Mississippi Board of Education  
April 16, 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 March 19, 2020 Board Meeting and minutes of March 26, 2020 Special-Called Meeting

IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Report of State Superintendent of Education

VI. Report of Chair

VII. Report of Student Representatives

VIII. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee (SBE) Meetings

IX. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items (All action items require vote)


03. **Action:** Approval by the SBE to suspend strict compliance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-175-1 et seq. for the 2019 - 2020 school year following Governor Tate Reeves’ Proclamation of a State of Emergency as a result of the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) on school districts during the Spring of 2020 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-31, 33-15-11(b)(9) and 33-15-11(c)(1) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

04. **Action:** Approval by the SBE to suspend specific policies and process standards in Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards 2019* for the 2019 - 2020 school year following Governor Tate Reeves’ Proclamation of a State of Emergency as a result of the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) on school districts during the Spring of 2020 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-31, 33-15-11(b)(9) and 33-15-11(c)(1) [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford and Nathan Oakley)

05. **Action:** Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6– MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

05.A. **Action:** Renew contract with Tann, Brown, and Russ, Co., PLLC for Fiscal Year 2021 for the calculations of the FY2022 Based Student Cost and Mississippi Adequate Education Program Cost [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

05.B. **Action:** Renew contracts with School Improvement Coaches for Fiscal Year 2021 [Goal 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.C. **Action:** Modify contract to increase PERS fee for services from 15.75% to 17.40% effective July 1, 2019 [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.D. **Action:** Renew contract with Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2021 for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System [Goals 1 and 4 - MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.E. **Action:** Renew contracts with vendors for Fiscal Year 2021 for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Health Education 9-12, Family and Consumer Science 9-12, and Business and Technology Education 6-12 [Goals1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.F. **Action:** Renew contract with Reading Language Arts Centers, Inc. d/b/a Brainspring for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide professional development training system based on Orton Gillingham reading methodology [Goals 2 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
05.G. **Action:** Renew contract with Riverside Assessments, LLC d/b/a Riverside Insight for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide as assessment system as required by the State Performance Plan [Goals 1 and 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.H. **Action:** Renew contract with Prime Care Nursing for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide professional nursing services for students at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.I. **Action:** Renew contracts with Custodians for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.J. **Action:** Renew contracts with Bus Drivers for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.K. **Action:** Renew contracts with Monitoring and Compliance Specialists for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Office of Federal Programs [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.L. **Action:** Renew contract with Research and Curriculum Unit, Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2021 for the operation of the Mississippi Career and Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

05.M. **Action:** Renew contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. (RL) for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment tool using Renaissance Data Integration (RDI) services [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

05.N. **Action:** Renew contract with ACT, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2021 to administer the ACT to all juniors in the state [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

05.O. **Action:** Modify Contract with Ciber Global, LLC., for the K12 Network Support Services to provide onsite technical support for Mississippi public school districts [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

06. **Action:** Approval of the MDE grant awards [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
06.A. **Action:** Modify the funding amount of the Educator-in-Residence (EIR) grants to school districts for literacy coaches [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

07. Consent Agenda (All consent items are action items which require vote, unless otherwise noted.)

   A. Approval of Certified Personnel Due Process Policy for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Nathan Oakley)
   
   B. Approval of the 2020 MIRC Policies and Procedures Manual (Nathan Oakley)
   
   C. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3:55-1, State Board Policy Chapter 55, Rule 55.1 (John Kraman)
   
   D. Report of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)

X. Consideration of Executive Session

XI. State Board of Education

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

XII. Other Business

XIII. Adjournment

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