

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 14, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016, in the DuKate Building, 1445 Father Ryan Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent was: Dr. Jason S. Dean . Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Dr. Kelly noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016 and the minutes of June 17, 2016.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

2016 Exemplary Inclusion Program

Ocean Springs School District
Dr. Bonita Coleman, Superintendent

Pascagoula-Gautier School District
Mr. Wayne Rodolfich, Superintendent

National ACT College and Career Readiness

Gulfport High School
Ingalls Shipbuilding

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
 - Dr. Wright stated that she attended the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Annual Meeting and Board Conference. Dr. Wright stated that SREB prepared a document entitled *Mississippi Gauging Progress, Accelerating Pace: 2016 State Progress Report on the Challenge to Lead 2020 Goals for Education* to show how the SREB states compare.

- Dr. Wright stated she attended the National Forum on Education Policy through the Education Commission of the States (ECS). Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi was awarded the 2016 Frank Newman Award for State Innovation in Education.
- Dr. Wright stated that she attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Summer Leadership Conference along with Dr. Kim Benton and Dr. Nathan Oakley. Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi is on everyone's radar about what we are doing in the state and the success we are having.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Summer Enrichment Camp. The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) holds two enrichment camps each summer for 7th and 8th graders and one for 9th and 10th graders to expose them to what the school has to offer. The goal of the camp is to inspire the interest of academically talented middle school students in STEM fields. The video that was shown was produced by the campers.
- Dr. Wright presented an update on the Mississippi Board of Education 5-Year Strategic Plan 2016-2020. Dr. Wright stated the changes that have been made and asked the Board for any feedback. Dr. Wright stated the Plan will come to the Board in August for discussion and approval.

VII. Dr. John R. Kelly as the Chair of the State Board did not give a report.

VIII. There were no subcommittee reports.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Kim Benton and Mr. Mike Kent reported on the Superintendents Academy and recognition of the FY16 Superintendents Academy members Cohort II [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
02. Dr. J. P. Beaudoin presented the 2014-2015 statewide accountability results [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the accountability results. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.

The Board thanked Dr. Beaudoin for his work and support.

03. Mr. Todd Ivey and Ms. Donna Nester discussed the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.

04. Mr. Ivey and Ms. Nester discussed the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.
05. Mr. Ivey and Ms. Gracie Sanders discussed the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the budget request. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. Ms. Kami Bumgarner left at lunch and did not return to the meeting.

06. Dr. Benton and Ms. Jean Massey presented an update on the Career Readiness – New Skills for Youth Grant Initiative [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan].
07. Dr. Beaudoin discussed revising the *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to remove the foreign applicants section [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.
08. Dr. Beaudoin and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed revising Part 4: *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to include a special, non-renewable educator license [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.
09. Dr. Beaudoin discussed establishing Part 3, Chapter 14, Rule 14.19: Educator and Principal Evaluation System [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.
10. Dr. Beaudoin discussed establishing English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) score requirements for English Learners (EL) to exit EL status [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.

11. Dr. John Q. Porter reported on the Office of Technology and Strategic Services Organizational Updates [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

Dr. Karen J. Elam left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

12. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items.
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
 - B. Award competitive grants for 2017 Engineering Enhancement for 21st Century Grant (Kim Benton)
 - C. Renew grants to school districts to support Kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy instruction and intensive intervention (Kim Benton)
 - D. Renew the contract with American College Testing (ACT), for Fiscal Year 2017 for the statewide administration of the ACT to all high school juniors (J.P. Beaudoin)
 - E. Award discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance concerning statewide assessments and educator effectiveness (J.P. Beaudoin)
 - F. Modify contract with Amplify Education, Inc. for conducting the Data Coaching Pilot Program (Kim Benton)

X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the 2014-2015 statewide accountability results [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)
03. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

04. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan].
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

05. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

07. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved revising the *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to remove the foreign applicants section [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

08. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved revising Part 4: *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to include a special, non-renewable educator license [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached).
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(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

10. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved establishing English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) score requirements for English Learners (EL) to exit EL status [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board approved proficiency levels be met before students exit EL status: Overall 4-5 and

Reading 4-5 and Writing 4-5, and at least Level 3 or higher on the ELA on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) (copy attached).

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

12. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A, B, C, D, E, and F (copy attached).

A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

B. Award competitive grants for 2017 Engineering Enhancement for 21st Century Grant

(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

C. Renew grants to school districts to support Kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy instruction and intensive intervention

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D. Renew the contract with American College Testing (ACT), for Fiscal Year 2017 for the statewide administration of the ACT to all high school juniors

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E. Award discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance concerning statewide assessments and educator effectiveness

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

F. Modify contract with Amplify Education, Inc. for conducting the Data Coaching Pilot Program

(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Charles McClelland seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Dr. Kelly asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms.

Raina Lee, and Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Mr. William H. Jones, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education, investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and to protect the confidential nature of students' personally identifiable information and/or education records in accordance with federal law and Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (d) and (k). Mr. Johnny Franklin seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Raina Lee informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education, investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and a confidential student matter involving one of the state schools in accordance with federal law and Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (d) and (k).

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board voted 5 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Dr. Kelly reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

01. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Tenette Smith as Education Bureau Director II to serve as Director of Elementary Education and Reading at a salary of \$87,000.00.

Dr. Kelly reminded the Board of the Special-Called Teleconference Board meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There was no report on meetings attended.
2. There was no request to attend a meeting.

3. Mr. Johnny Franklin moved to nominate Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman to serve as Board Chair and Dr. Jason S. Dean to serve as Board Vice-Chair from July 2016 to July 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. William H. Jones and approved on the following roll call vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Buddy Bailey

Member voting nay: None

Members absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam

Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Kelly for his work as Board Chair for the past two years.

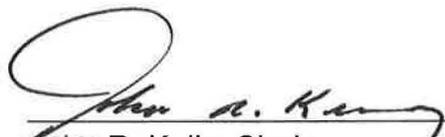
XIII. Other Business

Dr. Kelly stated the August Board meeting will be held on August 18, 2016 in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Approved:



John R. Kelly, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education