

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 13, 2017

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017, in the DuKate Building, 1445 Father Ryan Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi. Board members present: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent was: Ms. Kami Bumgarner. 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. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 16, 2017 Board meeting and minutes of the June 16, 2017 Budget meeting.
- IV. Mr. Johnny Franklin asked to discuss Consent Agenda items A., B., C., and H.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to discuss Consent Agenda items A., B., C., and H. separately.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda.

- V. Recognition Ceremony

Exemplary Inclusion Programs

Ocean Springs School District

- Oak Park Elementary School

Pascagoula-Gautier School District

- Gautier Middle School
- Gautier High School

Ms. Aultman thanked both districts for coming and for the job they are doing with the students in their districts. Ms. Aultman said it was good to know that the hard work did not go unnoticed and that the communities appreciate what you do for the children.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated that Tab 01 would be moved up to recognize the Superintendents Academy.

01. Mr. Mike Kent recognized the 2016-2017 Superintendents Academy members [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Kent stated that one of the Board's goals is to provide an effective teacher and leader in every classroom. Mr. Kent stated this was the third cohort of the Superintendents Academy to provide professional development for superintendents. Dr. Wright gave the members a chance to speak about the Academy. The superintendents thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend and felt that it helped them bond together as a support group to help each other and the children in their districts. The members stated that Dr. Wright has been there to help them and they appreciated that very much.

Ms. Aultman congratulated the members from across the state and stated we are looking for good things to come from you. Ms. Aultman thanked Mr. Kent for all his work with the group.

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

- Dr. Wright stated that the Achievement School District Task Force met as it does each month and will continue to meet to prepare for the implementation of that initiative.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Superintendent's Advisory Council met for the last time this year and we have a robust discussion no matter what is on the agenda.
- Dr. Wright stated she met with Governor Phil Bryant to discuss the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) state plan and he was very enthusiastic about what he saw. Dr. Wright stated the ESSA state plan is out for public comments and it is on the web page if you want to provide feedback.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the Aspen Institute and it was a long week and they covered one topic. Dr. Wright stated it was by invitation only and the topic was social and emotional learning. Dr. Wright stated there were a lot of national people that do this work and a lot of states are looking to embed this work with what they are doing with children.
- Dr. Wright stated she opened the Mississippi Education and Technology Innovation Symposium (METIS) Conference. Dr. Wright stated the conference was broadened to be about technology and how it relates to

instruction in the classroom. Dr. Wright stated this was a large conference and it was well attended.

- Dr. Wright stated she was on the Paul Gallo Show and he had a lot of questions about the Pearson contract, Districts of Transformation, and year round calendar. Dr. Wright stated that the Board might want to have Dr. Lee Childress come and talk to them about the year round calendar. Dr. Wright stated he could talk about the community's involvement, teacher's involvement, and children's involvement with year round schooling. Dr. Wright stated that Paul had a lot of questions about early childhood.
- Dr. Wright stated that she, Mr. Pete Smith, and Mr. Washington Cole, attended an Education Forum held by Senator Willie Simmons in his area. Dr. Wright stated the meeting was well attended and it was a great chance to update the community on our initiatives and things that are happening. Dr. Wright stated it was good to hear their voice about what is happening in their community and education funding was a big concern of theirs. Dr. Wright thanked Senator Simmons for his friendship and partnership.
- Dr. Wright stated that she attended Education Commission of the States (ECS). Dr. Wright stated that this is one of two national organizations that all the state superintendents belong to as well as legislators. Dr. Wright stated that Representative John Moore was there representing Mississippi. Dr. Wright stated that she presented on the education savings accounts that we do with our special education students. Dr. Wright said this is in legislation that was passed into law.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Governor will be the next chair of Education Commission of the States (ECS). Dr. Wright stated that for the first time in history that Mississippi will have the leadership positions in ECS, Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), and National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Dr. Wright stated that in November she will be the President of CCSSO. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. John R. Kelly will be the Chair of NASBE this fall. Dr. Wright stated that all three major organizations will have leadership roles from Mississippi. Dr. Wright stated that they can highlight the work going on in Mississippi with teachers, principals, and superintendents. Dr. Wright stated that this is a national stage to share all the good things going on here.
- Dr. Wright stated that she and Dr. Kim Benton just came back from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Summer Leadership Conference. Dr. Wright stated this is always a strong conference and it is for the state superintendents and their deputy or chiefs. Dr. Wright was on a panel that talked about our reorganization as a Department and how you reorganize to get the work done around your goals and strategic plan. Dr. Wright stated that is exactly what the Mississippi Department of Education has done. Dr. Wright stated that it was an opportunity to share with other state chiefs what was going on.
- Dr. Wright stated that she has been asked to testify before the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. next week on our *Every*

Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan development and future implementation. Dr. Wright stated that Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman will accompany her to the hearing. Dr. Wright stated this is a wonderful opportunity and she will be representing the state chiefs and Mississippi very proudly. Dr. Wright stated that she will be talking about our plan and how our plan will make it happen in Mississippi. Dr. Wright stated the title of the plan is Mississippi Succeeds. Dr. Wright stated the title was not chosen by accident that every indicator being monitored is headed in the right direction. Dr. Wright stated that she is so proud to represent our state.

- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is “Districts of Innovation, Gulfport School District - Academic Institutes at Gulfport High School.” Dr. Wright stated that Gulfport High School is one of Mississippi’s Districts of Innovation. Dr. Wright stated it is based on the national career academy movement that connects learning to careers. Dr. Wright stated that students start preparing for the academic institutes in middle school by identifying their interests and learning about their career paths. Dr. Wright stated that high school students complete most of their coursework by tenth grade which frees them up in the their junior and senior year to pursue a course of study aligned to their career and education goals. Dr. Wright stated that Gulfport High School offers coursework in 16 disciplines organized into three academy institutes: Science, Engineering, and Technology; Health and Human Services; and Communication, Arts, and Businesses. Dr. Wright stated that you will hear from the students about the program and how it is preparing them for life beyond high school. Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Michael Lindsey, Principal of Gulfport High School, Dr. Michael Tatum, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. David Fava, Director of Career and Technical Education, Ms. Sandy East, Career Pathways Specialist, and Ms. M. C. Price Barton, Community Relations Coordinator. Dr. Wright stated hats off to Gulfport High School and Gulfport School District for what you are doing stressing college and careers – whichever way they choose to go.

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

- Ms. Aultman stated that she will be going with Dr. Wright to Washington, D.C. to attend the hearing on Tuesday. Ms. Aultman stated that Mr. Pete Smith will be going also and they will be attending an all-day meeting on Monday. Ms. Aultman stated that with the leadership of the Department, Dr. Kelly with National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), and the Governor with Education Commission of the States (ECS), we are on a stage and will have a national platform that we have never had before.
- Ms. Aultman stated that at the last Board meeting the Board authorized the formation of a committee to look at the Achievement School District law and develop a policy around that related to the Board’s responsibilities such as reporting, selection, and other things. Ms. Aultman stated the committee will be: Mr. Buddy Bailey, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Dr. Paula Vanderford, Mr. Pete

Smith, Dr. John Q. Porter, and myself. Ms. Aultman stated the committee will meet and draft a policy that will be brought back to the Board in August or September.

VIII. There were no reports of Subcommittee meetings.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

02. Ms. Robin Lemonis discussed the list of Dyslexia screeners for use in kindergarten and first grade [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Ms. Lemonis recommended approval.
03. Dr. Paula Vanderford, Ms. Jean Massey, and Ms. Gretchen Cagle discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Standard 14, Appendix A, and Appendix G of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2016: Graduation Requirements* effective school year 2018-2019 [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the options and had questions. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.
04. Dr. Felicia Gavin and Ms. Donna Nester discussed the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2019 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
05. Dr. Gavin and Ms. Nester discussed the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2019 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
06. Dr. Gavin and Ms. Gracie Sanders discussed the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan). Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
07. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. Mr. Johnny Franklin requested to discuss items A., B., C., and H.

Dr. Paula Vanderford answered questions on item A.

Mr. Quentin Ransburg answered questions on items B and C.

Ms. Gretchen Cagle answered questions on item H.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)
- B. Revise the methodology of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, in accordance with the Title IV, Part B of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as reauthorized by *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* (Kim Benton)
- C. Revise the methodology to award grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for Title I section 1003(a) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* as reauthorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* (Kim Benton)
- D. Award academic credit for Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses (Paula Vanderford)
- E. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Rule 36.5 to reflect approved dual enrollment and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) requirements as assessment options in lieu of passing the end-of-course assessments effective school year 2017-2018 (Paula Vanderford)
- F. Award discretionary grant to Rankin County School District for the purpose of contracting with Educator in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance concerning statewide assessments and educator effectiveness (Paula Vanderford)
- G. Contract for Interim Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Blind (Kim Benton)
- H. Award discretionary grant to a local school district for the purpose of contracting with an Educator in Residence to provide professional development and technical assistance in Special Education for 2017-2018 (Kim Benton)
- I. Award competitive contracts to various produce distributors to supply and deliver products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Five Regions in the State) (Felicia Gavin)

X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the list of Dyslexia screeners for use in kindergarten and first grade [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

03. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Standard 14, Appendix A, and Appendix G of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2016: Graduation Requirements* effective school year 2018-2019 [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

04. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the Preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2019 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

05. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the Preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2019 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

06. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

07. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., and I. (copy attached).
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

- B. Revise the methodology of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, in accordance with the Title IV, Part B of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA), as reauthorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA)
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

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(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

XI. There was no consideration of an Executive Session.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There were no meetings attended.
2. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved for Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman to accompany Dr. Carey M. Wright to Washington, D.C. to the United States House of Representatives Hearing on the *Every Student Succeeds Act*.
3. Dr. John R. Kelly moved to nominate Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman to continue to serve as Board Chair and Dr. Jason S. Dean to continue to serve as Board Vice-Chair from July 2017 to July 2018. The motion was seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the nominations.

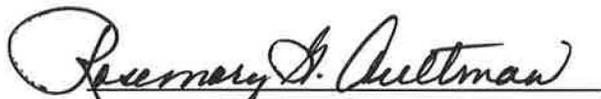
XIII. Other Business

The August Board meeting will be held August 17, 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 Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Approved:


Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education