

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 20, 2014

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board member absent was: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

The work session was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

Dr. Gann recognized Ms. Nancy Loome, Parents Campaign, and Ms. Kelly Riley, Mississippi Professional Educators.

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

- Dr. Wright stated the Charter Authorizer Board meets monthly and they have received 12 applications that will be evaluated by outside evaluators for nine districts. They will announce the awardees in June.
- Dr. Wright met in an informative meeting with the Head Start State Directors to form a strong relationship with them.
- Dr. Wright met with a group, including PEER that was chaired by Representative Toby Barker and Senator Terry Burton regarding a performance-based budgeted system. Within three years, every agency in Mississippi will use a performance-based budgeted system.
- Dr. Wright reported that the USDE would be coming on March 26 and 27, 2014 for a site visit on the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) to meet with all that are involved in this system.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the meeting with Governor Phil Bryant, Ms. Michelle Accardi, Director, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Ms. Kathryn Stewart, Government and Regulatory Group, Butler Snow LLP, and Ms. Caroline Wicker Sims, Government Relations Advisor, Butler Snow, LLP to discuss a pilot program where all the teachers in the pilot schools would become National Board Certified.
- Dr. Wright stated she gave a keynote at the Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS) Conference on March 19, 2014 in Choctaw, MS. Dr. Gann also spoke at the Conference.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Robin Lemonis for her work with Early Literacy Collaboration and the Reading Panel. Ms. Lemonis works in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. John R. Kelly gave a report from the Accountability subcommittee meeting that was held prior to today's Board meeting. They discussed several items but the only one coming to the Board for action in March is the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System.

Mr. Mike Kent, Dr. Arthur Carlidge, Superintendent of Yazoo City School District, Ms. Lucille Lovette, Lead Teacher, Yazoo City School District, and, Mr. John Wallace, Chair, Board of Trustees of Yazoo City School District gave a report on the current status of the Yazoo City School District.

Mr. Kent reported that the consolidation status of school districts in Bolivar County is on schedule. The next deadline will be hiring a superintendent on or before May 15, 2014

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. Laura Jones discussed modifying grant awards for FY14 in support of local improvement efforts in current School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools as authorized under Section 1003(g) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy, Dr. Bill Welch, and Mr. Leonard Swilley discussed revising the Mississippi Pupil Transportation Handbook. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Jean Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for Healthcare and Clinical Services. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Digital Media Technology, (2) Family and Consumer Sciences, (3) Health Sciences, and (4) Teacher Academy. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Mr. James Mason discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To adopt the *Mississippi Extended Science Frameworks (MESF)*. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Mr. Mason discussed contracting with the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University to conduct supplemental Algebra I, Biology I, U.S. History, and English II SATP test administrations for seniors. The test administrations will be conducted in Starkville, MS and in Hattiesburg, MS. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Mr. Mason discussed the methodology to award Technology Readiness Grants to school districts to support both online learning experiences and assessments. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Cerissa Neal discussed the request from William Carey University to award an Educational Specialist degree to master's degree candidates who complete the approved Master of Education in Educational Leadership program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Neal discussed the critical shortage subject areas and geographical regions as defined by the Mississippi Legislature for the following programs: Federal Stafford Program, Federal Perkins Loan, Paul C. Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program, and the William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Todd Ivey and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to continue the use of the current participation rate calculations for the high school end-of-course assessments for school year 2013-2014. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the proposed revisions to Appendices A, B, and C in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012*. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Dr. Vanderford discussed revising Accreditation Policy 2.3, Annual Accreditation Statuses, to read under the definition of Withdrawn that any school district placed in conservatorship may have its accreditation withdrawn. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey discussed revising State Board Policy 2601 - Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendent, Principal, and Licensed Employee. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey discussed revising State Board Policy 2602 - Contingent Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Ms. Melissa Barnes discussed appointing a Financial Advisor for Carroll County School District. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Gann gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items:

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)
- B. Discussion to revise State Board Policy 7201 – Educable Child Program (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- C. Discussion to remove State Board Policy 7211 – Exemptions, Maximum Enrollment and State Board Policy 7213 – Medicaid Placements (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Kim Benton)
- D. Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to litigation and personnel issues in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), and (k). The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to litigation involving the State Board of Education and the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and discussion of discrete personnel matters regarding job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and concerning the operation of the Department of Education, including but not limited to, the reassignment and/or reorganization of staff in specific offices and positions within the Department of Education, in accordance with Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) of the Mississippi Code. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Dr. Kim Benton, Mr. Todd Ivey, Mr. Pete Smith, Mr. Washington Cole, and Ms. Kathy Boteler.

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Ms. Kathy Boteler informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to litigation involving the State Board of Education and the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and discussion of discrete

personnel matters regarding job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and concerning the operation of the Department of Education, including but not limited to, the reassignment and/or reorganization of staff in specific offices and position within the Department of Education, in accordance with Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) of the Mississippi Code.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed the following items:

1. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Organizational Structure Chart as requested by Dr. Carey M. Wright.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Mr. Hal Gage
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting no: None

Member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

2. On a motion by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Patrick Ross to serve as Deputy State Superintendent in the Office of School Improvement at a salary of \$128,033.00.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Mr. Hal Gage
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting no: None

Member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

3. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. James Mason to serve as Associate State Superintendent in the Office of Assessment and Accountability at a salary of \$113,964.00.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Mr. Hal Gage
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting no: None

Member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

4. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Cerissa Neal to serve as Bureau Manager in the Office of Educator Licensure and Teacher Center at a salary of \$100,000.00.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Mr. Hal Gage
Mr. William H. Jones
Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting no: None

Member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

5. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. David Cook to serve as ELMS Administrator at a salary of \$84,000.00.

Members voting aye:

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Mr. Hal Gage
Mr. William H. Jones

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Dr. John R. Kelly
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting no: None

Member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II

On motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the motion passed on a vote 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:



Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Dr. Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board member absent was: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.

Dr. Gann welcomed Dr. Lynn Weathersby, Superintendent of Rankin County School District, the wife of Mr. William H. Jones, and the wife of Mr. Hal Gage.

- II. Dr. John R. Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Kami Bumgarner gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special-Called Board meeting on March 5, 2014.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Report of the Chair

Dr. Gann reported that the following Board items were approved yesterday, March 20, 2014, in Executive Session:

1. Approved an Organizational Structure Chart for the Mississippi Department of Education as recommended by Dr. Carey M. Wright.
2. Approved appointment of Mr. Patrick Ross to serve as Deputy State Superintendent in the Office of School Improvement.
3. Approved appointment of Mr. James Mason to serve as Associate State Superintendent in the Office of Assessment and Accountability.
4. Approved appointment of Ms. Cerissa Neal to serve as Bureau Manager in the Office of Educator Licensure and Teacher Center.
5. Approved appointment of Mr. David Cook to serve as ELMS Administrator.

VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, March 20, 2014.)

05. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved to modify grant awards for FY14 in support of local improvement efforts in current School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools as authorized under Section 1003(g) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
06. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved to revise the Mississippi Pupil Transportation Handbook. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
07. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for Healthcare and Clinical Services (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
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(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

11. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award Technology Readiness Grants to school districts to support both online learning experiences and assessments. **(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)**
12. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the request from William Carey University to award an Educational Specialist degree to master's degree candidates who complete the approved Master of Education in Educational Leadership program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached). **(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
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(Office of Educational Accountability)

19. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to appoint a Financial Advisor for Carroll County School District (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

20. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

 - B. Approval to revise State Board Policy 7201 – Educable Child Program (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

 - C. Approval to remove State Board Policy 7211 – Exemptions, Maximum Enrollment and State Board Policy 7213 – Medicaid Placements (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

VII. Recognition Ceremony

2012-2013 JROTC Legion of Valor Recipients
C/LTC Benson W. Neely, Executive Officer
Florence High School Army JROTC

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C/MAJ Laura Strobel, Operations Officer
Brandon High School Army JROTC

C/MAJ Dajanique Beneby, Executive Officer
Richland High School Army JROTC

C/LTC De’Ahnera Mayfield, Commanding Officer
Jim Hill High School Army JROTC

2014 March Employee of the Month

Faye Applewhite
Office of Compulsory School Attendance
School Attendance Officer

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Dr. Gann reported attending the Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS) Conference.

Dr. John R. Kelly reported attending the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Legislative Forum in Washington, DC and will send a written report to the State Board members.

02. There were no requests to attend a meeting.

- IX. Dr. John R. Kelly read and presented a Resolution signed by all members of the State Board of Education recognizing Mr. Howell “Hal” Gage for his years of service as a member of the State Board of Education. A copy of the Resolution is attached. Dr. Carey M. Wright presented Mr. Gage a plaque for his service to the State Board of Education. Mr. Gage has served on the State Board since 2004 and resigned effective March 31, 2014.

Dr. Gann announced that the April Board meeting is scheduled for April 17-18, 2014.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Approved:



Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Dr. Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education