

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 20, 2024

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The public accessed this meeting via livestream or in-person at the Central High School Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members physically present included: Mr. Bill Jacobs, Mr. Matt Mayo, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Matt Miller, Mr. Mike Pruitt, Ms. Billye Jean Stroud, and Ms. Mary Werner. Board members absent: Mr. Glen V. East and Dr. Wendi Barrett. Student Representative present: Ms. Kate Riddle. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno, Interim State Superintendent, was also present.

- I. Mr. Matt Miller called the Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting.
- II. Mr. Mike Pruitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Matt Mayo gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 16, 2024 Board meeting.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Matt Mayo, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

Literacy Coach Academy of Mississippi Graduates (Cohort 1)

Kimberly Bailey - Meridian Public School District
Bernita Barnes - Jackson Public Schools
Kristin Gilmer - Lamar County School District
Leslie Holloway - Pearl Public School District
Leigh Jackson - Brookhaven School District
Marlene Jackson - Laurel School District
Brittany Lyles - Jefferson County School District
Alison Pace - Pass Christian Public School District
Rachel Powell - Brookhaven School District
Stacie Russell - North Tippah School District
Tia Thompson - Meridian Public School District
Deja Townsend - Columbus Municipal School District
Kristin Walters - Laurel School District

- VI. Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno gave the following report as the Interim State Superintendent of Education:

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- Dr. Morgigno stated he has had transition meetings with Dr. Lance Evans before his official start date of July 1, 2024.
- Dr. Morgigno stated he has attended the following: Literacy Coach Academy of Mississippi Graduation; Statewide Attendance Conference; Finding the Road to Success Conference; Making Connections Conference; Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals Conference; Principal Bootcamp, MSIS 2.0 Bootcamps; and the United States Department of Education Regional Convening to Support State Action to Advance the Education Professions.
- Dr. Morgigno welcomed Dr. Michelle Nowell as the Director in the Office of Elementary Education and Reading.

VII. Mr. Matt Miller, Acting Chair of the State Board, gave the following report:

- Mr. Miller stated that 33 applications were received from students across the state for the junior student representative position, the Board conducted finalist interviews with the top three candidates yesterday. All the candidates were exceptional students and the Board enjoyed getting to know each of them through the process. The State Board made the following junior student representative appointments: Mr. Crosby Parker from Gulfport School District was selected as the Junior Student Representative and Ms. Annsley Coleman from New Albany School District was selected as the alternate. The Junior Student Representative will serve a two-year term on the State Board starting July 1, 2024.
- Mr. Miller read a Resolution for Dr. Raymond C. Morgigno for his service as the Interim State Superintendent since July 1, 2023 (copy attached).

VIII. Report from Student Representative

Ms. Kate Riddle gave a report on her summer plans. Ms. Riddle stated that summer is an opportunity for students to take advantage of trainings, voluntary work, and internships.

IX. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meeting

Mr. Bill Jacobs, Chair, Internal Accountability Subcommittee, stated they met this morning to review FY26 Budget packet and a request for additional PINs.

X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Action: Initiate the process to reconstitute Tunica County School District that is a District of Transformation and approve the resolution from the State Board of Education by finding that satisfactory corrective action has taken place and by requesting that the Governor declare that the emergency no longer exists in the district [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Michael D. Kent)

On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved item 01. (copy attached).

02. Action: Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

02.A. Action: Multi-year contract with Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium to serve as fiscal agent for Career and Technical Education Office of Student Organizations [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)

02.B. Action: Contract with National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc. (NCIEA) to provide the MDE with expertise in the purpose of facilitating and managing the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) [Goals 1, 2, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

02.C. Action: Renew contract with selected vendors for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Mississippi Recipes for Success Coordinator(s) (MRS) [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Mr. Matt Mayo, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board unanimously approved items 02.A., 02.B., and 02.C. (copy attached).

03. Action: Approval of the MDE grant award [Goals 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

03.A. Action: Award a competitive grant to the Institutions for Higher Learning (IHL) to participate in a Mississippi Department of Education Educator-in-Residence program [Goals 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)

03.B. Action: Award grants to local school districts to support high-quality early childhood programs under the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG-B5) [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)

On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Mike Pruitt, the Board unanimously approved items 03.A. and 03.B. (copy attached).

04. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Donna Boone)

- B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and (Donna Boone)
- C. Approval of certified personnel for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (Donna Boone)
- D. Approval of contract with American Sentry Services to provide security services for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Donna Boone)
- E. Approval of the 2024-2025 Mississippi School of the Arts and Brookhaven School District Memorandum of Agreement (Donna Boone)
- F. Approval of the Engagement Letter between the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Lowery, Payn, and Leggett Accounting Firm for audit services (Donna Boone)
- G. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks for College and Career Readiness (CCR), Freshman Seminar Early College High School (ECHS), Sophomore Seminar ECHS, Junior Seminar ECHS, and Senior Seminar ECHS (Donna Boone)
- H. Approval to revise Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2023, Appendix F, Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System - Standard 16
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- I. Approval to award formula grants to school districts for the purpose of providing reimbursement for K-3 universal screening assessments (Paula Vanderford)
- J. Approval of Statewide Purchasing Program's FY24 Financial Statement and FY25 fee structure (Paula Vanderford)
- K. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2023* specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 4, *Participation Rates*, Section 6, *Growth*, Section 9, *Acceleration*, Section 10, *Banking Scores: End-of-course, subject area assessments taken before 10th grade*, Section 11, *Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI)*, Section 12, *Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (TSI)*,

Section 13, *Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (ATSI)* and Section 22, *Schools without Tested Subjects or Grades* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process with one public comment) (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Matt Mayo, the Board unanimously approved items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., and K. (copy attached).

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Mike Pruitt moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Matt Mayo seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Matt Miller asked for legal counsel, Dr. Donna H. Boone, and Dr. Marla Davis to remain in the room.

Mr. Mike Pruitt, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) for discussion of discrete personnel matters and Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(b) for strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, ongoing litigation, or issuance of an appealable order. Mr. Matt Mayo seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Jennifer Nichols 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 and strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, ongoing litigation, or issuance of an appealable order.

On a motion by Mr. Mike Pruitt, seconded by Mr. Matt Mayo, the Board unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Mr. Miller stated that the Board appointed Mr. Michael D. Kent to serve as a hearing officer.

01. On a motion by Mr. Matt Mayo, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Michael D. Kent to serve as a hearing officer.

XII. State Board of Education

1. No report on meetings attended.
2. No request to attend a meeting.

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XIII. Other Business

Mr. Matt Miller stated the July Board meeting will be held on July 18, 2024, in Jackson, MS at the Central High School Building in the 4th Floor Boardroom starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Matt Mayo, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Approved:



Glen V. East, Board Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Lance Evans
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education