

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 16, 2020

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020, via teleconference and video means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting the Board meeting.

The meeting was available to the public by live stream.<sup>1</sup> Board members present: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Clinton, Mississippi), Dr. Jason S. Dean (Madison, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Oxford, Mississippi), Dr. John R. Kelly (Gulfport, Mississippi), and Mr. Sean Suggs (Saltillo, Mississippi). Student Representative: Mr. Omar G. Jamil (Hernando, Mississippi). Dr. Carey M. Wright was present at Madison, Mississippi.

I. Dr. Jason S. Dean called the Board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Dr. Dean noted that the meeting of the Board of Education was being held via teleconference and video means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 and that the notice of this meeting included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Dr. Dean also stated that an audio recording was being made of the meeting, this meeting is being live streamed and that a quorum of the Board existed at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference and video means.

II. Dr. Jason S. Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G Aultman gave the Invocation.

III. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020, Budget meeting and the minutes of the June 11, 2020, Board meeting.

IV. On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

V. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:

- Dr. Wright stated this continued to be a busy month. Dr. Wright stated that MDE continues to partner with the Nonprofits and Philanthropy particularly around the Digital Learning Plan that MDE has put together. Dr. Wright stated they have been very supportive and have connected MDE with the national consultant that we are working with on this Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- Dr. Wright stated that she conducted two superintendent's meetings around the reopening of schools.
- Dr. Wright stated that she presented to the Tupelo Rotary Club an update about where Mississippi is at in terms of achievements.
- Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Dobbs met with the superintendents and answered all their questions around health-related issues. Dr. Wright stated that he gave them a decision-making metric to use.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Governing Board met.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with the Mississippi Medical Association and the Mississippi Association of Pediatricians. Dr. Wright stated they are very excited about telehealth and teletherapy in our Plan and they want to partner with MDE. Dr. Wright stated they are willing to work with MDE to ensure that the children of our state get the health care and therapy they need.
- Dr. Wright stated that the National Assessment Governing Board met over a two-day period.
- Dr. Wright stated that she served as the keynote speaker for the National Conference for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Governor introduced her. Dr. Wright stated that she was part of a panel that discussed "Maintaining the Momentum in Mississippi" along with former Senator Education Chairman Gray Tollison, Ms. Kelly Butler from Barksdale Reading Institute, and Dr. Kymyona Burk from the Foundation for Excellence in Education.
- Dr. Wright stated that she was on the Paul Gallo Radio Show.
- Dr. Wright stated that MDE has an amazing web site that has been updated called Strong Readers, Strong Leaders. Dr. Wright introduced Dr. Nathan Oakley to give an update on the site. Dr. Oakley stated this is a collaboration between the Office of Communication, the Office of Elementary Education and Reading, and a cross agency team from MDE worked on this updated site. Dr. Oakley walked the Board through the site showing the resources for each grade level for families and he stated the site is mobile friendly so it can be used with your mobile phone, iPad, or laptop. Dr. Oakley stated that this site has resources, activities, and information to help children become strong readers and strong leaders. Dr. Oakley stated that the site now has K-5 information and additional grade levels will be added soon.
- Dr. Oakley provided an update to the Board on the new Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) standards that MDE has drafted. Dr. Oakley stated that when schools start back MDE is not only looking at the academic side, but also the social and emotional aspect of the students. Dr. Oakley stated that this is a way that teachers, guidance counselors, and families can work with students to build some skills and aptitude that will be beneficial to the students as they grow academically and as citizens as they reflect on their own thinking and interact with other students. Dr. Oakley stated that

the standards can be taught in a classroom setting, in homes, or communities. Dr. Oakley stated that MDE worked with the Office of Special Education, Office of Elementary Education and Reading, Office of Secondary Education (Counseling), Office of Early Childhood, Office of Teaching and Leading, REACH Mississippi, Collaborative for Academic and Social Emotional Learning (CASEL), and Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability, and Reform Center (CEEDAR). Dr. Oakley stated the standards will be brought to the Board later to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight is from Chiefs for Change who released a multimedia report titled Teacher to Chief: Pathways to Education Leadership. Dr. Wright stated this provides recommendations of how districts can encourage teachers to consider system leadership roles and then create the pathways to get them there. Dr. Wright stated they have a website dedicated to this called Teachertochief.org and it includes stories and videos featuring state chiefs that started their careers as teachers. Dr. Wright stated that she was honored to do one of these short videos that tells her story, but it is a tribute to Mississippi teachers and students of this state.

VI. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair of the State Board, gave the following report:

Dr. Dean stated that this has been a busy several weeks with the legislative session wrapping up, but they can come back into session if there are any additional stimulus dollars provided by Congress. Dr. Dean stated that at the end of the session we were super focused and engaged on trying to work through what has become a little bit of a major challenge around the school recognition program and how to solve that problem. Dr. Dean stated this is an amazing opportunity given to begin the process of modernizing our distance learning assets and programs throughout the state. Dr. Dean stated that originally Congress appropriated directly to districts through the CARES Act approximately \$150 million. Dr. Dean stated that the funds could be used to prepare for the restart of school and could be used for distance learning at their discretion. Dr. Dean stated that on top of that another \$150 million was appropriated in Senate Bill 3044 and that money goes for devices and distance learning systems that the districts need. Dr. Dean stated that an additional \$50 million appropriation through House Bill 1788 and these funds can be used to support Internet connectivity to unserved areas. Dr. Dean stated that with the original \$150 million from the CARES Act and not all for distance learning but a portion and on top of the \$150 million for connectivity and \$50 million for devices and other components of a distance learning plan we really have an amazing opportunity to charge the paradigm or shift the paradigm and change the narrative in a lot of these districts that might not have otherwise been pushed or had the resources to plus up. Dr. Dean stated that now, it's a question of where is the professional development? What does the digital curriculum look like? There is a whole lot of accountability that goes along with this process. Dr. Dean stated that the Board

and MDE are grateful to the Legislature and the Governor's Office for moving forward with this but there is a lot of work still to be done. Dr. Dean stated there is a lot of policy detail that MDE is working through and trying to get direction from Legislators and working massive regulatory policies to ensure that this money gets used in the way that it is intended. Dr. Dean stated that the Executive Leadership Team is working on this and Mr. John Kraman has been working hard on this. Dr. Dean stated that this is an amazing opportunity and he is super excited about it and it is a big deal with a lot of details that need to be worked out. Dr. Dean stated that Dr. Wright and her team are communicating with the districts daily.

VII. Report of Student Representative

Mr. Omar G. Jamil stated that in DeSoto County they have been making plans for the return of school. Mr. Jamil stated they are trying to make the return as normal as possible with complete transparency with how they approach things. Mr. Jamil stated that there was no delay in school as of yet, but all the guidelines have been for the safety of the students, teachers, and all involved. Mr. Jamil stated that he is keeping safe and his Stanford study classes started three weeks ago and he is keeping busy with those courses. Mr. Jamil stated that he just finished his tenure at the Youth Engaged 4 Change Editorial Board which connected him with students from across the country to create articles for youth engagement for college and high school. Mr. Jamil stated that he is watching as to how the district will keep them safe and he will provide his input in any way he can, if requested. Mr. Jamil stated that he found in the fourth quarter of school just how difficult distance learning can be with keeping the attention span since it is different than an actual classroom. Mr. Jamil stated that the distance learning changes that Stanford has made are helping a lot. Mr. Jamil stated that he would rather be in the classroom, but the changes that were made does help out.

VIII. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings

Dr. Dean, Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee, stated that he asked Mr. Pete Smith to give an update on the Legislative session. Mr. Smith updated the Board on several bills. Mr. Smith reminded the Board that last year the Legislature gave the Mississippi School of the Arts authority to operate as a local learning agency or a school district and would free them up of some of the processes and procedures from the State Department of Education and this year the Legislature gave the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind the same autonomy to make their schools run more efficiently. Mr. Smith stated that the State Board of Education is still the Board for these schools. Mr. Smith stated that House Bill 1176 is an interesting bill that allows school bus drivers to reach a maximum speed of 65 miles per hour. Mr. Smith stated that House Bill 1336 is called the Mississippi Learn to Earn Act which will authorize earnings of graduate credit through apprenticeships and other alternates. Mr. Smith stated that MDE is

already one year into this since the Board adopted a policy last year and this will allow students to get apprenticeships to earn credit toward graduation or possibly for college credit and industry certification. Mr. Smith stated that the Legislature passed this bill this year to help MDE enhance what was already passed and will be implemented within the next year. Mr. Smith stated that House Bill 1700 which is the K-12 appropriation bill. Mr. Smith stated that the Governor partially vetoed the Education appropriation bill, which includes the MDE's operational budget which is separate from the district's operational budget through Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP). Mr. Smith stated that just like every other agency this year MDE took a 3.5 to 5 % reduction in MDE's operation costs. Mr. Smith stated that MAEP when approved has a reduction of two percent of what districts received last year. Mr. Smith stated our K-12 budget with the partially veto allows the MDE to continue it's operations but the MAEP and all the other line item funds that the Legislature appropriates for other programs and the flow through funds have been vetoed and will require a fix of the bill before those programs can be operational. Mr. Smith stated that Dr. Felicia Gavin has been working with the Department of Finance and Administration to determine how MDE can move forward and how the school districts can receive money to operate. Mr. Smith stated that Senate Bill 2511 which would see the college of education candidates or students can enter a college of education by meeting one of three requirements now instead of all three requirements. Mr. Smith stated that the requirements were a 21 on their ACT, a 3.0 grade point average, or making a qualifying score on their PRAXIS core. Mr. Smith stated that in the past they would have to complete all three to be admitted and now they only have to complete one to be enrolled in the college of education. Mr. Smith stated that the extension of the education scholarship account which is the special needs scholarship that students who qualify for can receive \$6,500.00 to attend a school that meets their special needs. Mr. Smith stated the Senate extended this scholarship for another three years and the biggest change is the program last year was funded for \$5 million and this year the funding was reduced to \$3 million. Mr. Smith stated MDE is working with the Legislature and the Attorney General to see how to best move forward. Mr. Smith stated that Dr. Dean has already mentioned the two bills that were passed on distance learning, Senate Bill 3044 which deals with technology devies and House Bill 1788 which provides funds for connectivity issues while they are distance learning.

Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, updated the Board on the process for the junior student representative. Dr. Kelly stated that 26 applications were received and 23 met all the requirements. Dr. Kelly stated that Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman and MDE staff screened all 23 applicants and narrowed it to 10 finalists. Dr. Kelly stated that he and Ms. Aultman interviewed the 10 finalists this week. Dr. Kelly stated the 10 finalists were: (1) Hannah Carson, Hatley High School, Monroe County School District; (2) Christian Dunne, Starkville High School, Starkville Oktibbeha

Consolidated School District; (3) Hans Elasri, Oak Grove High School, Lamar County School District; (4) April Guo-Yue, Starkville High School, Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; (5) Zion Johnson, Columbus High School, Columbus Municipal School District; (6) Wykendrick Jones, Heidelberg High School, East Jasper School District; (7) Anna Lafferty, Lafayette High School, Lafayette County School District; (8) Andee Robertson, Purvis High School, Lamar County School District; (9) Weston “Archer” Taylor, Petal High School, Petal School District; and (10) Amy Zhang, Starkville High School, Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District. Dr. Kelly stated the scores will be sent to the Office of Educational Accountability and once they have tabulated the scores then the two finalists will be interviewed by the Board on August 27, 2020 after the Board meeting. Dr. Kelly stated that the applicants that are not selected will serve on the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council. Dr. Kelly stated that he is excited about all the applicants and what it means to the Board.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair of the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee, met this morning in a Zoom meeting with Dr. Nathan Oakley who gave an update on professional development, distance learning for teachers, and starting school from the academic side to the social and emotional side and all the components of getting students settled and back to school. Ms. Aultman stated that the budget and issues related to the Mississippi School of the Arts were discussed and are on our agenda today.

IX. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Action: Approval by the SBE to suspend strict compliance with specific state statutes and State Board of Education Policy for the 2020 – 2021 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 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 33-15-31, 33-15-11(b)(9) and 33-15-11(c)(1) and submit a waiver request to the United States Department of Education (ED) under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved item 01 (copy attached).

02. Action: Approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 9.2, State Board Policy Chapter 9, Rule 9.2: Reporting Attendance for Virtual Learning [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford and Nathan Oakley)

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board unanimously approved item 02 (copy attached).

03. Action: Approval of preliminary calculation of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2022 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved item 03 (copy attached).

04. Action: Approval of preliminary calculation of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2022 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board unanimously approved item 04 (copy attached).

05. Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved item 05 (copy attached).

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

- 06.A. Action: Contract with Aladdin Food Management Services, LLC to provide food services to the students and staff at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

- 06.B. Action: Contract with Synergetics DCS, Inc. to provide Software Support and Maintenance for FileX document imaging and software services [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

- 06.C. Action: Contract with Warner, Inc. DBA ServiceMaster OneCall to provide initial and weekly sanitizing/deep cleaning and daily cleaning of the MDE Office of Child Nutrition [Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

- 06.D. Action: Modify Contract with Mythics, Inc. for the acquisition of Oracle Software Licenses and Support [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

- 06.E. Action: Contract with SHI International Corp to provide for Microsoft Premier Support Services [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved items 06.A., 06.B., 06.C., 06.D., and 06.E. (copy attached).

07. Action: Approval of the MDE grant awards [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

07.A. Action: Renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

07.B. Action: Award Educator-in-Residence (EIR) grants from the Office of Elementary Education and Reading for Cohort II school districts for literacy coaches [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved items 07.A. and 07.B. (copy attached).

08. Information: No Report was given on Legislative Action related to the MDE Digital Learning Plan [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

09. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy Chapter 56, Rule 56.1 – Distance Learning, Blended Learning, and Online Courses (Nathan Oakley)

C. Approval of the *Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998*: Designation of 2020-2021 Critical Shortage Subject Areas and Critical Shortage Geographical Areas (Mississippi School Districts) (Paula Vanderford)

D. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Part 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the licensure requirements for obtaining and maintaining an Advanced Placement (AP) supplemental (add-on) endorsement that is added to a valid standard five-year Mississippi teacher license to teach Advanced Placement courses (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

E. Approval of a new school site for the Madison County School District (Paula Vanderford)



- F. Approval to revise Part 24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2019*, specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 9, *Acceleration*, regarding the collection of performance measures for dual credit courses [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- G. Approval of Resolution declaring the boundary of the Chickasaw County School District (Nathan Oakley)
- H. Approval to request the Governor call a special election in November 2020 for the Interim Board of Education in Chickasaw County School District as provided in Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-103.8(4)  
(Nathan Oakley)
- I. Approval of FY2021 budget for the Mississippi School of the Arts  
(Nathan Oakley)
- J. Approval of contract with North Atlantic Security for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Nathan Oakley)
- K. Approval of part-time contract for 2020-2021 science teacher for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Nathan Oakley)
- L. Information: Report of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved items A., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., and K. (copy attached).

- B. Approval 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  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved item B. (copy attached).

X. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. John R. Kelly moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Mr. Sean Suggs seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 4 to 0. Dr. Jason S. Dean asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Erin Meyer, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Dr. John R. Kelly, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) related to: (1) the approval of appointment of an Educ-Bureau Director II in the role of Special Education Director at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind; (2) approval of a salary adjustment to serve as Educ-Bureau Director II in the role of Assistant Superintendent and Statewide Services Director at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB); (3) approval of appointment of Associate State Superintendent in the role of Equity Officer; and (4) approval of appointment of Deputy State Superintendent to serve as Chief of Advocacy and Counsel. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 4 to 0. Ms. Erin Meyer informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above stated reason.

**Minutes of the Executive Session**

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed personnel matters in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) related to: (1) the approval of appointment of an Educ-Bureau Director II in the role of Special Education Director at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind; (2) approval of a salary adjustment to serve as Educ-Bureau Director II in the role of Assistant Superintendent and Statewide Services Director at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB); (3) approval of appointment of Associate State Superintendent in the role of Equity Officer; and (4) approval of appointment of Deputy State Superintendent to serve as Chief of Advocacy and Counsel.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board voted 4 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

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

1. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Sharron U. Williams as Educ-Bureau Director II in the role of Special Education Director at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind at a salary of \$74,119.09.
2. On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the salary adjustment of Dr. Leigh Warren to serve as Educ-Bureau Director II in the role of Assistant Superintendent and Statewide

Services Director at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) at a salary of \$84,000.00.

3. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Quentin Ransburg as Associate State Superintendent in the role of Equity Officer at a salary of \$120,000.00.
4. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Joe Goff as Deputy State Superintendent to serve as Chief of Advocacy and Counsel at a salary of \$145,000.00.

XI. State Board of Education

1. No report on meetings attended.
2. No request to attend a meeting.
3. Dr. John R. Kelly moved to nominate Dr. Jason S. Dean to serve as Board Chair from July 2020 to July 2021. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved Dr. Jason S. Dean to serve as Board Chair from July 2020 to July 2021.

Dr. Jason S. Dean moved to nominate Dr. John R. Kelly to serve as Board Vice-Chair from July 2020 to July 2021. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved Dr. John R. Kelly to serve as Board Vice-Chair from July 2020 to July 2021.

XII. Other Business

1. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Ms. Rosemary J. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved to change the previously approved State Board of Education meeting date of August 20, 2020 to August 27, 2020.
2. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved a work session of the State Board of Education on Thursday, August 27, 2020, immediately following the regularly scheduled Board meeting, starting at the earliest at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of interviewing the Student Representative finalists.

Dr. Dean stated that the August Board meeting will be held on August 27, 2020, starting at 10:00 a.m. with the interviewing of the Student Representative finalists starting at the earliest at 1:00 p.m.

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- XIII. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Jason S. Dean, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education