

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 20, 2017

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom at Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent was: Mr. William H. Jones. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Ms. Aultman noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. John R. Kelly gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017 Board meeting.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved to add Tab 09 to the agenda.

Tab 09: Information: Presentation of FY 2016 audit reports by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP

- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **Recognition for Support of Mississippi Education**

B. J. Perrett

Blackhawk Flight Foundation

### **2017 March Employee of the Month**

Jill Baldwin

Vision Hearing Impairment Teacher I

Mississippi School for the Deaf

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
  - Dr. Wright stated she attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Legislative Conference that is held annually in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Wright stated she was asked to make a presentation on the work we are doing here in Mississippi with Mississippi teachers writing lessons for Mississippi teachers. Dr. Wright stated that we had a grant from Kellogg where we brought teachers in to develop exemplar lessons and exemplar units. Dr. Wright stated she was one of two state superintendents that were asked to discuss our work and more will follow. Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi is one of five states asked to participate in this process nationally. Dr. Wright stated that this was a great opportunity for us because it is all about sharing. Dr. Wright stated that Louisiana has been doing this for years and we will benefit from this and we have also been sharing the links to our lessons.

- Dr. Wright stated that the State Early Childhood Advisory Council met and she was asked to present our data on children entering Kindergarten and where they were the year before. Dr. Wright stated this is the first year we have been able to report pre-K data. Dr. Wright stated that the two top scores were from public and private pre-K programs and the two lowest scores were from children kept at home or from Head Start. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Johnny Franklin was in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Wright stated that the Kellogg grant will help to hire some infrastructure in early childhood to assist pre-K and Head Start programs across the state that are having difficulty producing Kindergarten-ready students. Dr. Wright stated we have a plan moving forward.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Board of Directors and gave an update on all our initiatives and some of the results. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Pete Smith presented at the conference on the legislation that was passed. Dr. Wright stated that she thanked the administrators for all their hard work.
- Dr. Wright stated that she attended the Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE) 2017 Best Practices Symposium on Saturday. Dr. Wright stated there were about 500 people in the room and she thanked the teachers for all their work. Dr. Wright stated it is because of their hard work that we are making the strides in the state that we are making.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Teachers Advisory Council is up and going and it has been a great way to get additional input on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan and accountability.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with Governor Phil Bryant and gave him a draft of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. Dr. Wright stated they talked about what was in the plan and Governor Bryant expressed his support for the plan and said he was pleased with progress public education is making in the state. Dr. Wright stated the ESSA plan will come to the Board in June to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process (APA) and will come back in July for final approval. Dr. Wright stated the ESSA plan will be submitted on September 18, 2017.
- Dr. Wright stated the Regional Superintendents' Meetings have begun and they are always very informative and well attended.

- Dr. Wright stated that Ms. Rosemary Aultman and Mr. Buddy Bailey attended the Mississippi Teacher and Administrator of the Year Awards at the Jackson Convention Center.
- Dr. Wright stated the Achievement School District (ASD) Planning Meeting is conducted monthly. Dr. Wright stated they have reviewed the applicants that have applied for the Superintendent of the Achievement School District. Dr. Wright stated that background checks are being conducted on the applicants.
- Dr. Wright stated the Superintendents' Advisory Council meets monthly.
- Dr. Wright thanked Ms. Rosemary Aultman for attending the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Advisory Council meeting yesterday. Dr. Wright stated they were given an update on the ESSA plan and this gives us a chance to get their input. Dr. Wright stated that lots of good ideas came out of the meeting. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Nathan Oakley for leading this work.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) met recently. Dr. Wright stated that the members of TAC guide us through any technical decisions such as assessments, standard settings, and technical manuals and we get their blessings before we move on. Dr. Wright stated that our whole assessment system will have to go through the peer review process at the Federal level before we can move on and this is not an insufficient piece of work and TAC guides us through that to make sure we have everything in place that we need.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is "Richland Fire Academy – Rankin County School District: Partnership between Richland High School and Richland Fire Department". Dr. Wright stated that the Richland Fire Department works with the Richland High School to provide hands-on fire-fighting training to seniors this year as a pilot. Dr. Wright stated that Richland High School is working with the Department to expand this program to include sophomores and juniors and to offer a fully certified fire academy where students can earn Carnegie units. Dr. Wright stated that the students will tell you that they learn valuable teamwork as well as leadership skills. Dr. Wright stated they can try out a career before they have to commit to something. Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Buddy Bailey, State Board Member, and Rankin County School District Assistant Superintendent, Mr. William Sutton, Principal at Richland High School, and Ms. Cassondra Vanderford, Director of Career and Technical Education at Rankin County School District, for their work with the program. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Rhett Hood that was in the video is the son of Ms. Rana Hood who works in the Office of Academic Education.

VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board gave the following report:

- Ms. Aultman stated that she attended the Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year Award Luncheon. Ms. Aultman stated that there were teachers and administrators from across the state in attendance. Ms.

Aultman stated when she left the luncheon she was encouraged hearing them talk about their passion for teaching and that they were called to teach. Ms. Aultman stated the Teacher of the Year was from Petal formally from Clinton and the Administrator of the Year was from Pearl.

- Ms. Aultman stated she attended the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Advisory Council. Ms. Aultman stated that Dr. Nathan Oakley knows about ESSA. Ms. Aultman stated that various groups knew the program and were up-to-date on our plan. Ms. Aultman stated that we were ahead of the game. Ms. Aultman stated this was very informative and encouraging.

VIII. Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, stated that they met this morning. Dr. Kelly stated that he would give a thumbnail sketch of the items that will be presented to the Board later today. Dr. Kelly stated there was a recommendation of cut scores for the MAP program for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade reading assessment, a discussion of the renewal of the contract for FY 18 for Questar for the Mississippi Assessment Program – Alternate (MAP-A), a discussion of the renewal of the contract for Questar for the MAP program for Goals 1 and 2, and a discussion of the renewal of the FY 18 contract with Pearson for the Mississippi Science test. Dr. Kelly stated they went over the financial audit as well as an internal audit and both of these will be presented to you later today.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair of the Data Visualization Subcommittee, stated they met this morning. Dr. Dean stated they reviewed Goals 1, 2, and 3 and had some data to visualize around these goals. Dr. Dean stated they are still trying to quantify Goals 4, 5, and 6. Dr. Dean said the goal was to produce visualization charts for education stakeholders, Board members, and the public at large to see how we are coming along with our goals. Dr. Dean stated the group is making progress and will set a date soon for a Board retreat to present the information so you can see how we are moving along with our goals and objectives. Dr. Dean stated that they were given a brief review of a new program called Tableau which is another data visualization tool separate and apart from our goals and objectives. Dr. Dean said that Dr. Porter will provide additional information in his report.

Dr. Karen J. Elam, Chair of the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee, stated they met on Wednesday and in attendance were Mr. Johnny Franklin and Mr. Charles McClelland. Dr. Elam stated that Dr. Nathan Oakley conducted the meeting in Dr. Kim Benton's absence. Dr. Elam stated that Dr. Oakley updated the Subcommittee on the recent Chronic Absentee Summit which was held

recently. Dr. Elam stated the Summit was a huge success and very well received by the audience. Dr. Elam stated that there were more who wanted to attend than there was space available. Dr. Elam stated that Ms. Jean Massey presented the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Arts Standards that will be going to the Board requesting to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process for comments. Dr. Elam stated that Mr. Limuel Eubanks gave us all the details and has worked very intensely on getting this information compiled and provided the leadership for updating the Standards. Dr. Elam stated that Ms. Massey and Dr. Jackie Sampsell gave an update on the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Science Standards that are coming out of the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment and how the comments were addressed by standards.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave an Achievement School District Update [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached). The Board asked questions and commented on the update.
02. Ms. Jean Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Arts Learning Standards for (1) Dance, (2) Media Arts, (3) Music, (4) Theatre, and (5) Visual Arts [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Ms. Massey recommended approval.

Dr. Wright thanked Mr. Limuel Eubanks for his work on the Standards.

03. Ms. Massey discussed establishing the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments. Ms. Massey recommended approval.
04. Dr. Paula Vanderford and Ms. Jean Massey discussed establishing State Board Policy, Chapter 28, Rule 28.6: *Essentials for College Math and Essentials for College Literacy Requirements* [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

05. Dr. Vanderford discussed the temporary rule and beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Part 4: *Licensure Guidelines K-12* to amend the criteria for a special, non-renewable educator license [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.
06. Dr. Vanderford discussed the recommended cut score on the Mississippi Assessment Program 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Summative Assessment [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

07. Dr. John Q. Porter reported on the District Network Survey [Goals 1 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached). The Board asked questions about the survey information that was presented.
08. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. Mr. Johnny Franklin requested to discuss items C., E., I., R., and S. Dr. Karen J. Elam requested to discuss item L.

Dr. Nathan Oakley answered a question about the Educator in Residence grants for literacy coaches for item C.

Dr. Oakley answered a question about World Class Teacher Program for item E.

Ms. Jean Massey answered a question about the Connections Education, LLC contract for item I.

Dr. Paula Vanderford answered a question about the recommendations on exceptions for grades 1-4 for item L.

Dr. John Q. Porter answered a question about the contract with Mississippi Interactive for item R.

Dr. Porter answered a question about the contract with CDW Government for item S.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)

- B. Revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for Agriculture and Environmental Science and Technology (AEST), Entrepreneurship, International Business, and Agricultural Leadership and Personal Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Kim Benton)
- C. Award discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches (Kim Benton)
- D. School calendars for State Schools for 2017-2018 School Year (Kim Benton)
  - 1. Mississippi School of the Arts
  - 2. Mississippi School for the Blind
  - 3. Mississippi School for the Deaf
  - 4. Mississippi School for Math and Science
- E. Modify discretionary grants to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program site (Kim Benton)
- F. Modify contract with Valley Services, Inc. to provide food service to the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf for 2017-2018 School Year (Kim Benton)
- G. Contract with Michael D. Kent to perform the administrative duties for the Mississippi Superintendents Academy and consolidation (Kim Benton)
- H. Contract with Research and Curriculum Unit, Mississippi State University for the operation of the Mississippi Career and Planning and Assessment System, Third Edition (MS-CPAS3) (Kim Benton)
- I. Renew contract with Connections Education, LLC, for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual School system (Kim Benton)
- J. Establish a standard score of 165 for the Braille Praxis II exam (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)



- K. Corrective Action Plan for districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 (Paula Vanderford)
  - L. Recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1 – 4 (Paula Vanderford)
  - M. Renew the Fiscal Year 2018 contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for the Mississippi Assessment Program – Alternate (MAP-A) (Paula Vanderford)
  - N. Renew the Fiscal Year 2018 contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) (Paula Vanderford)
  - O. Renew the Fiscal Year 2018 contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. for the Mississippi Science Test, Second Edition (MST2) and the Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2) (Paula Vanderford)
  - P. Contracts for the following conservators: (John Q. Porter)
    - 1. Conservator for Tunica County School District
    - 2. Conservator for Leflore County School District
  - Q. Contract with Ciber, Inc., for the K12 Network Support Services to provide onsite technical support for Mississippi public school districts (John Q. Porter)
  - R. Contract with Mississippi Interactive to provide Mississippi Department of Education Website redesign (John Q. Porter)
  - S. Contract with CDW Government for the acquisition of softwares, services, and technical support necessary for the implementation of data visualization software (John Q. Porter)
09. Ms. Sonya Amis introduced Mr. Bill Early and Ms. Aires Coleman from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. Mr. Early did a presentation of the FY 2016 audit reports (copy attached). The Board had questions about the audit.

Dr. Wright thanked CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP for their work and recommendations. Dr. Wright stated she welcomed their findings

Ms. Aultman stated that Dr. Felicia Gavin has already begun to make changes.



X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Arts Learning Standards for (1) Dance, (2) Media Arts, (3) Music, (4) Theatre, and (5) Visual Arts [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
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**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**

08. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., M., N., O., P., Q., R., and S. (copy attached).
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**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
  - B. Revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for Agriculture and Environmental Science and Technology (AEST), Entrepreneurship, International Business, and Agricultural Leadership and Personal Development  
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XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. Jason S. Dean moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, Ms. Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Dr. John R. Kelly left the meeting.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, 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 § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code § 25-41-7 (4)(d). Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Chelsea Chicosky 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 § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussed with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code § 25-41-7 (4)(d).

Dr. John R. Kelly returned to the meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Aultman reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

01. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Lucreta C. Tribune as Education Bureau Director II to serve as Director of Accounting at a salary of \$90,000.00.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There were no meetings attended.
2. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. John R. Kelly to attend the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) meeting on June 9-10, 2017 in Arlington, Virginia.


XIII. Other Business

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated the May Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Approved:

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education