

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Work Session

May 17, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 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, 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:

- Updated the Board on the K-12 education bills from the 2012 legislative session;
- Provided the Board with a copy of the report to the legislature on the Mississippi Commission on School Payroll, Business and Procurement Efficiency;
- Discussed funding available for Board initiatives; and,
- Noted that he had completed four of the seven Regional Superintendent meetings across the state and invited the Board to attend the remaining meetings if possible.

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

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. Bill Welch gave a report on North Panola School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Welch gave a report on Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy, Mr. Todd Ivey, and Ms. Kathy Boteler discussed the Intercept Agreement for Hazlehurst City School District, currently under conservatorship. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract for the Interim Conservator for North Panola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. McClelland recognized and thanked Dr. Mike Vinson for his work with the Okolona Municipal Separate School District.

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Dr. Lynn House, Mr. Toby Frazier, and Ms. Serita Donaldson discussed the implementation of a Teacher Preparation Data Dashboard. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House gave a report on the proposed Mississippi Principal Evaluation System (copy on file).

Dr. House discussed the methodology to award discretionary grants to school districts to implement the *Excellence for All* program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Sonya Amis discussed the contract with the North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate and facilitate regional training sessions and procure related services for the Mississippi Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2013. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. James Mason discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policy 7605 – Graphing Calculators Required. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

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The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. John Gilbert and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to adopt the Learning Forward *Standards for Professional Learning* (formerly National Staff Development Council) as the state standards for professional development and revise Standard 21 – Professional Development of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

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Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Toby Frazier discussed the adoption of an agency-wide Information Technology Security Policy. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)

- B. Renew contracts for distribution of food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- C. Renew contracts for distribution of bread and produce products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- D. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Abstinence Plus Policy to remain in compliance with Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 37-13-171 (Daphne Buckley)
- E. Mississippi School for the Blind Abstinence Plus Policy to remain in compliance with Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 37-13-171 (Daphne Buckley)
- F. Mississippi School for the Deaf Abstinence Plus Policy to remain in compliance with Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 37-13-171 (Daphne Buckley)
- G. Mississippi School of the Arts Abstinence Plus Policy to remain in compliance with Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 37-13-171 (Daphne Buckley)
- H. 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, 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. O. Wayne Gann, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 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. O. Wayne Gann seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 8 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 a contractual issue, 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).

Mr. Charles McClelland stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Lynn House, Mr. John Gilbert, Dr. Larry Drawdy, 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 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).

On motion by Mr. William H. Jones and seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board approved by a majority vote that the individual named as Interim State Superintendent would not be eligible to apply for the permanent position of State Superintendent.

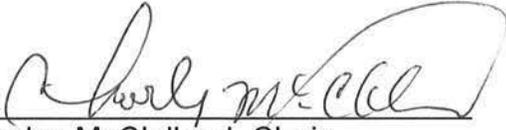
On motion by Mr. William H. Jones and seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Lynn House as the Interim State Superintendent at a salary of ninety percent of the salary for the current State Superintendent.

Dr. Sue Matheson moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. John Kelly and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

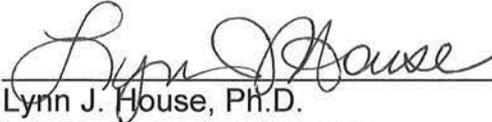
Upon returning to regular session Mr. Charles McClelland notified the public that the Board had voted to name Dr. Lynn House as the Interim State Superintendent. No other business was discussed.

Mr. Claude Hartley made a motion to adjourn and Dr. O. Wayne Gann seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Lynn J. House, Ph.D.
Interim Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 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.

- 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. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of April 19-20, 2012.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. There was no report from the Chair.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, May 17, 2012.)
05. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the Intercept Agreement for Hazlehurst City School District, currently under conservatorship as presented to the Board or with similar language (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
06. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the contract for the Interim Conservator for North Panola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
07. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the contract for the Conservator for Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).
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08. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the contract for the Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
09. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the contract for the Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District and Conservator for the Okolona School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
10. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the contract for the Conservator for the Sunflower County School District and Drew School District (copy attached).
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11. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the contract for the Conservator for the Aberdeen School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
12. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Dr. Earl Watkins to serve as Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
13. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the resolution to initiate the process to reconstitute Okolona Municipal Separate School District that is in conservatorship (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
14. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the resolution to initiate the process to merge Drew School District and Sunflower County School District into one countywide school district (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
15. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to initiate the process to merge Drew School District, Indianola School District, and Sunflower County School District into one countywide school district (Senate Bill 2330).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

16. On a motion by Dr. John R, Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the resolutions by the State Board of Education to officially abolish the Indianola School District, North Panola School District, and Tate County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
17. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Dr. Larry Drawdy to perform the administrative duties for the position of Interim Deputy Superintendent in the Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
18. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Michael D. Kent to perform the administrative duties for the Position of Interim Deputy Superintendent in the Office of State Superintendent (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
19. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. John R, Kelly, the Board unanimously approved to implement a Teacher Preparation Data Dashboard (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
21. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award discretionary grants to school districts to implement the *Excellence for All* program (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
22. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. John R, Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the contract with the North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate and facilitate regional training sessions and procure related services for the Mississippi Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2013 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
23. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policy 7605 – Graphing Calculators Required (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
24. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 3600 – Functional Literacy Exam (copy attached).
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(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
32. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to increase Praxis Tests Cut Scores as recommended by the Subcommittee of the Commission on Licensure to be effective September 1, 2012 with the exception that the cut score for the 0061 licensure be 128 effective September 1, 2012; 130

effective September 1, 2014; and 132 effective September 1, 2016 (copy attached).

(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)

33. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to adopt the Learning Forward *Standards for Professional Learning* (formerly National Staff Development Council) as the state standards for professional development and revise Standard 21 – Professional Development of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010* (copy attached).

(Office of Educational Accountability)

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(Office of Educational Accountability)

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41. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to establish State Board Policy 6901 – Licensure of School Business Administrator. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

42. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of an agency-wide Information Technology Security Policy (copy attached).
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 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

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- VII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:
 - **2012 Mississippi State Winner
National Missing Children's Day Poster**

David Park

Northshore Elementary School

- **2012 Presidential Scholars**
Andrew D. Mullen (unable to attend)
Oxford High School

Charlotte Wang

Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

- **Gates Millennium Scholarship**
Kenyon King
Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

- **2012 MDE Employee of the Month**
Shana Blakely
School Attendance Officer
Office of Dropout Prevention and Compulsory School Attendance

Mr. Charles McClelland thanked Dr. Sue Matheson for her service to the Mississippi Board of Education. Dr. Lynn House read a Resolution for Dr. Matheson signed by the members of the Board of Education and Dr. Tom Burnham, Executive Secretary (copy attached). Dr. Burnham thanked Dr. Matheson for her commitment and effectiveness as a Board member and presented her with a plaque.

VIII. State Board of Education

Mr. William H. Jones and Mr. Claude Hartley reported that they recently attended the National School Board Association (NSBA) Convention in Boston, MA.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Hal Gage to attend the National Association of School Boards of Education (NASBE) Financial Committee meeting in Washington, DC.

- IX. Mr. McClelland thanked Dr. Burnham for his work and stated that Dr. Burnham would be retiring at the end of June. Mr. McClelland also noted that in the Executive Session on Thursday, Dr. House was named the Interim State Superintendent.

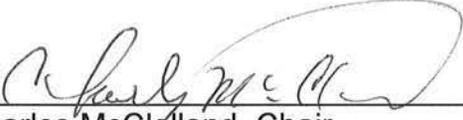
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On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson and seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Lynn J. House, Ph.D.
Interim Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education