

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 11, 2020

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020, via teleconference and video means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting the Special-Called Board meeting.

The meeting was available to the public by live stream.¹ Board members present: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Clinton, Mississippi), Senator Nancy Collins (Tupelo, Mississippi), Dr. Jason S. Dean (Madison, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Oxford, Mississippi), Dr. John R. Kelly (Gulfport, Mississippi), Ms. Brittney Rye (Starkville, Mississippi), and Mr. Sean Suggs (Blue Springs, Mississippi). Student Representative: Mr. Omar G. Jamil was absent. Dr. Carey M. Wright was present in Madison, Mississippi. Board member absent: Mr. Buddy Bailey.

- I. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair, called the Special-Called Board meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Dr. Dean noted that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. The Board skipped the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Innovation.
- III. Dr. Dean stated that the agenda for the Special-Called Board meeting was sent and only business that can be transacted is that which has been specified in the call of this meeting, which is the budget.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the agenda as presented.²
- V. Dr. Carey M. Wright stated this meeting is to give the Board members a review of the draft proposed FY 2022 budget request for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Dr. Wright presented the Vision and Mission Statement for the Mississippi Board of Education.

Dr. Wright presented the Mississippi Board of Education Goals that drives the work at the Department. Dr. Wright stated that all the budgetary priorities have been aligned to the goals.

¹ Due to the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the recommendations of the CDC and the Mississippi Department of Health, gatherings should be restricted to no more than 10 people. To protect the public health, the State Board of Education met via teleconference and video means and the meeting was available to the public via video means (live stream). The SBE exercised their authority granted by the Governor in his Proclamation of a State of Emergency. See Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-31.

² Dr. Karen J. Elam joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m. following adoption of the agenda.

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- X. Dr. Wright stated that the proposed 2022 Legislative priorities are listed for the Board members to review. Dr. Wright stated that the priorities are not in any certain order. Dr. Wright stated that it is up to the Board how they want the Legislative priorities.

Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Felicia Gavin would present the 2022 Fiscal Priorities and Overview of Budget Requests to the Board. Dr. Gavin stated there are five major budget categories in the Department: General Education, Career and Technical Education, the Deaf and Blind Schools, Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP), and Chickasaw. Dr. Gavin stated the MAEP numbers are for FY 2020 and the Department would not have the FY 2021 numbers until later.

The following Executive Leadership Team members presented the FY 2022 proposed budget requests: Dr. Nathan Oakley, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer; Mr. John Kraman, Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Gavin presented for the Office of Educational Accountability, Chief Operations Officer, Chief of Staff, Office of State Superintendent, and Office of Communications and Government Relations.

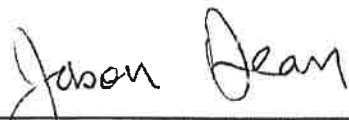
Dr. Wright and the Executive Leadership Team members answered any questions asked by the Board members.

The Board discussed sending a letter to the Education Chairs requesting full funding for MAEP but if there was to be a cut to use the rainy day funds to keep the same level funding and not lose any money for the districts.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Approved:



Jason S. Dean, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education