

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 31, 2013

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a special-called meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013 via teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code and Board policy for the purpose of discussing matters related to the search of a State Superintendent of Education. The location of the meeting was Suite 311 of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner (Madison, Mississippi), Mr. Hal Gage (Suite 311, Central High School Building, Jackson, MS), Mr. William H. Jones (Gulf Shores, Alabama), Dr. John R. Kelly (Gulfport, Mississippi), Mr. Charles McClelland (Kosciusko, Mississippi), Mr. Richard Morrison (Suite 311, Central High School Building, Jackson, MS), and Mr. Simon Weir (Southaven, MS). Board members not present were: Dr. O. Wayne Gann and Ms. Martha Murphy.

The work session of the special-called meeting was called to order by Mr. Hal Gage, Vice Chair. Mr. Gage noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.

Mr. Mike Kent turned the meeting over to Ray and Associates, Inc. to discuss the Candidate Profile and the Promotional Flyer. Dr. William Newman, Vice President of Ray and Associates, Inc. and Dr. Ken James, Regional Associate of Ray and Associates, Inc. discussed the Candidate Profile which had 11 characteristics that were determined from the surveys with the Board members, stakeholder groups, Lt. Governor Tate Reeves, and Governor Phil Bryant. The Promotional Flyer was discussed and one change was made to the flyer.

Mr. William H. Jones left the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and thanked Ray and Associates, Inc. for the work they had done so far in the search for a State Superintendent of Education.

### **Immediately following the work session**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hal Gage, Vice Chair.
- II. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board voted to add an item to the agenda.
  03. Contract with a firm to perform a psychological profile with finalists included in the timeline established.

Members voting aye:  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Mr. Richard Morrison

Member voting nay: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Members absent: Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Ms. Martha Murphy

- III. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Members absent: Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Ms. Martha Murphy

IV. Approval of Action Items

01. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, the Board approved the Candidate Profile (copy attached).  
**(Office of the Educational Accountability)**

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Members absent: Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Ms. Martha Murphy

02. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Promotional Flyer as amended (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Mr. Richard Morrison  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Members absent: Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Ms. Martha Murphy

03. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, the Board unanimously approved to contract with a firm to perform a psychological profile with finalists included in the timeline established (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison  
Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

Members absent: Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Ms. Martha Murphy

Mr. Hal Gage thanked Ray and Associates, Inc. for their work and the Board took a five minute break so the Board members could call back for consideration of an Executive Session. Board members present for the Executive Session were: Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Mr. Richard Morrison, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. William H. Jones, and Ms. Martha Murphy.

Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Richard Morrison moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss prospective litigation in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Richard Morrison then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Hal Gage stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Ms. Kathy Boteler, Mr. Mike Kent, and Mr. Quentin Ransburg.

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 involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

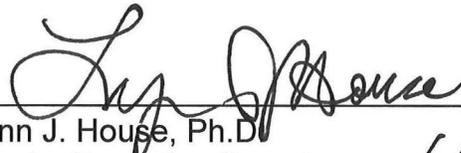
On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board approved on a vote of 5 to 0 that the cost for publications for the search for a State Superintendent of Education will be in the amount of \$4,500.00. Mr. Richard Morrison moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

V. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Approved:



Hal Gage, Vice Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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

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