

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 20, 2013

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 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, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board member absent was: 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 Dr. Laurie Smith, Education Policy Advisor for the Governor. Dr. House welcomed all other guests in the audience.

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

- Updated the Board on the Subject Area Testing Program (SATP) emergency testing being held at the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU), Mississippi State University (MSU) beginning in May and ending July 31, 2013. As of this date, 303 students have graduated from 1,105 students that took the test.
- Thanked the staff at the RCU, leadership at MSU, and MDE staff that made sure this process was successful.
- Reported that she was asked to be on a press conference call with Secretary Arne Duncan to respond to remarks along with CCSSO President and Massachusetts Commissioner for Education Mitchell Chester who also chairs the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Stated that Governor Phil Bryant was out of the country and could not be a part of the call but is in agreement with the federal flexibility.
- Reported that two weeks ago the U.S. Department of Education monitored the Federal Programs and asked MS to pilot a monitoring process. The United States Department of Education reported they saw great collaboration across MDE and that the principal evaluation is one of the best they have seen. Thanked Dr. Kim Benton, Ms. Debbie Murphy, and Mr. Mike Kent.
- Reported the Department is moving forward with the literacy work. The first meeting with the reading panel was held with Dr. Kim Benton chairing the panel. There are five individuals with expertise in reading on the panel.

Dr. John R. Kelly reported from the Educational Accountability subcommittee that these items were discussed: review of Education Enhancement Fund (EEF) program cards used by local school districts, and the hiring of a new director for Educational Accountability.

Mr. William H. Jones reported from the Legislative subcommittee that the legislative priorities will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Bill Welch reported from the following conservator school districts: Tate County School District and Aberdeen School District (copy attached).

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Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed a grant to Mississippi University for Women to operate the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) for the 2013-2014 school year (copy attached). Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday. Dr. Buckley recognized Dr. Germain McConnell, the new Executive Director for MSMS.

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Mr. Kent discussed to contract with Coast Accountability Statistical Services, LLC to work with and assist in developing training, documentation, and business rule support for the Accountability System; also work with Office of Management Information Systems, Office of Accreditation (and Accountability), and the Office of Reporting to perform calculations, assist with investigations for appeals and meet reporting requirements (copy attached). Mr. Kent recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Kent and Dr. Vanderford reported on the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System for 2013-2014.

Mr. Kent and Dr. Vanderford discussed awarding a grant to Mississippi School Boards Association to conduct basic and continuing education for local school boards, and conduct training for school board members and school superintendents in failing school districts, as required by *Section 37-3-4 of the MS Code Annotated of 1972* (copy attached). Mr. Kent recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Kent discussed the contract renewal with the Office of the Attorney General to provide the full-time equivalent of five full-time attorneys to perform legal services and one full-time administrative assistant to perform support services for legal staff for the State Board of Education for FY 2014 (subject to Attorney General's approval) (copy attached). Mr. Kent recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Todd Ivey discussed reports which contain student, fiscal and personnel data subject to State Board of Education policy on withholding Mississippi Adequate Education Program Funds for the 2013-2014 School Year (State Board Policy - 4904) (copy attached). Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House discussed establishing State Board Policy 5151 – Consolidation of School Districts. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process one public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached). Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the consideration of an appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the April 24, 2013, Licensure decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development concerning License No. 241814. Dr. Buckley stated that the Board had been forwarded the official transcript and exhibits to the appeal that included the Commission's decision, notices of Appeal and Response by the Office of Educator Licensure. Dr. Buckley stated that in a letter dated June 6, 2013 the educator's attorney advised the Department that his client did not intend to appear. Dr. Buckley also stated that since the order issued by the Board in this case will be an appealable order, the Board will go

into Executive Session for a strategy session with respect to the issuance of the order regarding this appeal.

Dr. Buckley noted that the discussion of consideration of an appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the May 22, 2013, Licensure decision regarding License No. 157367 rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development had been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. with the educator's attorney and will be discussed after the lunch break.

Dr. Gann gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items:

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)
- B. Discussion of Career and Technical Education grants for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, House Bill 1648 (Kim Benton)
- C. Discussion to revise the *Mississippi Physical Education Framework* for K-12 (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- D. Discussion to renew contracts with Luvell Dairy for distribution of milk and ice cream products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Kim Benton)
- E. Discussion to award competitive contracts to various full-line food distributors to supply and deliver food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Kim Benton)
- F. Discussion to renew contracts with vendors for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics, Grades K-12, Business and Technology Education, Grades K-12, and Driver's Education, Grades 9-12 (Kim Benton)
- G. Discussion to enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to administer the Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2013-14 school year (Daphne Buckley)
- H. Discussion to enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to administer the Alternate Route Administrator Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality

School Leadership (MAPQSL) for the 2013-2014 school year
(Daphne Buckley)

- I. Discussion of school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program
(Daphne Buckley)
- J. Discussion of the 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)
- K. Discussion of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 Crisis Response Plans (Daphne Buckley)
- L. Discussion of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 School Wellness Policy (Daphne Buckley)
- M. Discussion of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- N. Discussion of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar (Daphne Buckley)
- O. Discussion of grant awards for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, House Bill 1648, 2013 Legislative Session (subject to the availability of funds) (Lynn House)
- P. Discussion of Security Service Agreement with the Department of Finance and Administration, Capitol Police, for the provision of security services at the Mississippi Department of Education, Central High School Building (Lynn House)
- Q. Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Executive Session 1 –

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, issuance of appealable orders, 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 that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective

litigation involving the Department of Education and issuance of appealable orders in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion with respect to investigative proceedings of school districts regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d), and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education, and discussion of the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k). Ms. Martha Murphy seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Dr. Kim Benton, Mr. Mike Kent, and Ms. Heather Deaton.

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

Based on substantial progress made and the recommendation of the Department staff, Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board grant the request of JPS to allow an extension to come in full compliance with IDEA contingent upon the execution of an Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement submitted to the Department of Education on or before Friday, June 28, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. that provides at a minimum the eight items in the attached document entitled "Response to the Request for an Extension of Probation by JPS" (copy attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hal Gage and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

On motion by Mr. William H. Jones and seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison voted 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened as an open meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Executive Session 2

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, issuance of

appealable orders, 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 Ms. Martha Murphy, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

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Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board deny the request of Educator License No. 241814 for a continuance who chose not to appear to make oral argument before the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hal Gage and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Hal Gage moved that the Board affirm the decision to suspend License No. 241814 based on the evidence the Commission's Hearing Committee considered. The motion was seconded by Mr. William H. Jones and the vote passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Charles McClelland moved that the Board contract with Dr. Oren Therrell Myers to serve as Interim Director of Special Education at a salary of \$89,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison and the vote passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board appoint Dr. Sandra Edwards as the Interim Director of the School for the Blind at a salary of \$98,677.60. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland and the vote passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Hal Gage moved that the Board appoint Sydney Ahearn as a Harvard Data Fellow with the Office of Accountability at a salary of \$85,000.00. The motion was seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board appoint Greg Smith as an Education Bureau Director with the Office of Management Information Systems at a salary of \$72,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hal Gage and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

On motion by Mr. Hal Gage and seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly voted 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session at 1:15 p.m.

Dr. Buckley discussed the consideration of an appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the May 22, 2013 Licensure decision to suspend License No. 157367 rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley stated that each Board member was forwarded copies of the official transcript and exhibits to this appeal that included the Commission's decision, Notice of Appeal and Response by the Office of Educator Licensure. Ms. Ashley C. Wright and Mr. Dale Danks appeared as attorneys for the educator and the Board heard the oral argument of Ms. Wright on behalf of the educator.

Executive Session 3

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to the issuance of an appealable order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. John R. Kelly left the meeting.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Mr. Hal Gage seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Ms. Raina Lee, and Mr. Joel Jones.

Dr. John R. Kelly returned to the meeting.

Ms. Kathy Boteler informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive

Session for the purpose of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

Mr. Richard Morrison left the meeting.

Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board affirm the decision to suspend license No. 157367 based on the evidence the Commission's Hearing Committee considered and based on the following findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Commission:

The evidence is clear and convincing and undisputed that the Respondent violated Section 37-3-2 (12)(f) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, in that the Respondent knowingly and willfully committed acts affecting the validity of mandatory uniform tests in violation of Section 37-16-4 (1)(f) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, in that the Respondent knowingly and willfully failed to report acts prohibited in Section 37-3-2. Specifically, during a conversation with C. J. in December 2011, Educator Licensure No. 157367 was made aware of a potential test cheating strategy and failed to investigate or report it to the District Test Coordinator or to the District Superintendent.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland and the vote passed on a vote of 6 to 0.

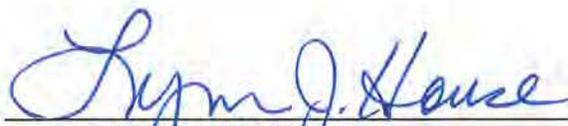
On motion by Mr. Charles McClelland and seconded by Mr. Hal Gage voted 6 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Approved:



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



Lynn J. House, Ph.D.
Interim Executive Secretary
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- 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. Mr. William H. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Charles McClelland gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 16-17, 2013 Board meeting and the Special-Called meeting of May 31, 2013.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Report of the Chair
 - Noted the dates of Board meeting for 2013-14 in the front pocket of the Board's notebooks would be presented for approval later in the meeting (copy attached).
 - Reminded Board members of the MASS Conference in Biloxi, MS on July 7-12, 2013.
 - Reported that the Board voted on the following items in Executive Session on June 20, 2013:
 - 1) Based on substantial progress made, the Board extended the probation of Jackson Public School District until February 28, 2014 contingent upon JPS signing an Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement.
 - 2) Approved the appointment of an Interim Director of the Office of Special Education.
 - 3) Approved the appointment of an Interim Director of the Mississippi School for the Blind.
 - 4) Approved the appointment of a Harvard Data Fellow.
 - 5) Approved the appointment of a Senior Programmer Systems Analyst.

- 6) Affirmed the decision of the Licensure Commission to suspend License No. 241814.
 - 7) Affirmed the decision of the Licensure Commission to suspend License No. 157367 based on one of the findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
 - Noted that back-up material for Consent Agenda Item 41 (A) (Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits) was amended to include an individual based on the action taken by the Board in Executive Session.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, June 20, 2013.)
04. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award Mississippi Community Oriented Policing (MCOPs) grant dollars under Mississippi Senate Bill 2659 to local and county law enforcement agencies or local education agencies with School Resource Officers (SRO) certified in accordance with Section 37-7-321 Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
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17. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for 2014 Engineering Enhancement for 21st Century (copy attached).
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19. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to modify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Mississippi Community College Board (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
20. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of John A. Lewis, Jr., an Education Bureau Director II, with the Office of Career and Technical Education at an annual salary of \$73,460.28.
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
21. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to modify grant awards to two pilot school districts implementing the *Excellence for All* program for the purpose of providing ACT and Cambridge professional development for five pilot school districts (copy attached).
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25. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the grant to Mississippi University for Women to operate the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science for the 2013-2014 school year (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
26. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Brookhaven School District Interlocal Agreement to provide instructional services for the Mississippi School of the Arts during the 2013-2014 school year (copy attached).
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27. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: Approval of revisions to State Board Policy 1706, Commission, Hearings and Appeals (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
28. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: Approval of revisions to State Board Policy 1710, Reporting Infractions (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
29. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify grant awards for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
30. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program (subject to the availability of funds) (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
31. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Corrective Action Plan for the Yazoo City School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

32. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Corrective Action Plan for the Leflore County School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

33. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved on the following vote to contract with Coast Accountability Statistical Services, LLC to work with and assist in developing training, documentation, and business rule support for the Accountability System; also work with Office of Management Information Systems, Office of Accreditation (and Accountability), and the Office of Reporting to perform calculations, assist with investigations for appeals and meet reporting requirements (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner
 Mr. Hal Gage
 Dr. John R. Kelly
 Mr. Charles McClelland
 Mr. Richard Morrison
 Ms. Martha Murphy

Member voting nay: Mr. William H. Jones

Member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

35. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award a grant to Mississippi School Boards Association to conduct basic and continuing education for local school boards, and conduct training for school board members and school superintendents in failing school districts, as required by *Section 37-3-4 of the MS Code Annotated of 1972* (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

36. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with the Office of the Attorney General to provide the full-time equivalent of five full-time attorneys to perform legal services and one full-time administrative assistant to perform support services for legal staff for the State Board of Education for FY 2014 (subject to Attorney General's approval) (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

37. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the reports which contain student, fiscal and personnel data subject to State Board of Education policy on withholding

Mississippi Adequate Education Program Funds for the 2013-2014 School Year
(State Board Policy - 4904) (copy attached).

(Office of School Financial Services)

38. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to establish State Board Policy 5151 – Consolidation of School Districts. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
39. Action was taken on this item by the Board on June 20, 2013 and recorded in the Minutes for that date.
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
40. Action was taken on this item by the Board on June 20, 2013 and recorded in the Minutes for that date.
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
41. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
 - B. Approval of Career and Technical Education grants for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, House Bill 1648
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
 - C. Approval to revise the *Mississippi Physical Education Framework* for K-12 (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
 - D. Approval to renew contracts with Luvell Dairy for distribution of milk and ice cream products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
 - E. Approval to award competitive contracts to various full-line food distributors to supply and deliver food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

- F. Approval to renew contracts with vendors for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics, Grades K-12, Business and Technology Education, Grades K-12, and Driver's Education, Grades 9-12
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
- G. Approval to enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to administer the Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2013-14 school year
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- H. Approval to enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to administer the Alternate Route Administrator Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality School Leadership (MAPQSL) for the 2013-2014 school year
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- I. Approval of school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- J. Approval of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Abstinence Plus Policy to remain in compliance with Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 37-13-171
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- K. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 Crisis Response Plans
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- L. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 School Wellness Policy
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- M. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 Staff Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- N. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2013-2014 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

- O. Approval of grant awards for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, House Bill 1648, 2013 Legislative Session (subject to the availability of funds)
(Office of State Superintendent)
- P. Approval of Security Service Agreement with the Department of Finance and Administration, Capitol Police, for the provision of security services at the Mississippi Department of Education, Central High School Building
(Office of State Superintendent)

VII. Recognition Ceremony

Mississippi public school student who scored a perfect 36 on the ACT

- **Madison Central High School**
Hamza Patel, 11th grade student

2013 Mississippi Teacher of the Year
Joshua Lindsey, Hancock High School

2012 Mississippi Teacher of the Year
Stacey Todd, Oak Grove High School

2012 Milken Educator Award
Sabrina Morgan, Pearl Lower Elementary School

Administrator of the Year finalists:

- **Congressional District 1**
Cory Uselton, Principal
DeSoto Central High School
- **Congressional District 2**
Chad Shealy, Principal
Gary Road Intermediate School
- **Congressional District 3**
LaVonda Germany, Principal
Poplar Springs Elementary School
- **Congressional District 4**
Dane Aube, Principal
Hancock Middle School

The Administrator of the Year was announced following the presentation of the finalists. Mr. Chad Shealy, Principal, of Gary Road Intermediate School in the Hinds County School District (Congressional District 2) was named as the Administrator of the Year.

2013 June Employee of the Month

Kelsey Blumenberg
Office of Federal Programs
Education Specialist Senior

VIII. State Board of Education

01. There were no reports of meetings attended.
02. Dr. John R. Kelly requested to attend the NASBE 2nd Governmental Affairs in Washington, DC in July.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. John R. Kelly to attend the NASBE meeting in Washington, DC in July.

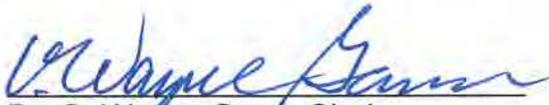
03. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Board meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2014.

IX. Mr. William H. Jones read a Resolution approved by all Board members recognizing the service of Ms. Martha Murphy as a Board member for the State Board of Education (copy attached).

Dr. Gann announced that the July Board meeting is scheduled for July 18-19, 2013.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Approved:



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



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