801 – Complaint Procedures. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - E. Approval to revise State Board Policy 7802 – Expenditure of Funds on Instruction. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments.

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12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved to modify the grant awards for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
13. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Coast Accountability Statistical Services (CASS), LLC to support transition of the accountability system (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
15. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved an Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES School – Gulfport (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
16. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved an Accredited Status for St. Charles Borromeo School (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
17. 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 establish State Board Policy 6901 – Licensure of School Business Administrator (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
18. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, 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 renew competitive contract with C. F. Sauer to provide reduced fat portion control mayonnaise to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
 - C. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2012- 2013 Student Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)

19. On a motion Mr. Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the revision of Appendix A and Standard 20 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, to provide the Career Pathway Option to be effective for seniors in school year 2011-2012 as a temporary rule to become effective immediately based on a finding that the rule is required by statute and only confers a benefit and to approve the revision as a final rule (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
 20. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the of salary adjustment of Paul Sumrall to serve as Education-Associate Superintendent for the Office of Communication and Legislative Services at an annual salary of \$120,000.00 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
 21. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Pete Smith to serve as Education-Bureau Manager for the Office of Communication and Legislative Services at an annual salary of \$91,560.00 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
 22. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the salary adjustment of Cassandra Moore to serve as Education-Bureau Director II for the Office of Human Resources at an annual salary of \$91,560.00 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
 23. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the salary adjustment of Cindy Coon to serve as Education-Bureau Director II for the Office of Educator Licensure at an annual salary of \$91,560.00 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
- VII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:
- **Mississippi 2012 Title I Distinguished Schools Nominees**
Barr Elementary School, Jackson Public Schools
McLaurin Elementary School, Natchez-Adams School District
 - **March 2012 MDE Employee of the Month**
Shelly Jacobs
Mississippi School for the Deaf
Overnight Dorm Supervisor

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VIII. State Board of Education

01. Dr. Sue Matheson reported that recently she and Ms. Kami Bumgarner along with several Department staff members attended the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Common Core Planning meeting in Baltimore.

02. There were no requests for attendance at meetings.

IX. There was no other business to discuss.

X. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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