

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 18, 2013

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013 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. Hal Gage, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, Mr. Richard Morrison, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

The work session was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

Dr. Lynn House welcomed Laura Hipp, representative from the Lt. Governor

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

- Thanked legislative representatives for their willingness to engage with MDE in dialogue around proposed legislation to allow the Department to move quickly toward implementation upon passage.
- Thanked the following MDE staff for their work during the legislature session: Ms. Gracie Sanders, Mr. Todd Ivey, Mr. Pete Smith, and Mr. Washington Cole.
- Thanked Dr. Kim Benton and her team for delving deeply into the literacy bill with our legislative leaders.
- Also, thanked Dr. Benton and Jean Massey for the work they have been doing to ensure that *Excellence for All* is successful. Noted that Marc Tucker's visit the previous week was a reminder why MDE is seeking innovations in high schools in our state. Congratulated the districts that are the leaders of innovative reform around our high school model.
- In addition to having Marc Tucker and the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) staff in Jackson, MDE also had the Department's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), for their spring meeting where they presented information on proposed changes to the accountability model as well as plans for transitioning to Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Dr. Lee Childress, Superintendent in Corinth, provided them with an update on the *Excellence for All* pilots.
- Recognized Dr. Daphne Buckley, Cecily McNair and the teacher center staff for their work on the Teacher of the Year process that culminated with the naming of Josh Lindsey of Hancock County as Mississippi's Teacher of the Year for 2013. The MDE will feature Mr. Lindsey at a recognition ceremony soon, along with the first alternate, Kathy Farmer from Scott County, and the other two finalists, Gwendolyn Milton from Indianola, and Tara Harris from Tupelo.
- Thanked everyone for the level of responsiveness during the legislative session and now the real work begins---implementation.

02. There were no reports from State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings.

03. Mr. Mike Kent, Dr. Paula Vanderford, Ms. JoAnne Malone, and Dr. Lee Childress discussed approving the proposed recommendation for the assignment of performance classifications for the 2012-2013 State Accountability System. The Board discussed at length the proposed recommendation for the assignment of performance classifications for the 2012-2013 State Accountability System and the comments submitted by the public. Based on this discussion, Mr. Kent informed the Board that a recommendation on this item would be presented to the Board later in the meeting for consideration by the Board.
04. Mr. Kent, Dr. Vanderford, Ms. Malone, and Dr. Childress discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the proposed recommendations of the Accountability Task Force, approved by Commission on School Accreditation on April 4, 2013, for the State Accountability System beginning school year 2013-2014. Mr. Kent recommended approval on Friday.

It was the consensus of the Board to address item Number 7 following Item Number 4.

07. Dr. Larry Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed the methodology to award discretionary grants to individual schools to pilot a school-wide classroom management process for teachers and administrators to support dropout prevention at the district/school level. Students from the Oxford Middle School presented to the Board their experiences regarding the program Capturing Kids' Hearts that was implemented in their school this year. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:11 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Mike Kent and Dr. Paula Vanderford presented the following proposal for Item No. 3: Two alternative methods be used for the calculation of the graduation component for the Statewide accountability system for schools/districts with a 12th grade for the school year 2012-2013. The first method would use the five-year graduation rate and high school completer index (HSCI) calculated consistently with school years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 with the exception that the graduation component be applied to all performance classifications A-F. The second method would use the four-year federal graduation rate converted into a point value then then added to the school district QDI for a new High School Value. The school/district would receive a performance classification based on the higher of the two methods. Mr. Kent recommended approval on Friday.

05. Dr. Lynn House discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the proposed Accountability and Assessment timeline for school year 2012-2013 through 2015-2016. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday with the suggestions based on the Board's discussion.

06. Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Bill Welch reported from the following conservator school districts: Indianola School District, Sunflower County School District, and Oktibbeha County School District. Dr. Laura Jones gave an update on the School Improvement Grant (SIG) grants in the conservator districts.
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35. Dr. House discussed the contract with Mr. Mike Kent to serve as Interim Deputy Superintendent in the Office of State Superintendent. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.
36. Mr. Kent discussed the contract with Ray and Associates, Inc. to provide consultative services relative to conducting a national employment search for the Mississippi State Superintendent of Education. Mr. Kent stated that the quote by Ray and Associates, Inc. was the lowest acceptable quote based on the company's extensive experience in nationwide searches for State Superintendent of Education. Mr. Kent recommended approval on Friday.
37. Dr. Gann gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items:

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)
- B. Discussion to adopt *the Common Core Essential Elements for English Language Arts and Common Core Essential Elements for Mathematics* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- C. Discussion to revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Construction: Carpentry Concentration, (2) Culinary Arts, and (3) Introduction to Agriscience (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- D. Discussion to establish Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Law & Public Safety, (2) Energy Technology, and (3) Transportation Logistics (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- E. Approval of joint agreement between the DeSoto County Board of Education, the Board of Alderman for the City of Olive Branch, and the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors for the operation and maintenance of the DeSoto County School District Career Technology Center East (Kim Benton)
- F. Discussion of revisions to State Board Policy 1706, Commission, Hearings and Appeals (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Daphne Buckley)
- G. Discussion of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2013-2014 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- H. Discussion of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2013-2014 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- I. Discussion of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2013-2014 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- J. Discussion to revise State Board Policy 1404 – Meetings (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Lynn House)
- K. 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, and investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law pursuant to Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4) (b) and (d). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to litigation involving the Department of Education and prospective litigation on contractual issues involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d). Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Dr. Kim Benton, and Mr. Mike Kent. Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. Daphne Buckley were asked to be available.

Ms. Kathy Boteler informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to litigation involving the Department of Education and prospective litigation on contractual issues involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d).

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to litigation involving the Department of Education and prospective litigation on contractual issues involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and discussed investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d).

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

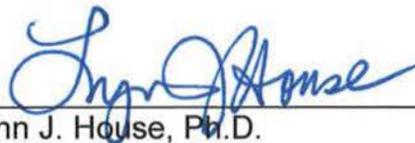
Upon returning to regular session, Dr. O. Wayne Gann announced to the public that no action was taken by the Board during the Executive Session. No other business was discussed.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Approved:



Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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

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April 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2013, 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. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Mr. Richard Morrison, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.
- II. Dr. John R. Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Richard Morrison gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Called meeting of March 26, 2013.

Dr. Gann noted that back-up material had been revised from the discussion on April 18, 2013 for Item Number 3 and Item Number 4.

- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Report of the Chair
 - Stated that the legislation session has ended and MDE staff and Board members contributed to legislative process.
 - Thanked Dr. Weathersby's for hosting the Governor's signing of the education bills at Northwest Rankin School on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, April 18, 2013.)
03. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following changes related to the graduation component in the assignment of performance classifications for the 2012-2013 State Accountability System based on public comments received (copy attached):

- 1) Two alternative methods will be used for the calculation of the graduation component of the statewide accountability system for schools/districts with a 12th grade for school year 2012-2013;
- 2) The first method will use the five-year graduation rate and HSCI calculated consistently with school years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011 with the exception that the graduation component be applied to all performance classifications A-F as indicated in revised Paragraph 3 of the back-up material for this item dated April 18, 2013;
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(Office of Educational Accountability)

04. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the proposed recommendations of the Accountability Task Force approved by Commission on School Accreditation on April 4, 2013, for the State Accountability System beginning school year 2013-2014 (copy attached).
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VII. Recognition Ceremony

JROTC

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement

Rankin County School District

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Alex McGee – Brandon High School

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Martha M. (Maty) Katterjohn – McLaurin High School

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Robert F. Provine – Northwest Rankin High School

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Brittney Gordon – Pelahatchie High School

Cadet Colonel Brian L. Harrison – Richland High School

Starkville School District

Charlie Hornburger – Armstrong Middle School

Ashley Kinard – Armstrong Middle School

2013 April Employee of the Month

Demetrice Watts

Educator Licensure

Education Specialist Senior

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Dr. John R. Kelly reported that he attended a NASBE Legislative Policy Forum in Washington, DC on March 14-15, 2013.

02. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved for Mr. Hal Gage to attend the NASBE financial meeting on May 2-3, 2013 in Washington, DC.

IX. There was no other business.

Dr. Gann announced that the May Board meeting is scheduled for May 16-17, 2013.

X. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Approved:



Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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