

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 6, 2020

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a special-called Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020, via teleconference and video means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose to approve the methodology for the distribution of \$20 million in Senate Bill (SB) 3044; to address the no cost contracts for the devices and other related expenditures for the districts' digital learning plans; and to approve the authority for the MDE to approve the district grants and distribution of funds from HB 3044.

The location of the meeting available to the public was by live stream and audio recording. Board members present included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Senator Nancy Collins (Tupelo, Mississippi), Dr. Jason S. Dean (Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (Beech Mountain, North Carolina), Dr. John R. Kelly (Gulfport, Mississippi), Mr. Sean Suggs (Blue Springs, Mississippi), and Mr. Omar Jamil (Hernando, Mississippi). Dr. Carey M. Wright also appeared at Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi to participate in this teleconference meeting.

- I. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair, called the special-called Board meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and stated that the meeting was being live streamed.

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 the notice of this meeting included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location the public could view the meeting. Dr. Dean stated that an audio recording was being made of the meeting 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. Dean stated that he wanted to take a poll of the Board members to see what they thought about providing a waiver to the districts for 10 days so the total number of days would be 170 days instead of 180 days. Dr. Deans took the poll and stated that after this Board meeting, in one hour, after notice is posted, there would be another Board meeting to discuss this matter.
- III. Dr. Carey M. Wright thanked her Executive Leadership Team especially Mr. John Kraman for all their hard work. Dr. Wright stated that without Mr. Karman's leadership and knowledge we would not have gotten everything done that was needed.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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V. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Action: Approval of the methodology for the distribution of \$20 million in Senate Bill 3044 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 01 (copy attached).

Dr. Dean called for a 10-minute recess and stated the Board would reconvene at 10:40 a.m.

02. Action: Award competitive contracts to various technology distributors to supply and deliver technology products to local school districts in the State [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 02 (copy attached).


03. Action: Approval of the authority for the MDE to approve the district grants and distribution of funds from Senate Bill 3044 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 03 (copy attached).

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Approved:



Jason S. Dean, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education