

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**February 20-21, 2014**

**OFFICE OF CONSERVATORSHIP**

05.B. Report from Oktibbeha County School District

Dr. Margie Pulley, Conservator, Oktibbeha County School District will present an update on Oktibbeha County School District.

No Action: Discussion Only

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Department of Education  
Conservator Monthly Report**

School District: Oktibbeha County School District

For Month Ending: January, 2014

Accreditation Update

Please list the accreditation issues that the district is working on or the standards that have been cleared.

Preliminary clearance has been given for all Standards. We are waiting on final word from MDE. In the meantime, we continue to work to ensure that Oktibbeha County is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards.

Instruction

Identify effective examples of how Federal funds have been used to significantly improve student performance.

- Federal Funds are being used to provide remediation for students and for consultants to work with teachers in using research-based instructional practices.
- Extended school remediation for students has begun. Students are in attendance from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This program is funded with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant.

Student Performance Data

Report on student data and progress made from one formative assessment measure to the next:

- At each school, students in the bottom quartile have been identified. Instruction, remediation, and tutoring sessions are being provided for these students. Principals and teachers are monitoring their academic progress on a daily basis.
- 4 ½ week assessments will be administered February 10-14, 2014.
- We continue to monitor student growth, proficiency of students and the progress of the bottom 25% of our students.

Professional Development

Describe ongoing activities for growth of staff.

- Consultants are being used to work with teachers in the core areas, classroom management, and assessments/evaluations.
- Oktibbeha County is partnering with Starkville School District with some professional development activities.
- Special Education Teachers are receiving technical assistance from MDE.
- Mississippi State University continues to work with teachers at East High School and East Elementary School.

### Building/Facilities and Life Safety Issues

Describe efforts to correct any areas of deficiency and/or any new plans.

The cold weather caused many problems with heating in all buildings. We were able to move students to warm places. We also had to hire people to work on the heat.

There have also been many transportation issues with buses. We worked very closely with Mr. Leonard Swilley from MDE and were able to purchase (3) buses for the Oktibbeha County School District. These buses cost \$148,395.00

### Other Concerns or Issues

Update on specific issues found to be problems in the district: (Fixed Assets, Business Office, Personnel, Audit Findings, etc.)

#### **\*Goals For Oktibbeha County: 2013-2014**

1. Clear all Process Standards
2. Continue to Improve Student Achievement
3. Transition to Common Core State Standards
4. Reduce the Drop-out Rate/Increase the Graduation Rate
5. Transition to Consolidation

We have met with the Starkville School District to begin transitioning and planning for consolidation. We had a very good meeting and the focus was on providing the best educational opportunities for all students in Starkville and Oktibbeha County.



Maggie Hill

# Hill helps students exceed expectations

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High expectations produce great results.

That's been Maggie Hill's strategy since she first walked in the front door at East Okibbeha County High School, and so far she said it seems to be working.

A third-year teacher, Hill joined the EOCHS staff as a math teacher for grades 7-8 in July after one-year stints at Hebron Christian in Clay County and East Webster County School District. In just her first year at East High, Hill's students have already shown a propensity to perform, as nearly 80 percent of her eighth-graders scored proficient or advanced on the pre-algebra pre-test in advanced of the state exam they'll take this spring.

"You expect more from your kids, and they'll eventually meet those expectations," Hill said.

"If you build a relationship with them, they'll want to do better. You have to show them that you care, and show them that (teaching) isn't just a job for us. ... My greatest success, I think, has been getting the kids to open up more. They were very reserved at the beginning of the year, but they've kind of warmed up to me now."

EOCHS Principal Sharon Bonner-Rogers said Hill had established her expectations from the get-go and used them as part of her process for building a good rapport with her students. Bonner-Rogers said Hill is proactive in her class, standing at the door and interacting with students as they enter her classroom.

She added that Hill is also a "strong math teacher" who engages her students and finds creative ways to teach them. Further, Bonner-Rogers said Hill commands respect from her students.

"You have to be a good classroom manager in order to educate kids," Bonner-Rogers said. "You can't learn if you have chaos. Her students know her expectations, and they strive to live up to them. I think she's an asset to East High. The kids seem to relate well to her, and she seems to relate well to the kids."

Eight-grader and EOCHS Math All-Star Alex Deloach said the subject had always been one of his strongest. Being in Hill's class, he said, had made him even better.

"I love her class because she makes sure everyone gets it (the concept of what she is teaching) before she goes any further," Deloach said. "She's entertaining, too. She'll joke around with us some, but then she'll get right back to work."

Hill started her college career

cher Maggie Hill has led her movement in just her first year

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2	DISTRICT NAME:	Okibbeha County School District											
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4	CASH FLOW REPORT - DISTRICT MAINTENANCE FUND	Jan-14											
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6	Note: MUST reconcile bank statements monthly												
7	Instructions: Please project for the entire fiscal year your cash flow in your District Maintenance Fund. On the 25th of each month submit to MDE a revised report updating the prior month with actual numbers. (For example by November 25th you should submit a report that shows the actual cash for October.)												
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9	Cash	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
10	1120 - cash on hand	298,097.00	244,329.77	121,099.04	113,740.07	198,802.27	61,080.57	95,094.55	465,816.99	891,207.99	1,316,822.35	1,405,842.21	1,269,392.21
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12	ACTUAL Revenue												
13	MAEP	258,291.00	289,539.00	289,539.00	289,539.00	296,739.00	289,000.00	289,539.00	289,000.00	289,000.00	289,000.00	289,000.00	289,000.00
14	ARRA Stabilization Funds												
15	Ad Valorem Reduct.												
16	Ad Val Collections	95,000.00	84,551.44	254,860.24	56,292.00	60,600.94	293,535.30	669,621.70	711,841.00	712,064.36	355,469.86	100,000.00	100,000.00
17	State Voc. Ed.		4,682.00	4,682.00	4,682.00	4,682.00	330.43	4,682.00	4,682.00	4,682.00	4,682.00	4,682.00	4,682.00
18	16th Section Interest												
19	Chickasaw Cession												
20	Master Teacher	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00	4,267.00
21	Mentor Teacher												
22	Indirect Cost Transfer In												
23	Other Transfers In				300,000.00			148,395.00					45,000.00
24	Homestead Exemption				64,675.00					0.00			
25	Heavy Truck		2,710.00	1,366.45	2,710.00	2,885.23	2,563.21	3,378.06	2,710.00	2,710.00	2,710.00	2,710.00	2,710.00
26	Other:		3118.83	10,931.70			76,800.30	14,750.73					
27	Wild Life			37,000.00									
28	Total Ant. Rev	357,558.00	388,868.27	602,646.39	722,165.00	369,174.17	666,496.24	1,134,633.49	1,012,500.00	1,012,723.36	656,128.86	400,659.00	445,659.00
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31	ACTUAL Expenses												
32	1120 - Payroll	97,190.74	325,000.00	350,000.00	429,103.64	318,091.40	433,699.70	425,996.26	350,000.00	350,000.00	350,000.00	350,000.00	700,000.00
33	1120 - Accts. Payable	314,134.49	125,000.00	197,896.36	145,890.16	126,695.47	136,679.56	275,805.79	175,000.00	175,000.00	155,000.00	125,000.00	192,668.48
34	1120 - Transfers Out:		52,099.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00	62,109.00
35	Other:												
36	Other:												
37	Other:												
38	Other:												
39	Other:												
40	Other:												
41	Total Antipated Exp.	411,325.23	512,099.00	610,005.36	637,102.80	506,895.87	632,482.26	763,911.05	587,109.00	587,109.00	567,109.00	537,109.00	954,777.48
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44	Ending Balance	244,329.77	121,099.04	113,740.07	198,802.27	61,080.57	95,094.55	465,816.99	891,207.99	1,316,822.35	1,405,842.21	1,269,392.21	760,273.73
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46	E-mail report to dhjimmors@mde.k12.ms.us by the 10th of each month to go along with the Conservator Monthly Report.												