

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting
Presentation on "Leading a Standards-Based System: Aligning Policy to
Standards Initiative"

February 18, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met at 2:38 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2016, in the Board Room at South Pointe Building, 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board members absent were: Dr. Jason S. Dean and Mr. William H. Jones. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

Mr. Robert Hull, Director of Center for College, Career, and Civic Readiness at National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) presented a PowerPoint on the stipend initiative "Leading a Standards-Based System: Aligning Policy to Standards Initiative" (copy attached).

Mr. Hull began the presentation by providing background information on the NASBE organization. Mr. Hull explained how the stipend (grant) process is funneled through to state boards to form networks that work on key and critical issues based upon board feedback. Mr. Hull stated the Mississippi Department of Education is a recipient of the stipend and was awarded \$30,000 to conduct work around policy on student standards. Mr. Hull commended the Mississippi Board of Education on its being a highly-functional and effective board.

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Mr. Hull stated the other states participating in the stipend program are Delaware, Maryland, Nebraska, and Wyoming. The funding partners are the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Leona M. and Harry D. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

Mr. Hull stated that the three authority levers of the board are (1) the power of policy, (2) the power of the question, and (3) the power to convene. Mr. Hull explained how a board should lead with capacity, not with policy.

Mr. Hull provided detail on leadership in a standards-based system. Mr. Hull stated that the following components center around learning standards:

- Expectations
- Curriculum
- Materials
- Measures of effectiveness
- Accountability system
- Professional learning

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Mr. Hull stated that the stipend initiative is a two-year grant. Mr. Hull stated that the work is a long-term process and all policies will not be completed in two years, but at the end of the process there is hope it will become an ingrained way to establish policies and to have a framework for future policy development.

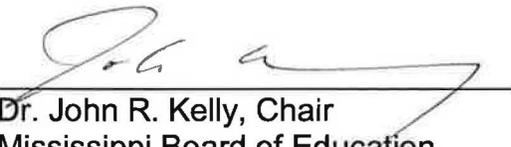
Mr. Hull announced the upcoming NASBE meetings to be held April 1-3 in Washington, DC and October 19-22 in Kansas City, MO.

Mr. Hull stated that the core team will meet in the morning to discuss the project in detail.

Dr. John R. Kelly thanked Mr. Hull and praised the work of NASBE and stated he appreciates the partnership.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Approved:



Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Dr. Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education