

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 21, 2015

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015, 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, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner and Mr. William H. Jones.

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

Dr. Kelly welcomed Ms. Nancy Looome, Parents' Campaign; Dr. Phillip Burchfield, Superintendent, Clinton Public School District; Dr. Lisa Karmacharya, Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA); Ms. Kelly Riley, Mississippi Professional Educators; and Ms. Erica Berry, Lt. Governor's Office.

Mr. Johnny Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the Invocation.

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

- Dr. Wright stated a team from the Alabama Department of Education is here to meet with staff from the Department. The Alabama staff members are: Dr. Julie Hannah, Director, Student Learning; Ms. Karen Porter, Educator Administrator, Teacher and Learning; Dr. Phillip Cleveland, Director, Career Technical Education/Workforce Development; and Dr. Mark Kirkemier, Program Coordinator, Educator Effectiveness. Also, attending the meeting is staff from the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL): Ms. Debbie Meibaum, Ms. Beth Howard-Brown, and Ms. Heidi Goertzen.
- Dr. Wright reported that her trip to China, as one of eight superintendents chosen to attend, was well coordinated and a whirlwind event. Dr. Wright stated she learned a lot from the trip.
- Dr. Wright stated the Statewide Superintendent Meeting in Pearl, Mississippi was very well received and Mr. Johnny Franklin attended the meeting.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is Northside Elementary School in Clinton, Mississippi. Mr. Jimmy and Ms. Joan Barrentine have been volunteering since their retirement to work with the second and third grade students in the English Language Learners program. Northside Elementary School Principal, Ms. Joy Tyner, stated there are nine different languages spoken in the school. Northside Elementary School passed the Third Grade Reading Assessment with 98% and the English Language Learners passed with

100% due to the work by the Barrentines. The Board applauded their work with the English Language Learners.

- Dr. Wright provided an update on the Third Grade Reading Summative Assessment (PowerPoint attached).

02. There were no subcommittee meetings held.

03. Mr. Pat Ross and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed revising the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System effective 2014-2015 [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval.

04. Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Process Standard 20 – *Instructional Management System of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* [Goals 2 and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed when the new revised *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* would be available. Mr. Ross recommended approval.

05. Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Process Standard 32 – *Youth Detention Centers of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* [Goals 2 and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ross recommended approval.

06. Dr. Kim Benton, Mr. Nathan Oakley, and Ms. Patrice Guilfoyle discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the 2015 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The Administrative Procedures Act process will be open for public comments for three months and the comments will be presented to the Board. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

A. *2015 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts*

B. *2015 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Mathematics*

07. Dr. Benton and Mr. Oakley reported on the Statewide Kindergarten Readiness Spring results for Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²) [Goal 3 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the results that were presented and wanted the best practices used to be shared with the other districts (copy attached).

08. Dr. Benton, Ms. Jean Massey, and Dr. Marla Davis discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *Foundations of Algebra*

course [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the content of the new course. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

09. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss items D, F, G, and L.
- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
 - B. Contract with M.H. Miles Company, CPA, PC for Compliance Reviews for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program (Todd Ivey)
 - C. Renew contract with Ciber, Inc., to provide developers for modifications and enhancements to a web-based payment and contract system (Todd Ivey)
 - D. New supplemental 900 level endorsement codes for secondary education as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development March 6, 2015: 926 – Project Lead the Way (PLTW) – Biomedical Science; 927 – Project Lead the Way (PLTW) – Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (PLTW Gateway); 928 – Project Lead the Way (PLTW) – High School Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); 929 – Southern Region Education Board (SREB) – Math Ready; and 930 – Southern Region Education Board (SREB) – Literacy Ready (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act with no public comments) (Todd Ivey)
 - E. Contracts for the following conservators: (Pat Ross)
 - 1. Contract for Conservator for Aberdeen School District
 - 2. Contract for Conservator for Leflore County School District
 - F. Appointment of Conservator for Claiborne County School District (Pat Ross)
 - G. Contract for Conservator for Claiborne County School District (Pat Ross)
 - H. Mississippi School of the Arts 2015-2016 Student Handbook (Kim Benton)
 - I. Mississippi School of the Arts Wellness Plan (Kim Benton)

- J. Renew contracts with vendors for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Science Grades K-6, Science Grades 6-8, Science Grades 9-12, Foreign Language Grades K-12, Agriculture Education Grades 9-12, Health Education Grades 9-12, Trade and Industrial Education Grades 9-12, Business and Computer Education Grades 9-12, and Cooperative Education Grades 9-12 (Kim Benton)
- K. Revised methodology to award McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants to support local school districts in providing supplemental services for homeless children and youth (Kim Benton)
- L. Award discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence (EIR) to provide technical assistance and training (Kim Benton)

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

10. Executive Session

Mr. Richard Morrison moved that the Board consider making a determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to personnel issues and investigative proceedings in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (d), and (k). The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0.

Mr. Richard Morrison, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(d) and 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)(a) and (k) and transaction of business related thereto. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6 to 0.

Dr. Kelly stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Executive Leadership Team, Ms. Raina Lee, Mr. Joseph Runnels, Ms. Heather Deaton, Ms. Erin Meyer, and Ms. Beebe Garrard. Ms. Lee 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 investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(d) and 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)(a) and (k) and transaction of business related

thereto.

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

1. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved on a 6 to 0 vote to appoint Mr. Bradley J. Feaster as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of Internal Audit in the Office of Educational Accountability at a salary of \$84,000.00.
2. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved on a 6 to 0 vote to appoint Dr. John Q. Porter as Chief Information Officer in the Office of Technology and Strategic Services at a salary of \$195,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the motion passed on a vote 6 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public returned to the meeting.

Dr. Kelly informed the public of the two motions approved during the Executive Session.

Board Meeting Agenda

Immediately following the work session

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly.
- II. Dr. Karen J. Elam stated that on April 17, 2015, minutes on page 7 under where she reported out about attending the National Association of State Boards of Education meeting there should be added the word privacy so the sentence will read: The topic was that every state needs and must have added education data privacy policy.

On a motion Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board approved the Minutes of April 16-17, 2015, Minutes of Board Retreat April 24, 2015, and Special-Called meeting of May 7, 2015.

- III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- IV. Report of the Chair

- Dr. Kelly invited the Board members to the commencement ceremonies at the Mississippi School for the Blind (MSB) and the Mississippi School for the Deaf (MSD) on Friday, May 22.
- Dr. Kelly reported the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Data Privacy Training will be held on Wednesday, June 17, in the 4th Floor Boardroom. Board members, the MDE Executive Leadership Team, Attorney General legal counsel, and selected state officials will be in attendance.
- Dr. Kelly stated the July Board meeting will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi on July 16 in conjunction with the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) conference.
- Dr. Kelly stated the NASBE New Member Institute will be held in Arlington, Virginia on July 23-28. All new board members are invited to attend. NASBE covers the cost of two members to participate.
- Dr. Kelly stated that following the Board training in April, the Board will continue to collaborate with Dr. Mike Waldrop, Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) to assist with a review of our board policies and subcommittee structure and provide technical assistance in these areas.

V. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, May 21, 2015.)

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09. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and L (copy attached):

A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

B. Approval of contract with M.H. Miles Company, CPA, PC for Compliance Reviews for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program

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VIII. State Board of Education

01. There was no report on meetings attended.
02. Mr. Richard Morrison and Dr. Karen J. Elam will be attending a National Association of School Boards of Education (NASBE) meeting and there is no expense to the MDE.

Dr. Kelly, Dr. Carey M. Wright, Dr. Kim Benton, Ms. Jean Massey, and Dr. Mary Graham (President, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College) will attend the North Carolina Early College High School program. The expenses will be paid for by an outside agency.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously voted to approve travel for these Board members.

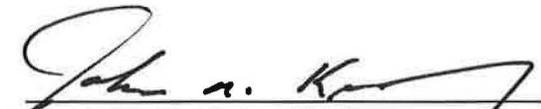
IX. Other Business

Dr. Kelly stated that the June Board meeting will be held June 18-19, 2015.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Approved:



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



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