

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 21, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016, in the Board Room at South Pointe Building, 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland.

- I. The Board meeting 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 meeting.
- II. Mr. Buddy Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 17, 2015.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **AP Honor Roll Districts in Mississippi**

Hinds County School District

Starkville - Oktibbeha Consolidated School District

### **2015 November Employee of the Month**

Courtney Banks

Secretary Principal

Mississippi School for the Blind

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
  - Dr. Wright stated her scheduled slowed down during Christmas a little bit. Dr. Wright stated she hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is looking forward to a terrific New Year.
  - Dr. Wright stated she attended the Mississippi Economic Council Capital Day where Governor Phil Bryant recognized the hard work of the Mississippi

Department of Education and the gains we are making in student achievement.

- Dr. Wright stated she initiated a Judicial Task Force chaired by Judge Broom, Rankin County Court Judge. The task force will examine several areas, such as suspensions/expulsions and services provided at the Juvenile Detention Centers. The task force is in the process of narrowing the focus.
- Dr. Wright stated she spoke at the press conference held by the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) where she stressed the importance of working together to move education forward.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended a meeting with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) as one of eight state superintendents invited to meet with national civil rights organizations. Dr. Wright stated the group is concerned that states will back away from accountability measures and subgroups' performances would be ignored.
- Dr. Wright passed out the completed 2014-2015 Superintendent's Annual Report. Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Pete Smith, Ms. Patrice Guilfoyle, and Ms. Jean Cook.
- Dr. Wright stated she was a guest on Dr. Susan Buttross' radio show, *Relatively Speaking*, about early childhood, about how parents can request services for their children, and what types of services schools offer.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended and spoke at the Milken Family Foundation Educator Award Ceremony for Ms. Rhonda Burrage, a math teacher at Magnolia Middle School who was awarded \$25,000.00.
- Dr. Wright stated she received notice yesterday from the Governor of a budget cut to the agency (copy attached).
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Robin Lemonis for her published article in the December edition of the International Dyslexia Association, *Perspectives on Language and Literacy*. Dr. Wright stated the title of the edition for December was *Dyslexia – Past, Present, and Future* and Ms. Lemonis' article was titled *An Inside Look at the Challenges of Implementing Dyslexia*.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Trecina Green for her 14 years of service at the Department in various positions. Dr. Wright wished her well on the new chapter in her life.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is William Carey University – Giving the Gift of Literacy. William Carey University, School of Education sponsors a float in the Hattiesburg Christmas parade but instead of throwing beads or candy from the float, William Carey students give books to every child along the parade route.

VII. Dr. John R. Kelly gave the following report as the Chair of the State Board:

- Dr. Kelly stated that he presented at the Gulfport Business Club and at the Gulfport Business Council.
- Dr. Kelly stated the 2015 goals are fluid and will be changed as needed.

- Dr. Kelly asked the Board members to look at February dates for a planning session to review the Strategic Plan. Dr. Kelly asked Ms. Sonya Amis to work to get this meeting scheduled.
- Dr. Kelly stated the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Conference will be held starting Monday in Jackson, Mississippi and to attend if their schedules permitted.

VIII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman reported from the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee. Ms. Aultman stated the committee heard discussion of the appointment to the Commission on School Accreditation to replace a retiring superintendent. The committee was presented information on the bridge scale method used to determine interim scores on the Mississippi Assessment Program and was presented an update on *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) from the planning team from the Department. These items will be discussed later in the Board meeting.

Mr. William H. Jones reported from the Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Jones stated the committee met and the priorities are still the same. The committee discussed cleaning up some Legislative items.

Dr. Karen J. Elam reported from the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee that met on Wednesday prior to the Board meeting. Dr. Elam reported that the committee discussed some Administrative Procedures Act comments about the Mississippi College- and Career-Standards. Dr. Kim Benton will take the Standards to the Board meeting for approval.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Carey M. Wright reported on the progress of the Mississippi Board of Education's 5-year Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. Dr. Wright presented a PowerPoint of the accomplishments of the one year plan (copy attached). The Board discussed the plan and offered some suggestions.

Dr. Kelly thanked Dr. Wright for the work and her leadership and the Mississippi Department of Education for the work that has been done.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

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02. Mr. Pat Ross and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the appointment to the Commission on School Accreditation [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ross recommended approval.
03. Mr. Ross, Dr. Vanderford, Ms. Jean Massey, and Ms. Trecina Green discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To award Carnegie unit credit for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ross recommended approval.
04. Mr. Ross, Dr. Vanderford, Ms. Massey, and Ms. Green discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 56, Rule 56.1 – Distance Learning/Online Courses [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ross recommended approval.
05. Dr. Kim Benton and Dr. Nathan Oakley discussed establishing the 2016 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

Mr. Johnny Franklin thanked everybody for their hard work and stated this was a great process.

06. Dr. J. P. Beaudoin reported on the bridge scale method used to determine interim scores on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) for SY 2015-2016 [Goals 1 and 5 - MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
07. Dr. Beaudoin reported on the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) planning team update regarding Reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan].
08. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss items C, G, and H.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey answered questions on items C. Mr. Johnny Franklin stated that on items G and H that the Department had done a good job.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)

- B. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Kim Benton)
- C. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Framework in Career and Technical Education for Heavy Equipment Operation (Kim Benton)
- D. Establish the *Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines (2015)* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Kim Benton)
- E. Approve textbooks as recommended by the 2015 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics 9-12 (Foundations of Algebra), Health Education (C.T.E.) 9-12, Agriculture (C.T.E.) 9-12, and Trade and Industrial Education (C.T.E.) 9-12 (Kim Benton)
- F. Contract with vendors as recommended by the 2015 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics (Foundations of Algebra) 9-12, Health Careers Education (C.T.E.) 9-12, Agriculture (C.T.E.) 9-12, and Trade and Industrial Education (C.T.E.) 9-12 (Kim Benton)
- G. Establish the *2016 Mississippi World Languages Framework* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Kim Benton)
- H. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) (Kim Benton)
- I. Revise the following State Board of Education policies: (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (J.P. Beaudoin)
  - 1. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 78, Rule 78.7 – Schedule
  - 2. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 78, Rule 78.8 – Setting Student-Level Standards for State Assessments
  - 3. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 78, Rule 78.10 – Subject Area Testing Program Appeals Process

X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Roy Gill to the Commission on School Accreditation [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)**
03. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To award Carnegie unit credit for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)**
04. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 56, Rule 56.1 – Distance Learning/Online Courses [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)**
05. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved to establish the 2016 Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards [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 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
08. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I (copy attached).
  - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
  - B. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the selected Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

- C. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Framework in Career and Technical Education for Heavy Equipment Operation  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
- D. Establish the *Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines (2015)*  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
- E. Approve textbooks as recommended by the 2015 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics (Foundations of Algebra) 9-12, Health Education (C.T.E.) 9-12, Agriculture (C.T.E.) 9-12, and Trade and Industrial Education (C.T.E.) 9-12  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
- F. Contract with vendors as recommended by the 2015 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Mathematics (Foundations of Algebra) 9-12, Health Careers Education (C.T.E.) 9-12, Agriculture (C.T.E.) 9-12, and Trade and Industrial Education (C.T.E.) 9-12  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
- G. Establish the *2016 Mississippi World Languages Framework*  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
- H. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning (IHL)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
- I. Revise the following State Board of Education policies:  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments)  
**(Office of Chief Research Development Officer)**
  - 1. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 78, Rule 78.7 - Schedule
  - 2. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 78, Rule 78.8 – Setting Student-Level Standards for State Assessments

3. Revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 78, Rule 78.10 – Subject Area Testing Program Appeals Process

#### IX. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k); discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b); and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d). Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Dr. Kelly stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Executive Leadership Team, Ms. Raina Lee 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 discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k); discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b); and discussed with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d).

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

01. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board approved on an 8 to 0 vote to appoint Mr. Ravaughn Robinson as Education Bureau Director II to serve as Project Manager for the Federal Statewide Longitudinal Grant Data System in the Office of Technology and Strategic Services at a salary of \$84,000.00.



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02. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board approved on an 8 to 0 vote to appoint Mr. Washington Cole as Deputy State Superintendent in the Office of State Superintendent of Education at a salary of \$128,033.60.
03. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board approved on an 8 to 0 vote to appoint Mr. Pete Smith as Deputy State Superintendent in the Office of Communication and Legislative Services at a salary of \$128,033.60.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board voted 8 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Dr. Kelly reported the actions taken during the Executive Session.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There was no report from a meeting attended
2. There was no request to attend a meeting.


XIII. Other Business

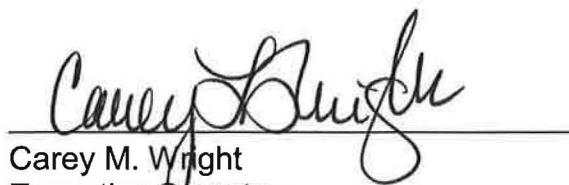
Dr. Kelly stated the February Board meeting will be held February 18, 2016.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Approved:

  
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John R. Kelly, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education