

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 26, 2022

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022, via video conference means pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5 for the purpose of conducting the Board meeting.

The Board made this meeting available to the public via live stream at the Central High School Building. Board members present in the 4th Floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi included: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. Wendi Barrett, , Mr. Glen V. East, Mr. Bill Jacobs, Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Mr. Matt Miller, and Ms. Mary Werner. Board members absent: Dr. Angela Bass and Dr. Karen J. Elam. Student Representative: Ms. Micah Hill (Laurel, Mississippi). Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present at the 4th Floor Boardroom at the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman called the Board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., after determining that a quorum of the Board existed for the purpose of conducting a meeting through video conference means in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5.
- II. Mr. Matt Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Glen V. East gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Dr. Wendi Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 21, 2022, Board meeting minutes and the minutes of May 9, 2022, Special-Called Board meeting.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

National Blue Ribbon Schools

Brandon Elementary School
Rankin County School District

Della Davidson Elementary
Oxford School District

East Hancock Elementary School
Hancock County School District

Woolmarket Elementary School
Harrison County School District

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

- Dr. Wright held the Student Advisory Council meeting this past month and it was phenomenal how these students have come together to discuss issues that are very important to them and to share those issues. Dr. Wright stated that she came back and shared with MDE staff to try and meet the needs of the students.
- Dr. Wright attended the National Assessment Governing Board in Washington, D.C. Dr. Wright stated that they are working to revise the science framework for the next science exam and information was shared about how the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAPE) testing wrapped up for this year. Dr. Wright stated that this is the first time that the NAPE results have been out since 2019. Dr. Wright stated that the results should be out around October.
- Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Lee Bray from MDE's Office of Technology and Strategic Services (OTSS), and how instrumental he has been in helping school districts across the state. Dr. Wright stated that the federal government through, the FCC, established over \$7 billion emergency connectivity funds that districts could apply for to extend Internet access or even purchase devices that were needed so the students could stay connected. Dr. Wright stated that MDE informed districts about these funds. Through the first two rounds, Mississippi schools were awarded \$19.9 million. Dr. Wright stated that when round three approached, she asked OTSS to help. Mr. Bray's assistance was instrumental in making districts aware of the available funds. Mississippi has now asked the FCC for an additional \$22.7 million for Mississippi schools. Lee's leadership, hard work, and personal attention led schools to apply for even more money than the first two rounds. Dr. Wright thanked him for what he has done for the State's districts.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Jill Hoda, Ms. Melissa Beck, Ms. Laurie Weathersby, Ms. Robin Lemonis, Dr. Tenette Smith, Ms. Lori Stringer, Ms. Kelly Crane, and Ms. Jada Brantley. Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi was invited to Alaska's First Reading Summit. They expected about 250 people to attend; however, over 1,000 people registered for the event. Dr. Wright stated they invited this group to present. This group of rock stars gave 16 to 17 presentations over a day and a half. Dr. Wright stated that these women are nothing short of amazing and she thanked them for all the work they do, and how they have now touched lives in an entirely different state. Dr. Wright stated people were so eager to learn the science of reading and how Mississippi teaches students to read. Dr. Wright stated that these women did an outstanding job and as the State Superintendent she was so proud.

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

- Ms. Aultman thanked the group for the way they represented Mississippi while in Alaska.
- Ms. Aultman stated this past month has been busy with the announcement of Dr. Wright's retirement, there have been a lot of things that have to fall in place to get ready to find a new superintendent. Ms. Aultman stated that as a part of that, a Superintendent Search Subcommittee was created, and she asked Mr. Matt Miller to be the Chair of this Subcommittee. The other members will be Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Bill Jacobs, and Ms. Mary Werner. Ms. Aultman stated the focus of this Subcommittee is to assist with the search for the State Superintendent. Their primary role is to evaluate the vendor proposals once received and bring recommendations to the Board for an in-person presentation. Ms. Aultman stated this Subcommittee will also serve as liaison to the State Board if there are other issues that arise.
- Ms. Aultman stated the Board will discuss the Request for Proposals, the candidate characteristics, and other questionnaires that the Board will seek input from stakeholders at a later time. Ms. Aultman stated that this has taken up a good bit of her time this month. Ms. Aultman stated that another concern is the heartbreaking incident this week in Uvalde, Texas. Ms. Aultman wanted to share what MDE has done to help prepare schools and to hopefully keep Mississippi from having such an incident. Ms. Aultman stated that the School Safety Act of 2019 had several requirements that school districts adhere to so as to increase or enhance their safety. Ms. Aultman covered a few of the requirements placed on school districts. Ms. Aultman stated that districts shall conduct active shooter drills within the first 60 days of each new school semester; districts shall adopt a comprehensive local school district safety plan, the plan must be updated annually and must be approved by the school board; all school district employees shall complete civilian response to active shooter events called CRASS and must be trained annually; and school employees shall complete a training or professional development course in mental health every two years. Ms. Aultman stated that in 2020 and 2021 the United States Government released various ESSER and ARP funding. There was money in that to not only assist state agencies with planning response, mitigation, and recovery to the pandemic, but also there were other funds included for the Office of Safe and Orderly Schools. Ms. Aultman stated there was \$14 million and the current platform provides districts with the creation and management of emergency operation plans. Ms. Aultman stated that there is also a pandemic response of the creation and management of detailed campus maps, building floor plans, illustrating emergency planning, and response related categories an emergency alert, lockdown application for fire, tornado, or active shooter emergencies for all education and first responder personnel for all public schools and district central offices in the state; the creation of virtual campuses using a 360 degree photographs to create navigate virtual walk-throughs of all public schools and up to five

surveillance cameras for all public school sites there are 1,028 of them with the ability to detect and notify crowds, crowd congestion or when social distancing protocols are not being adhered to. Ms. Aultman stated that over the last several weeks the MDE Office of Safe and Orderly Schools has engaged with various stakeholders throughout the state and are currently in the process of forming the Mississippi School Safety Alliance. This, along with the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security and other state agencies, will create uniform discussions and actions to be taken to further enhance school safety in Mississippi through legislation and our State Board policy. Ms. Aultman stated the Mississippi School Safety Alliance looks to conduct its first formal meeting in July of this year. Ms. Aultman stated there are 140 districts that have opted in to the school safety program with the cameras. Eight districts opted out, but MDE thinks those are districts already have a plan and have already addressed school safety and already have cameras in place. There are 140 districts in the state, so that tells you every district in the state is participating in some capacity with school safety. Ms. Aultman stated that the MCOPS program is available through every school in the state through an application process and that program has been in effect for quite some time. Ms. Aultman stated that this Board approved to expand telehealth and teletherapy working in conjunction with the University of Mississippi Medical Center that is available to anyone 24/7. Ms. Aultman stated that these kinds of things that this Department has done and is doing to enhance school safety and to hopefully protect students, faculty, and staff throughout the day. Ms. Aultman stated that though we hope to never have one of these incidences, we always want to be proactive in addressing anything that may help Mississippi children attend school in a safe and orderly environment.

VIII. Report of Student Representative

Ms. Micah Hill discussed the student representative program and her experience regarding this amazing year. Ms. Hill stated that she found out about the program through her counselor and she thought the application was towards the student representation on the Student Advisory Council. Ms. Hill stated the process to become the next junior representative was definitely a lot of work, but it was 100 percent worth it. Ms. Hill stated that she wanted to shed some light on some things that she experienced with this wonderful program and how the program can be improved for upcoming years. Ms. Hill stated that she completed the application for the program then received an email stating that she was a semifinalist. Ms. Hill stated she was nervous because she had never had a true interview before this experience. Ms. Hill additionally stated that she was under the impression she would be asked to state her opinion on policy number 104 on page 23, and she had absolutely no idea that the interview was really going to be about her and her involvement in her school. Ms. Hill stated that during the last two weeks she had a student contact her counselor trying to get in

contact with her about this program and she was excited and nervous for her upcoming interview. Ms. Hill stated that it would be great if MDE could actually communicate with interested students, could talk to them about the experience on the Board, and provide some questions they can expect along with possible interview tips. Ms. Hill stated that as a person who has never had a true interview, she had to look up videos on what she should or should not do. Ms. Hill stated that she is looking forward to this new year as a senior representative and she cannot wait to welcome the new junior representative and hopefully MDE can move forward with this slight but effective change in the student representative program. Ms. Hill stated that she has been invited to speak at MSU's Innovation Institute on June 21-22 and she plans to present her experience regarding the student representative on the State Board of Education, middle college, and student leadership as well as meeting other educators around the state. Ms. Hill stated that she will be accompanied by her principal, Dr. Brandian Bufford, who will be helping with any questions regarding her school and her experience as principal at Laurel High School. Ms. Hill stated that over the summer she was accepted into the Mississippi Governor's School at Mississippi University for Women (MUW) and this program promotes students' creativity, leadership ability, and academic achievement. Ms. Hill stated that she is very excited about both of these events, and she knows it will be a great experience.

IX. Report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings

Mr. Glen V. East, Chair of the Academic Achievement PreK-12/Early Childhood Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee met yesterday and had a great meeting with a lot of the staff that were just recognized. Mr. East stated that the Subcommittee received a great review on MDE's tutoring program, Papers, the on-demand tutoring that MDE is using and the number of school districts that are involved, and the number of students and parents that are using it. Mr. East stated that in regard to the college and career readiness platform, the Mississippi Connects platform, and the digital learning content it is good to hear the number of school districts that have signed up for these programs. Mr. East stated that MDE was concerned that some districts had not signed up, but Mr. Matt Miller and himself convinced them that sometimes school districts move slow but we have two years to make this work and he thinks as we go through this MDE will see some more input from other school districts buying in and some great things happening for our children and parents in Mississippi. Mr. East complimented the team for the great work that has been done in a very short amount of time.

Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, Acting Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, stated that the subcommittee met this morning. Dr. McGehee further stated that Dr. Paula Vanderford will be reporting on the Spring 2022 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) 3rd Grade initial Reading Summative Assessment Results.

X. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Items

01. Information: Spring 2022 Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) 3rd Grade Initial Reading Summative Assessment Results [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

Dr. Paula Vanderford and Dr. Kim Benton reported that 73.9% of 31,068 Mississippi 3rd graders received a passing score last month on the initial administration of the 3rd grade reading assessment for the 2021-22 school year. The last time Mississippi 3rd graders took the assessment in a normal school year was April 2019 when 74.5% of 34,998 students passed the initial test.

Dr. Cary M. Wright stated that the hard work of teachers, leaders, MDE staff, students, and parents to overcome academic setbacks caused by the pandemic is paying off. She stated that we are right at where we were in 2019 when we set the bar higher.

02. Action: Revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-24: *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2021* specifically the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System, Section 10, *Banking Scores: End-of-course, subject area assessments taken before 10th grade*, Section 11, *Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI)*, Section 12, *Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (TSI)*, and Section 13, *Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (ATSI)* [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board unanimously approved item 02. (copy attached).

03. Action: Approval of the recommended cut scores on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) for the U.S. History assessment for school year 2021-2022 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board unanimously approved item 03. (copy attached).

04. Action: Approval of the recommended cut scores on the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program - Alternate (MAAP-A) for science assessments in Grades 5, 8, and Alternate Biology for school year 2021-2022 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)

On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board unanimously approved item 04. (copy attached).

05. Action: Approval of MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
 - 05.A. Action: Renew contract with Curriculum Associates, LLC for Fiscal Year 2023 for the operation of the Comprehensive Early Learning Assessment/Screeners [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
 - 05.B. Action: Renew contracts with vendors for Fiscal Year 2023 for the adoption of textbooks in the area of World Language 9-12 for one additional year - Fiscal Year 2023 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
 - 05.C. Action: Renew contract with Lydia Boutwell for Fiscal Year 2023 for Early Childhood Coach [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)
 - 05.D. Action: Renew contract with ACT, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2023 to administer the ACT to all juniors in the state [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 - 05.E. Action: Renew contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for Fiscal Year 2023 to administer the 5th and 8th Grade Science assessment, and End-of-Course assessments in Biology and U.S. History as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 - 05.F. Action: Renew contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. (RL) for Fiscal Year 2023 to provide an integrated assessment system that will include a Pre-K Collaborative Star Assessment Bundle and a K-Readiness Assessment using Renaissance Data Integration (RDI) services [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 - 05.G. Action: Modify contract with TJ Maintenance Services, LLC to provide janitorial services to the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) newly established call-center located at the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Dorm Four), an offsite facility [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 - 05.H. Action: Approval of Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids [Goals 1, 2, and 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 - 05.I. Action: Award Competitive contracts to various milk distributors to supply and deliver milk products to participating organizations of the State Food Purchasing Program (All 7 Regions in the State) [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

05.J. Action: Award competitive contracts to various ice cream distributors to supply and deliver ice cream products to participating organizations of the State Food Purchasing Program [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

05.K. Action: Renew contract with Doris Schneider and Healthy Regards, LLC for Fiscal Year 2023 for the Mississippi Recipes for Success Coordinator(s) (MRSC) [Goal 1 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

On a motion by Dr. Wendi Barrett, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved items 05.A., 05.B., 05.C., 05.D., 05.E., 05.F., 05.G., 05.H., 05.I., 05.J., and 05.K. (copy attached).

06. Action: Approval of MDE grant awards [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

06.A. Action: Award competitive grants to districts for K-4 Summer Reading Camps [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Kim Benton)

On a motion by Mr. Matt Miller, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved item 06.A. (copy attached).

07. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Kim Benton)

B. Approval of monthly expenditures for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Kim Benton)

C. Approval of the 2022-2023 Student Handbooks for the State Schools (Kim Benton)

D. Approval of the 2022-2023 Operations Policy Manual for the Mississippi School of the Arts (Kim Benton)

E. Approval of Purchase of Apple Branded Products for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Kim Benton)

F. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy Guidelines (Kim Benton)

- G. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 99.1, State Board Policy 99 (State Schools), Chapter 99, Rule 99.1 – Title IX Grievance Policy (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)
- H. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 28.3, State Board Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.3 – Access to a Substantive and Rigorous Curriculum Policy (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)
- I. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To repeal Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 65 and 65.2, State Board Policy Chapter 65 – Reading Improvement Program, Rule 65.2 – Assistant Teacher Program Regulations (Kim Benton)
- J. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 14.21, State Board Policy Chapter 14, Rule 14.21 – *Mississippi Assistant Teacher Requirements* (Kim Benton)
- K. Approval to award formula grants to school districts for the purpose of providing reimbursement for K-3 universal screening assessments (Kim Benton)
- L. Approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-239: *Instructor's Guide for Training School Bus Drivers* (Paula Vanderford)
- M. Approval of Accredited Nonpublic-Status for Innova Preparatory School (Paula Vanderford)
- N. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3:371. State Board Policy Chapter 37, Rule 37.1 – Grants/Subgrants (Felicia Gavin)
- O. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise selected policies and procedures for programs within the Office of Child Nutrition (Felicia Gavin)
 - 01. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.1 - Administrators
 - 02. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.2 - Competitive Food

03. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.3 - Family Day Care Homes
04. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.4 - Day Care Homes Management Plans
05. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.5 - District Application
06. Eligibility Monitoring and Management (Child Care Program)
(Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.6)
07. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.7 - Family Day Care
08. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.8 - Purchasing System, Food Purchasing System for Public Schools
09. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 17, Rule 17.10 - Smart Snacks Standards for All Foods and Beverages Sold in Mississippi Schools
10. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 38, Rule 38.8 - School Nurse Procedures and Standards of Care
11. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 38, Rule 38.9 - Criteria for School Nurse (Registered Nurse) & Licensed Practical Nurse Working in the School Setting
12. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 38, Rule 38.10 - Recommended Non-Binding Mississippi School Nurse Salary Schedule
13. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 38, Rule 38.11 - Nutrition Standards
14. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 38, Rule 38.12 - Physical Education/Comprehensive Health Education Rules and Regulations
15. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 38, Rule 38.12.1 – Appendix

- P. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3:23.1. State Board Policy Chapter 23, Rule 23.1 – Contracts (Felicia Gavin)

- Q. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To revise selected policies and procedures for programs within the Office of School Financial Services (Felicia Gavin)
 - 01. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 24, Rule 24.1 - Contracts, Teachers
 - 02. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 26, Rule 26.1 - Cost Reimbursement/Salary Supplements
 - 03. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 32, Rule 32.1 - Education Enhancement Funds
 - 04. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 48, Rule 48.1 - Section 504 Teacher Units
 - 05. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 48, Rule 48.6 - Selection of Successful School District
 - 06. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 71, Rule 71.2 - Licensure of School Business Administrator
 - 07. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 71, Rule 71.3 - Required Monthly Reports to be furnished to Local School Board
 - 08. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 76, Rule 76.3 - Experience
 - 09. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 76, Rule 76.4 – Housing
 - 10. Mississippi Admin. Code 7-3: State Board Policy Chapter 76, Rule 76.5 - Moving Expenses

- R. Approval to repeal State Board Policies in accordance with Miss. Admin. Code Ann. § 25-43-3.114
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Sonya Amis)

01. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 16 and 16.1, State Board Policy Chapter 16 – Charter Schools, Rule 16.1 – Charter Schools
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
02. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 18 and 18.1, State Board Policy Chapter 18 – Children First Act of 2009, Rule 18.1 – Annual Report
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
03. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 21 and 21.1, State Board Policy Chapter 21 – Communicable Diseases, Rule 21.1 – Communicable Diseases
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
04. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 25 and 25.1, State Board Policy Chapter 25 – Conversion Charter Schools, Rule 25.1 – Conversion Charter Schools
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
05. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 50 and 50.1, State Board Policy Chapter 50 – Mississippi Adequate Education Capital Improvement Section, Rule 50.1 – Mississippi Adequate Education Capital Improvement Section
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
06. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 53 and 53.1, State Board Policy Chapter 53 – New Start School Program Regulations, Rule 53.1 – New Start School Program Regulations
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
07. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 73 and 73.1, State Board Policy Chapter 73 – School Records, Rule 73.1 – School Records
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
08. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 76.7, State Board Policy Chapter 76, Rule 76.7 – Selection (under MAEP 4903)
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

09. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 78.10, State Board Policy Chapter 78, Rule 78.10 – Subject Area Testing Program Appeals Process (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
 10. Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 81.8, State Board Policy Chapter 81, Rule 81.8 – Transportation Management of Students with Disabilities (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- S. Approval to revise Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 30.6, State Board Policy Chapter 30, Rule 30.6 – Youth Detention Center Educational Provisions (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Kim Benton)
- T. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 99.3, State Board Policy Chapter 99, Rule 99.3 – Mississippi Seal of Biliteracy for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (Kim Benton)

On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., M., N., O., P., Q., R., S., and T. (copy attached).

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Glen V. East moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Baylea Blough, Ms. Erin Meyer, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Mr. Glen V. East, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the approval of appointments to certain positions and/or approval of the salaries or contracts of certain positions within the Department of Education, Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee seconded the motion, which passed on a motion of 6 to 0. Ms. Baylea Blough 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 in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) discussed discrete personnel matters related to the approval of appointments to certain positions and/or approval of the salaries or contracts of certain positions within the Department of Education, Mississippi School of the Arts, Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board voted 6 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 Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve to grant authority to the State Superintendent to appoint and approve the salaries of MDE personnel listed in Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-13 that do not exceed Zone 3 of the Variable Compensation Plan of the Mississippi State Personnel Board (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board voted unanimously to increase the salaries of Ms. Kymberly Wiggins, Office of Operations, Compliance Director, at a salary of \$109,000.00; Sharon Rosell, Office of Operations, Budget Director, at a salary of \$103,000.00; and Jeffery Scott Clements, Office of Operations, Director of Child Nutrition and Healthy Schools, at a salary of \$103,000.00.
03. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve an amended teacher contract for the Mississippi School of the Arts (copy attached).
04. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021-2022 resignations and approve the 2022-2023 contracts for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (copy attached).
05. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Bill Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2021-2022 resignations and 2022-2023 contracts for the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (copy attached).
06. On a motion by Mr. Glen V. East, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Armerita Tell, Education Program Administrator, to serve as the Executive Director within the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement at a salary of \$95,000.00.

07. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Dr. Wendi Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Wade Grant, Information Technology Manager II to serve as the Information Security and Data Privacy Director within the Office of Technology and Strategic Services at a salary of \$103,142.31.

08. On a motion by Ms. Mary Werner, seconded by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Kim S. Benton to serve as Interim State Superintendent of Public Education at a salary of \$300,000.00.

XII. State Board of Education

1. No report on meetings attended.
2. No request to attend a meeting.
3. On a motion by Dr. Ronnie L. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller, the Board unanimously approved the meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2023 (copy attached).

XIII. Other Business


1. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Ms. Mary Werner, the Board unanimously approved to move the State Board of Education meetings from the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, Fourth floor Boardroom to the Mississippi School Boards Association Building, 380 Zurich Drive, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 for the meetings scheduled between July 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022.

Ms. Aultman stated the State Board of Education will have a work session for the Semifinalist Interviews for Student Board Representatives and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget meeting on June 15, 2022, in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 8:30 a.m. The June Board meeting will be held on June 16, 2022, in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bill Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Matt Miller the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Approved:



Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education