

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 7, 2015

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a special-called work session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015 via teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code for the purpose of approving the pass/fail score for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment (MKAS2); approving the modification of the contract with DLT Solutions L.L.C. to continue work on the accountability system, Mississippi Educator Evaluator (MS-EE) mobile app, and MSIS upgrades on the consent agenda; and to consider going into Executive Session. The location of the meeting available to the public was the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Dr. John R. Kelly (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. Karen J. Elam (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Johnny Franklin (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Dr. O. Wayne Gann (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. William H. Jones (Petal, Mississippi), Mr. Charles McClelland (Jackson, Mississippi), Mr. Richard Morrison (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Central High School Building, Jackson, Mississippi). Board member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner.

The work session was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair.

Dr. Kelly noted that the meeting of the Board of Education was being held via teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code and that the notice of this meeting made at least five days prior to the meeting included the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting and identified the location of the meeting available to the public. Dr. Kelly also stated that an audio recording was being made of the meeting and that a quorum of the Board was present at the locations stated for the purpose of conducting a meeting through teleconference means.

01. The meeting was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair.
03. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Members voting aye:  
Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay:       None

Member absent:            Ms. Kami Bumgarner

02. Dr. Carey M. Wright reported that State Board Policy 2008, Food Purchasing Systems for Public Schools, allows the State Superintendent of Education to act without Board approval when unusual circumstances arise and to then report that action at the next Board meeting. Due to the recall of Blue Bell ice cream products five of Mississippi Department of Education's seven purchasing regions were left without a vendor for low fat ice cream products that meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State requirements. Blue Bell does not anticipate being able to supply low fat ice cream products for schools until December 2015 or later.

In accordance with Board Policy 2008, Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) entered into an emergency contract with LuVel Dairy to provide services for the remainder of this school year and the contract extension for School Year 2015-2016.

Dr. Wright introduced Dr. Chris Domaleski who is currently a Senior Associate with the National Center for the Improvement of Education Assessment. In that capacity, he works with states and other education agencies to design and implement effective assessment and accountability policies and programs.

04. Dr. Kim Benton, Mr. Walt Drane, Mr. Nathan Oakley, Dr. Chris Domaleski (Chair, Mississippi National Technical Advisory Committee), Ms. Paula O'Gorman (Renaissance Learning), and Dr. Jim McBride (Renaissance Learning) discussed the recommended pass/fail score for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment (MKAS2). The Board discussed the recommended pass/fail score of 926 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended pass/fail score of 926 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment (MKAS2) (copy attached).

**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

05. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent item (copy attached).

A. Approval to modify contract with DLT Solutions L.L.C. to continue work on the accountability system, Mississippi Educator Evaluator (MS-EE) mobile app, and MSIS upgrades  
**(Office of Interim Chief Information Officer)**

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

06. Consideration of Executive Session

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

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

Mr. Richard Morrison then moved that the Board go into Execution Session for the purpose of discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(k) and transaction of business related thereto. Dr. O. Wayne Gann seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

Dr. John R. Kelly stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Executive Leadership Team, and Raina Lee, Beebe Garrard, Heather Deaton, and Erin Meyer.

Ms. Beebe Garrard informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons.

### **Minutes of the Executive Session**

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(k) and transaction of business related thereto.

The Board took action on the following item during the Executive Session:

1. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Yan Li as Bureau Director II in the Office of Accountability to serve as Director of Research and Statics.

On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session.

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

The public joined the Board meeting.

Dr. Kelly stated that the May Board meeting will be a one-day meeting on May 21, 2015 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Richard Morrison stated the he and Dr. Karen J. Elam will be attending a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) meeting and would need approval for out-of-state travel. Dr. Kelly stated the meeting is a no cost meeting with all expenses paid by NASBE and no approval was needed.

07. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Johnny Franklin  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Mr. William H. Jones  
Mr. Charles McClelland  
Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting nay: None

Member absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

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Approved:



Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



Dr. Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
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