

Mississippi Board of Education  
February 20, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Boardroom  
Central High School Building  
Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)  
359 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation
- III. Approval of minutes of January 16, 2020 Board Meeting
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Recognition Ceremony  
  
**February 2020 Employee of the Month**  
Joshua Huwe  
Systems Manager III  
Office of Technology & Strategic Services
- VI. Report of State Superintendent of Education
- VII. Report of Chair
- VIII. Report of Student Representatives
- IX. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee (SBE) Meetings
- X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items (All action items require vote)
  01. Information: Progress on the *Mississippi Board of Education's 5-year Strategic Plan for 2018-2022* [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Carey Wright)
  02. Action: Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
    - 02.A. Action: Contract with Interim Superintendent for Tunica County School District [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Washington Cole)

- 02.B. Action: Contract with Urban Policy Development, LLC to provide independent consultant services through process and staff development, current state documentation, future state documentation and design requirements for a new MSIS [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
- 02.C. Action: Modify contract with Michael D. Kent for 2019-2020 to increase the PERS retirement fee [Goals 4 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 02.D. Action: Renew contract with the Mississippi State Department of Health to provide health inspections for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program for FY2021 [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
- 02.E. Action: Renew contract with Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide a comprehensive early learning observational screener as part of the effectiveness evaluation for pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 02.F. Action: Renew contract with Riverside Assessments, LLC d/b/a Riverside Insights for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide an assessment system as required by the State Performance Plan [Goals 1 and 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 02.G. [PULLED]
- 03. Action: Approval of the MDE grant awards [Goals 2 and 3– MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
  - 03.A. Action: Award competitive grants for K-8 STEM Initiative Enhancement Project [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
  - 03.B. Action: Award competitive grants for the Non-Profit Workforce Professional Development Grants [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 04. Consent Agenda (All consent items are action items which require vote, unless otherwise noted.)
  - A. [PULLED]

- B. Approval of methodology to award grant dollars appropriated from the Mississippi Legislature for agricultural certification programs, agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary STEM and STEAM program to local educational agencies (Nathan Oakley)
  - C. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 28.3, State Board Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.3: Access to a Substantive and Rigorous Curriculum Policy, Miss. Admin. Code: 7-24, *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2019*, Process Standard 26 and Appendices A and B, Miss. Admin. Code: 7-163: *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2019*, Process Standard 22 and Appendices A and B (Paula Vanderford)
  - D. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining the *Special Non-Renewable License for Prospective Non-Traditional Teacher Preparation Program Completers*, to ensure alignment to current Federal guidelines for employing Special Education Teachers who hold a temporary license as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 612(a)(14)(c), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (Paula Vanderford)
  - E. Approval to revise two (2) Career Pathway licensure options, 972 Culinary Arts; 962 Sports Medicine; establish two (2) new Career Pathways in the endorsement areas of Fire Science; Business, Marketing, and Finance; and establish one (1) new endorsement in the area of Computer Science (Paula Vanderford)
  - F. Approval of Statewide Purchasing Program’s FY20 Financial Statement and FY21 fee structure (Felicia Gavin)
  - G. Report of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)
  - H. Information: Annual School Board Meeting Attendance Report in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-6-13 (Paula Vanderford)
  - I. Approval of recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4 (Paula Vanderford)
- XI. Consideration of Executive Session
- XII. State Board of Education

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1. Report on meetings attended
2. Approval of attendance at meetings

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Adjournment

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