Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 18, 2018

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018, via teleconference pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for their regular scheduled monthly Board meeting. The location of the meeting available to the public was the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi and the meeting was live streamed at https://msachieves.mdek12.org.

Board members present included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Buddy Bailey (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Ms. Kami Bumgarner (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Jason S. Dean (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Johnny Franklin (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. John R. Kelly (Gulfport, Mississippi), and Mr. Charles McClelland (Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi). Board member absent was: Mr. Sean Suggs. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present at the Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, Jackson, Mississippi.

I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Board meeting to order.

Ms. Aultman noted that the meeting of the Board of Education was being held via teleconference pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 and that the notice of this meeting made at least five days prior to the meeting included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Ms. Aultman also stated that an audio recording was being made of the meeting and that a quorum of the Board was present at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference means.

II. Dr. Karen J. Elam led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.

III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 14, 2017.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
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Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None
Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

IV. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None
Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

V. Recognition Ceremony

**JPS Students for Exemplary Acts of Compassion and Kindness**
Joshua Dixon
Forest Hill High School

Bernard Duncan
Callaway High School

**2017 Students Who Earned Perfect ACT Scores of 36**
William Meynardie
Biloxi High School
Biloxi School District

Jonathan Dale Bailey
Brandon High School
Rankin County School District
VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
Dr. Wright stated each Board member has a copy of the Superintendent’s Annual Report at their seat. Dr. Wright stated the report contains a lot of great information about what is going on inside of Mississippi and that our Legislators were given a copy of this Report.

Dr. Wright stated that in the annual 2018 Quality Counts Report that Mississippi is one of five states that is most improved from last year to this year. Dr. Wright stated that was great recognition for us. Dr. Wright quoted from Quality Counts Report, “Mississippi boosted its results across a range of metrics including family income, preschool enrollment, and high school graduation.” Dr. Wright stated that two of these things are what we look at when our students start young. Dr. Wright stated we can give them the quality education before they walk across our stage.

Dr. Wright presented the 2017 Fall Kindergarten Readiness Results to the Board. Dr. Wright stated there was an increase from Fall 2016 to Fall 2017 scores. Dr. Wright stated that the two top scores were in public and private pre-K. Dr. Wright stated that pre-K showed an increase and this included our learning collaboratives. Dr. Wright stated the lowest scores were of students kept at home or attended Head Start. Dr. Wright stated that Head Start showed a slight increase. Dr. Wright stated that when we can get children involved in pre-K, it is making a difference.

Dr. Wright stated she met with the new Chair (Dr. Jean Harriston) and Vice-Chair (Dr. Ed Sivack) of the Jackson Public School District (JPSD). Dr. Wright stated we had a lengthy meeting and was very impressed at their dedication to JPSD, their dedication to ensuring that those children get the quality education that they need, and they are very much willing to partner with the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE).

Dr. Wright stated she met with the Speaker of the House and they talked about a variety of things. Dr. Wright stated that we have an opportunity to establish Telehealth Centers in our schools across the state. Dr. Wright stated that this will be at little to no cost and this would give the ability for areas of our state that do not have access to primarily physicians, pediatricians, and family doctors. Dr. Wright stated this would give students the ability to have their health addressed early on. Dr. Wright stated that when you are healthy and feel good, learning increases. Dr. Wright stated she would keep the Board posted.

Dr. Wright stated she met with Senator Gray Tollison about the bills and technical amendments that MDE is sending across to the Legislature. Dr. Wright stated they also discussed funding.

Dr. Wright stated that later in the Board meeting Board members will receive the feedback from the United States Department of Education on our Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan.

Dr. Wright stated the interviews for the Superintendent for the Achievement School District (ASD) have been completed. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. John R. Kelly represented the Board on the interview team. Dr. Wright stated that at this time they did not find a candidate for the ASD Superintendent so the
position will be posted again. Dr. Wright stated that she would hold on bringing an item to the Board to put Noxubee and Humphreys into the ASD until after a Superintendent is named.

- Dr. Wright stated that she was on the Paul Gallo Radio Show and he asked good questions about charters, funding, and Jackson Public Schools. Dr. Wright said this is a statewide radio program and he is looking to make sure our voice is heard.

- Dr. Wright recognized and thanked Ms. Melissa Banks for her work on the graphics in the Superintendent’s Annual Report. Dr. Wright stated this was above her regular job of working with districts on how to integrate technology into instruction and the Computer Science program.

- Dr. Wright recognized and thanked Dr. Jill Dent, Ms. Monica May, and Ms. Brendsha Roby on the cross office collaboration work on our Family Engagement Initiative. Dr. Wright stated that the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has included us in this nationwide initiative. Dr. Wright stated they are developing a tool kit for districts and schools to strengthen the home school connection. Dr. Wright stated that when you get parents actively involved in their children’s education, it only goes well in terms of their achievement level. Dr. Wright stated that CCSSO described the plan that has been put together by the Department as being very thoughtful and very strong.

- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is “Hour of Code – McComb School District.” Dr. Wright stated that the hour of code is a global movement put out by Code.org to expose children to computer science at a very young age and to demystify what coding is all about and that anyone can learn the basics. Dr. Wright stated there are thousands of computer science jobs that are available across this nation at any given time. Dr. Wright stated that we are trying to better prepare our students. Dr. Wright stated there were 158 hour of code events in Mississippi during December which was Computer Science Month. Dr. Wright stated that this supports our Computer Science for Mississippi (CS4MS) pilot which is a partner with the Mississippi Department of Education, the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University, and representatives of public and private agencies. Dr. Wright stated that CS4MS has impacted 52 school districts, 382 teachers, and 15,800 students across Mississippi. Dr. Wright stated it requires districts to commit to a robust schedule of professional development and to ensure they have the technology and infrastructure. Dr. Wright stated that CS4MS offers courses at every level: at the elementary school they work on keyboarding, coding, and robotics; at the middle school they learn cyber foundation and next year they will also have more advanced courses in computer science and engineering; and high school students take Exploring Computer Science and AP Computer Science Principles. Dr. Wright stated that the goal is to have continuous computer science pipeline in all our schools by 2024. Dr. Wright stated that the
Computer Science Standards will go out for the Administrative Procedures Act process after Board approval today.

VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board did not give a report.

VIII. There were no Subcommittee meetings held.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. [PULLED]

1.A. [PULLED]


04. Ms. Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Agriculture and Natural Resources; Digital Media Technology; Engineering Core; Engineering II; Introduction to Agriscience, and Teacher Academy) [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

Ms. Jean Massey recognized Mr. Mike Mulvihill for his work on the Career and Technology Education frameworks.

05. Dr. Paula Vanderford and Mr. Walt Drane discussed the decision of the Internal Review Committee and Commission on School Accreditation regarding the appeal by the Copiah County School District to the Final Accountability Results in accordance with Accreditation Policy 3.1.4 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2016 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

06. Dr. Nathan Oakley presented the Every Student Succeeds Act state plan update [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Oakley stated
the Department received feedback from the United States Department of Education about our plan in December 2017 and we are working on making the requested changes. The Board asked questions about the requested changes and Dr. Oakley answered their questions.

07. Dr. Vanderford and Dr. Debra Burson discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy Chapter 14, Rule 14.20 to require all Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) to obtain national accreditation as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development [Goal 4 - MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

08. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items.

A. Approve Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board appointments (Kim Benton)

B. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish and revise CTE licensure guidelines and endorsement codes as approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Paula Vanderford) (Kim Benton)

C. Approve textbooks, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Science (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), and the K-12 Arts (Dance, Theater, General Music, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, and Visual Arts) (Kim Benton)

D. Approve vendors, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Science (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), and the K-12 Arts (Dance, Theater, General Music, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, and Visual Arts) (Kim Benton)

E. Revise the 2017 Mississippi Testing Accommodations Manual (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)
F. Approve proposed land site for construction of new Northwest Rankin High School (Paula Vanderford)

G. Re-appointment to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Paula Vanderford)

H. Establish criteria for a Discontinued Test and/or Adjusted Score Policy for Mississippi-approved assessments in the Mississippi Educator Licensure Assessment Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)

I. Revise Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to include revisions to the Special, Non-renewable License and the One Year Teacher Intern License (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)

J. Establish Alternative Qualifications for Non-Education Prospective Local Superintendents of Education as authorized and directed under subsection three (3) of Mississippi Senate Bill No. 2398 and recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish 2018 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Computer Science [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
03. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Framework for Aquaculture Technology in Career and Technical Education [Goal 2 - MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

Members voting aye:  Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent:  Mr. Sean Suggs

04. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Agriculture and Natural Resources; Digital Media Technology; Engineering Core; Engineering II; Introduction to Agriscience, and Teacher Academy) [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

Members voting aye:  Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam

Member voting nay: None

Member absent:  Mr. Sean Suggs
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05. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the decision of the Internal Review Committee and Commission on School Accreditation regarding the appeal by the Copiah County School District to the Final Accountability Results in accordance with Accreditation Policy 3.1.4 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2016 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

07. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish State Board Policy Chapter 14, Rule 14.20 to require all Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) to obtain national accreditation as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
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Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None
Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

08. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., and J. (copy attached).

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None
Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

A. Approve Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board appointments – New members – Dr. Cederick Ellis, Superintendent, Term Expiration December 2020; Ms. Stefanie Jones, Practicing Secondary School, Term Expiration December 2020; and Mr. Vijay Nandula, Parent, Term Expiration May 2019
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

B. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish and revise CTE licensure guidelines and endorsement codes as approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development) – revisions to 971 Career Pathway: Teacher Academy; revisions to the CTE Licensure Guidelines’ Special Notes Page; and new endorsement code Career Pathway: Aquaculture
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
C. Approve textbooks, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Science (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), and the K-12 Arts (Dance, Theater, General Music, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, and Visual Arts) 
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

D. Approve vendors, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Science (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12), and the K-12 Arts (Dance, Theater, General Music, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, and Visual Arts) 
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

E. Revise the 2017 Mississippi Testing Accommodations Manual 
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) 
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

F. Approve proposed land site for construction of new Northwest Rankin High School 
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

G. Re-appointment to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development – Mrs. Etta Taplin, Board Member, Congressional District 4, First Regular Term 2018-2022 
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

H. Establish criteria for a Discontinued Test and/or Adjusted Score Policy for Mississippi-approved assessments in the Mississippi Educator Licensure Assessment Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development 
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) 
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

I. Approval to revise Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to include revisions to the Special, Non-renewable License and the One Year Teacher Intern License
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)
(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

J. Approval to establish Alternative Qualifications for Non-Education Prospective Local Superintendents of Education as authorized and directed under subsection three (3) of Mississippi Senate Bill No. 2398 and recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

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. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Erin Meyer, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, Mr. Joseph Runnels, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

Dr. Jason S. Dean 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 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k), discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(d). Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Mr. Joseph Runnels 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 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k), discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussed with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(d).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None

Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

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

01. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Thomas Wesley Jenkins as School Finance Officer to serve as Internal Auditor at a salary of $69,670.57.
Members voting aye:  
Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay:  
None

Member absent:  
Mr. Sean Suggs

02. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Melissa May to serve as Educ-Bureau Director II at a salary of $84,000.00.

Members voting aye:  
Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay:  
None

Member absent:  
Mr. Sean Suggs

03. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated an update on the Mississippi Board of Education's Five-Year Strategic Plan was given.

04. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously affirmed the decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development, to deny the reinstatement of Ms. Tyler-Jones' application for licensure (educator license no. 159393) for a period of twenty (20) years in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2(10) and 37-3-2(14)(b), for her violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16-4(1)(f).

Members voting aye:  
Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin
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Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None
Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

XII. State Board of Education

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

XIII. Other Business

Ms. Aultman stated the February Board meeting will be held on February 15, 2018, in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Jason S. Dean
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: None
Member absent: Mr. Sean Suggs

Approved:

Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education