

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 19, 2017

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017, in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Dr. John R. Kelly. Board members absent were: Mr. Buddy Bailey, Dr. Karen J. Elam, and Mr. William H. Jones. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Ms. Aultman noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. Dr. Jason S. Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. John R. Kelly gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016 Work Session and December 15, 2016 Board meeting.
- IV. Dr. Paula Vanderford requested that no action be taken on Tab D – Revise the Mississippi Testing Accommodations Manual. Dr. Vanderford stated that after receiving public comments, there were substantial changes needed on the manual so it will be brought to the Board next month.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly to amend the agenda to pull Tab D, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda.

- V. Recognition Ceremony

2017 Legion of Valor Honorees

Cadet Anna Mitchell
Northwest Rankin High School
Rankin County School District

Cadet Zachary Beasley
Brandon High School
Rankin County School District

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Cadet Victoria Hawkins
Jim Hill High School
Jackson Public School District

2017 January Employee of the Month

Janice Shannon
Personnel Officer III
Office of Human Resources

VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:

- Dr. Wright stated she attended a meeting with House Speaker Philip Gunn along with Dr. Glenn Boyce, Commissioner of Institutions of Higher Learning, and Dr. Andrea Mayfield, Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, to discuss the cost of remedial classes and to develop a plan to reduce costs.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with Chairman John Moore and Chairman Gray Tollison to discuss upcoming legislation.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with education stakeholders to update them on achievements, reform work, and potential legislation of interest to all.
- Dr. Wright stated she and Ms. Aultman attended the National Association of State Boards of Education Stakeholder Engagement Regional Meeting along with Dr. Kim Benton, Dr. Nathan Oakley, and Ms. Patrice Guilfoyle in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Wright stated that other states along with Mississippi shared their efforts in the area of *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA).
- Dr. Wright stated the Achievement School District Planning Committee met and drafted a job description for the Superintendent of the Achievement School District.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Superintendents' Advisory Committee met and discussed the potential legislation and EdBuild recommendations.
- Dr. Wright stated that she presented to the House Education Committee and discussed the ROI in education, achievements to date, and State Board of Education legislative priorities.
- Dr. Wright presented to the Mississippi Association of Grantmakers on our achievements, discussed the impact of budget cuts to our reform work, and suggested ways Mississippi funders could assist/offset these cuts.
- Dr. Wright introduced Mr. Pete Smith who gave an overview of the EdBuild recommendations.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is "Milken Educator Award." Dr. Wright stated that this year marks the 30th year of the Milken Educator Awards. Ms. Allison Ruhl, first-grade teacher at Madison Station Elementary School in Madison County, won the Milken Educator Award. Ms. Ruhl is the first recipient in Madison County Schools to receive the Milken

Educator Award, and the only awardee this year in Mississippi. The Milken honor comes with a \$25,000 cash prize for her to use as she chooses.

VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board gave the following report:

- Ms. Aultman stated that she attended the National Association of State Boards of Education Stakeholders meeting around *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). Ms. Aultman stated that there was discussion and interaction and that Mississippi is ahead of some of the states.
- Ms. Aultman stated that some Board members, Dr. Carey Wright, and the Executive Leadership Team attended the annual legislative dinner with some legislative leaders to report on the achievements of the Department.

VIII. Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, stated they discussed the 2017 graduation rates which will be reported later in the meeting and a report was given on the internal audit for the Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

Mr. Johnny Franklin serving as Chair of the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee said they met on Wednesday to discuss four Board items that will be presented today.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Carey M. Wright presented the progress on the Mississippi Board of Education's 5-year Strategic Plan for 2016-2020 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6] (copy attached).
08. Information: Kelly Butler, Barksdale Reading Institute, will provide the recommendations from the Report on Governor's Task Force on Teacher Preparation for Early Literacy Instruction

Mr. Johnny Franklin asked the Board if Tab 8 could be presented at this time. Ms. Kelly Butler approached the table and stated that she could not give the Report on Governor's Task Force on Teacher Preparation for Early Literacy Instruction on request of the Task Force Chair but would present the Statewide Report for the Study of Teacher Preparation for Early Literacy from the Barksdale Reading Institute and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning if it was okay with the Board.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated that the Board would not discuss the item requested by Ms. Butler, since it differed from the original requested agenda item. Ms. Aultman thanked Ms. Butler for attending.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted unanimously to pull Tab 08 from the agenda.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

02. Dr. Paula Vanderford reported the 2017 graduation rates for the state, district and school levels [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the results (copy attached).
03. Dr. Kim Benton discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
04. Dr. Benton and Dr. Sonja Robertson discussed awarding competitive School Improvement Grants (SIG) [Goal 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the grants. Dr. Wright recommended tabling the item to a future meeting date to allow for additional review, research, and discussion.
05. Dr. Benton discussed the Mississippi English / Language Arts and Mathematics Exemplar Units for Grades PK-10 [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
06. Dr. Benton reported on the results of the Fall 2016 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board asked that the information collected from the students entering Kindergarten be more specific (copy attached).
07. Dr. Vanderford discussed revising 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. Vanderford recommended approval.

09. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items.
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Washington Cole)
 - B. Textbooks, as recommended by the 2016 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of English Language Arts (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), Reading (K-5), Literature (6-8 and 9-12), and World Languages (K-12) (Kim Benton)
 - C. Contract with vendors as recommended by the 2016 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of English Language Arts (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), Reading (K-5), Literature (6-8 and 9-12), and World Languages (K-12) (Kim Benton)
 - E. Office of Secondary Education Advanced Placement (AP) endorsement codes – 646 AP Computer Science Principles; 647 AP Seminar; 648 AP Research (Paula Vanderford)

- X. Approval of Action Items
 03. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

 04. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved to table the competitive School Improvement Grants (SIG) [Goal 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

 07. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved to revise 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 student will be required to obtain the proficiency level on the LAS Links ELPT. The ELA portion of the Mississippi Assessment Programs (MAP) requiring proficiency was

eliminated. LAS Links: Overall 4-5, Reading 4-5, Writing 4-5 and MAP
ELA: Level 3 (copy attached).

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

09. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., and E. (copy attached).

A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

B. Textbooks, as recommended by the 2016 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of English Language Arts (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), Reading (K-5), Literature (6-8 and 9-12), and World Languages (K-12)

(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

E. Office of Secondary Education Advanced Placement (AP) endorsement codes

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. Jason S. Dean 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. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Erin Meyer, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, Ms. Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of person holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k), discussion of strategy session or negotiations with prospective litigation involving the MDE and the issuance of an appealable order in

accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(d). Mr. Charles McClelland seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Chelsea Chicosky informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

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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 in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k), discussed a strategy session or negotiations with prospective litigation involving the MDE and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussed with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted 5 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

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

01. An appeal on the decision of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development's Hearing Subcommittee pertaining to Educator License # 201126 will be taken under advisement and brought back to the Board on February 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
02. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Donna R. Hales as Bureau Manager for the Bureau of Program Evaluation and Public Reporting at a salary of \$100,000.00.
03. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Cory M. Murphy as Bureau Director II to serve as Director of Licensure in the Division of Research and Development at a salary of \$110,000.00.
04. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Felicia D. Gavin as Deputy State Superintendent to serve as Chief Operations Officer at a salary of \$150,000.00.

XII. State Board of Education

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

XIII. Other Business

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated the February Board meeting will be held on February 16, 2017 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 Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Reconvening of Meeting:

Dr. Wright asked that the Board members stay for a few minutes and reconvene the State Board meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly at 4:09 p.m., the Board unanimously voted to reconvene the Board meeting.

Dr. Jason S. Dean moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Erin Meyer, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, and Ms. Leah Kathryn Anzenberger to remain in the Executive Session.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss strategy session or negotiations with prospective litigation involving the MDE and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Erin Meyer informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

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accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted 5 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

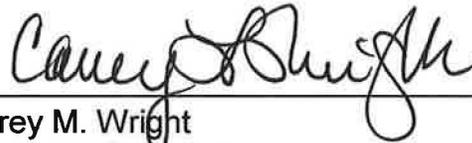
The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Aultman reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Approved:



Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education