

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 17, 2008

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2008 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Claude Hartley, Chair. Mr. Hartley noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during Board meetings. Mr. Hartley also welcomed Mr. Johnny Franklin, Education Policy Advisor for the Governor, to the meeting.

Dr. Hank Bounds welcomed TEAM Mississippi group to the meeting.

Dr. Bounds gave the following report from the State Superintendent of Education:

- Reported on the success of the recent Youth Advisory Board meeting and the Destination Graduation: Teen Summit held at the Marriott in Jackson. He also welcomed Danny Mitchell, Todd Ballard and Cindy White of the Godwin Group to the meeting. Dr. Bounds reported that the GodwinGroup had worked with the Department to develop a branding campaign to help reach the State Board's goal of reducing the dropout rate by 50 percent over the next five to seven years. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Ballard gave a brief overview of the "On the Bus" branding campaign, which includes radio, television, outdoor and website.
- Reported that Dr. Kris Kaase would give a brief overview of the Response to Intervention Collaborative (copy on file).
- Reported on possible options for assigning school accountability designations during the transition year between the old and the new accreditation system.
- Reminded the Board of the Destination Graduation: Adult Summit, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Mr. Steve Williams and Ms. Joy Milam gave a 2008 Legislative Update (copy on file).

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The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2008, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Claude Hartley, Chair.
- II. Mr. Hal Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Charles McClelland gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 13-14, 2007.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. There was no Chair's Report.
- VI. Other Action Items
  03. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the modification of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Grant to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc. (copy attached).  
**(Office of Business and Support Services)**
  04. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved to establish nutrition regulations for the Child Nutrition School Breakfast and Lunch Programs, which have cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Business and Support Services)**
  05. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved to establish Comprehensive Health Education and Physical Education Rules and Regulations, which have cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Business and Support Services)**

06. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Evergreen Educational Consulting, L.L.C. as the project evaluator for the State Personnel Development Grant also known as REACH-MS, as required by the U.S. Department of Education (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
07. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to submit amendments to revise the Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook to the U.S. Department of Education for review (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
10. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Jean Fitzhugh Massey to serve as Senior Assistant to the State Superintendent (Bureau Director II), Office of Accreditation, at an annual salary of \$100,200.00 to become effective January 23, 2008 (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
11. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mary Ann Moore to serve as the Associate State Superintendent, Office of Special Education, at an annual salary of \$113,964.27 to become effective January 1, 2008 (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
- VII. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items:
  - A. Approval to continue in effect Board's Declaration of State of Emergency based on the findings that, pursuant to the continuing proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Mississippi, a state of emergency continues to exist as a result of Hurricane Katrina and that, pursuant to the provisions of the Hurricane Education Recovery Act, federal funds have been allocated to address educational needs resulting from this disaster (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
  - B. Approval to contract with CCH Consulting, Inc., to provide a Project Manager to oversee modifications and enhancements to a web based payment system for the Office of Child Nutrition (copy attached).  
**(Office of Business and Support Services)**

- C. Approval of a new school site for the Jackson County School District (copy attached).

**(Office of Business and Support Services)**

- VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- **2006-2007 Tech Prep Exemplary Site**  
Northwest Rankin High School

- IX. State Board of Education

01. There were no requests to attend meetings.
02. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard the Board unanimously approved that Ms. Rebecca Harris attend the Project Lead the Way meeting in South Carolina.

Ms. Rosetta Richard reminded the Board that, as recently approved by the Board, she would be going to the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee meeting next week.

Mr. Hartley noted that the Strategic Plan would be discussed in the February meeting. He also noted his very serious concerns for the consistently failing schools and the number of athletes who can't perform academically. He suggested that the Board should consider calling on coaches for assistance in this matter.

Ms. Rosetta Richard reminded the Board that nominations for NASBE Awards are due by March 1, 2008.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Approved:

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Claude Hartley, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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Hank M. Bounds  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education





Ms. Milam also introduced and welcomed Deborah Meador to the meeting. Ms. Meador will be working in the Department of Information and Legislative Support.

Dr. Sheril Smith discussed the modification of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Grant to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc. The purpose of this modification is to increase the number of schools and participants served in the JMG dropout prevention and intervention program for low income, at-risk students. The program will be expanded to assist 14 – 19 year old students from TANF eligible families attending the eight additional schools. Dr. Smith recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Regina Ginn discussed establishing nutrition regulations for the Child Nutrition School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. The regulations cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process with public comments that were presented to the Board. The regulations take into account the most recent and advanced scientific principles regarding good human health and fitness. The effect of the regulations must be that the good health, well-being and fitness of Mississippi school children are advanced. Ms. Ginn recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Ginn discussed establishing Comprehensive Health Education and Physical Education Rules and Regulations. The regulations cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. These regulations were developed to support extracurricular activities sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association and are not intended to provide an all-inclusive list. This is necessary to avoid repetitive approval by the State Board of Education based on the additions of new programs. The Mississippi Legislature passed the Mississippi Healthy Students Act during the 2007 legislative session to support the health of students and academic achievement by providing an increased amount of physical activity and health education instruction for K-12 students. Ms. Ginn recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kris Kaase discussed the contract with Evergreen Educational Consulting, L.L.C. as the project evaluator for the State Personnel Development Grant also known as REACH-MS, as required by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). The project evaluation will focus on the achievement of the specific project goals and objectives, the fidelity or integrity of implementation, and ultimately whether improved educational outcomes for children and youth with disabilities resulted as measured by the USDOE's performance indicators. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Steve Hebbler discussed submitting amendments to revise the Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook to the U.S. Department of Education for review. The revisions in the workbook reflect the changes to be made for use in the 2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Model under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Dr. Hebbler recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Paula Means gave a report on the North Panola School District (copy on file). Ms. Means welcomed Ms. Lucinda Carter, Superintendent of North Panola School District, along with board members and community leaders.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Dr. Daphne Buckley gave a report on the Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship (CNTS) and Incentive Program and a report on the 2006-2007 Mississippi Alternate Route Teacher and Administrator Certification Programs (copy on file).

Dr. Bounds discussed the appointment of Jean Fitzhugh Massey to serve as Senior Assistant to the State Superintendent (Bureau Director II), Office of Accreditation, at an annual salary of \$100,200.00, to become effective January 23, 2008. Dr. Bounds recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Bounds discussed the appointment of Mary Ann Moore to serve as the Associate State Superintendent, Office of Special Education, at an annual salary of \$113,964.27, to become effective January 1, 2008.

Mr. Hartley gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items:

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- B. Contract with CCH Consulting, Inc., to provide a Project Manager to oversee modifications and enhancements to a web based payment system for the Office of Child Nutrition (Regina Ginn)
- C. New school site for the Jackson County School District (Regina Ginn)



D. Report of Personnel Actions (Ethel Cain Carson)

Approved:

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Claude Hartley, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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Hank M. Bounds  
Executive Secretary  
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