

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

December 20, 2018

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:01 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018, in the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Sean Suggs. Board members absent: Mr. Charles McClelland and Ms. Brittney Rye. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Dr. Dean noted that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting. Dr. Dean stated that the meeting was being live streamed.
- II. Mr. Sean Suggs led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018, Board meeting.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

Mississippi School for the Deaf
National Football Champions

Math and Science Partnership
Directors and Coordinators

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
 - Dr. Wright stated that she presented at the School Improvement Conference and she wanted to say hats off to Dr. Sonja Robertson for organizing the conference. Dr. Wright stated that we have taken a very different approach with our school improvement schools this year where we are focusing on what is happening in the classrooms and are drilling down to make sure our teachers are building capacity to deliver the kind of instruction needed under the school improvement title to make sure they are improving.
 - Dr. Wright stated that she passed the gavel at the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Annual Policy Forum. Dr. Wright stated that this ended her year as Board President of CCSSO and this was an amazing

year with a lot of credit given to Mississippi on what we are doing for children in the state.

- Dr. Wright stated that she spoke at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference. Dr. Wright stated this was a large conference and she spoke on early childhood, what is happening in Mississippi, the progress we are making, and the strategies that we are using.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Technical Advisory Committee met for two days to discuss our accountability model and how we are going to be calculating the English Learning (EL) component. Dr. Wright stated that a national expert came in and spoke on English Language Learning as he advises all states nationally. Dr. Wright stated that this led into the Accountability Task Force meeting.
- Dr. Wright stated that she was asked to speak at the National Summit on Education Forum in Washington, D.C. Dr. Wright stated that she spoke on pre-K through third grade literacy reform and what we are doing with our little ones in the state.
- Dr. Wright stated she was on the Paul Gallo Radio Show with a robust conversation on testing and the Testing Task Force.
- Dr. Wright recognized Early Childhood staff for their participation in the CCSSO sponsored 18-month initiative along with seven states to develop a family related framework, so we can more effectively engage our families in the work that we are doing and prepared a tool kit for the districts to use. Dr. Wright stated that they collaborated with other states to see what they are doing. Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Monica May, Dr. Jill Dent, Ms. Angela Towers, Ms. Amanda Adams, and Ms. Brendsha Roby. Dr. Wright stated these are the leaders from our state that met with the other states. Dr. Wright thanked them for their work and this will make our work stronger with the early childhood level.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is “2018 Celebration of Excellence Tour.” Dr. Wright stated there were 18 districts with an A-rating this year and she visited them in 16 days. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Karen J. Elam, Dr. John R. Kelly, Dr. Jason S. Dean, and Mr. Buddy Bailey for being at some of the tours. Dr. Wright stated it was neat to see how each district does their celebration. Dr. Wright stated it was an honor to celebrate the districts’ achievements with students, staff, and community supporters across the state.

VII. Dr. Jason S. Dean as the Chair of the State Board stated the Mississippi Board of Education Subcommittees are set as the following: Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee with Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman serving as Chair; Early Childhood Subcommittee with Ms. Brittney Rye serving as Chair; Educator Quality Subcommittee with Dr. Karen J. Elam serving as Chair; Finance Subcommittee with Mr. Johnny Franklin serving as Chair; Legislative Subcommittee with Dr. Jason S. Dean serving as Chair; School Performance and

Accountability Subcommittee with Dr. John R. Kelly serving as Chair; and Workforce/Career and Technical Education with the Chair announced at the January Board meeting.

- VIII. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee, stated that they are going to try to focus more on what the Board's role is in the legislative process to articulate the message from the Department. Dr. Dean asked Mr. Pete Smith to report from the Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Smith stated they have already had meetings with both Education Chairs. Mr. Smith stated that Dr. Cory Murphy, Mr. Phelton Cortez Moss, and Dr. Debra Burson presented to the Board recently about how we will tackle the teacher shortage issue that is affecting Mississippi. Mr. Smith stated that there are three categories that we are looking at: (1) enhance entry requirements so a candidate can enter into a college of education; (2) invest in teacher leadership such as a mentoring program to help teachers become leaders in their school building or classroom without them leaving their classroom; and (3) invest and grow your own – provide alternate pathways for community leaders to become teachers. Mr. Smith stated that this is our best thinking of tackling teacher shortage.

Mr. Johnny Franklin, as a matter of personal privilege, stated he attended the Accountability Task Force meeting on November 29, 2018. Mr. Franklin commended Dr. Paula Vanderford, Mr. Alan Burrow, Dr. Wright, and staff for the outstanding meeting. Mr. Franklin stated that Dr. Chris Domaleski did an outstanding job facilitating the meeting. Mr. Franklin stated that the practitioners from across our state that were here that day had an excellent knowledge about what was going on and why they were here. Mr. Franklin stated they had done research and their homework and came prepared to make comments and share about what was going on around the country. Mr. Franklin stated it was an outstanding meeting and he looks forward to their report.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Nathan Oakley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 41, Rule 41.1 – Intervention [Goals 1 and 2 - MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Oakley recommended approval.
02. Dr. Felicia Gavin discussed approval of the Mississippi Department of Education Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
 - 02.A. Action: Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

- 02.B. Action: Contract with the National Student Clearinghouse to provide post-secondary data on the enrollment status and educational achievement of students from the 236 high schools throughout Mississippi [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
- 02.C. Action: Contract with Mythics, Inc. for the acquisition of Oracle Cloud and On-Premise License Subscription [Goal 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (John Kraman)
- 02.D. Action: Contract with Cayen Systems to provide a Data Management System for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (CCLC) [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 03. Dr. Gavin discussed approval of the Mississippi Department of Education grant awards [Goals 2 and 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
 - 03.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
 - 03.B. Action: Award competitive grants to Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Nathan Oakley)
- 04. Dr. Washington Cole introduced Mr. James Johnson-Waldington, Interim Superintendent for Leflore County School District and Dr. Margie Pulley, Interim Superintendent for Tunica County School District. Dr. Cole stated Mr. Johnson-Waldington and Dr. Pulley have been instrumental in the work that has gone on in the communities and the growth that has taken place. Dr. Cole stated that we all know that leadership matters. Mr. Johnson-Waldington gave an update on Leflore County School District and Dr. Pulley gave an update on Tunica County School District [Goal 6 – MBE Strategic Plan].

Dr. John R. Kelly, as a matter of personal privilege, stated he wanted to thank both of these tremendous education leaders. Dr. Kelley stated that they have done phenomenal work in two districts that had extreme challenges. Dr. Kelly thanked Dr. Pulley for her long-term commitment to the children of Mississippi.

- 05. Dr. Dean gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. Mr. Johnny Franklin requested to discuss items C., J., and K.

Dr. Nathan Oakley answered a question on item C. and a question on item K.

Mr. Michael D. Kent answered a question on item J.

- A. Approval of the 2018-2019 Crisis Management Plan for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (Nathan Oakley)
- B. Approval of nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2018-2019 (Paula Vanderford)
- C. Approval to revise Career Pathway licensure options, 985 Engineering; 912 Law and Public Safety; 975 Welding; and to establish one new Career Pathway in the endorsement area of Instrumentation (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
- D. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To modify certain licensure assessment guidelines for Instructional Support and Administrator Endorsement Areas (Paula Vanderford)
- E. Approval of the appointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Paula Vanderford)
- F. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Process Standard 3: Personnel Appraisal System of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2018* (Paula Vanderford)
- G. Approval of final estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2020 (Felicia Gavin)
- H. Approval of final estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2020 (Felicia Gavin)
- I. Approval of methodology to award School Nurse Intervention Grants, as identified in the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program, Miss. Code Ann. § 37-14-3 and funded by legislative appropriation (Felicia Gavin)
- J. Approval of compensation for financial advisor and/or facilitator as stated in Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-104.6 for the Greenwood-Leflore School District (Nathan Oakley)

- K. Approval of compensation for financial advisor and/or facilitator
(Nathan Oakley)

X. Approval of Action Items

- 01. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 41, Rule 41.1 – Intervention [Goals 1 and 2 - MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- 02. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Department of Education Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
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(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)

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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
05. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., and K. (copy attached).
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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

XI. There was no consideration of an Executive Session.

XII. State Board of Education

- 1. There were no meetings attended.
- 2. There were no requests to attend a meeting.


XIII. Other Business

The January Board meeting will be held January 17, 2019, in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Approved:



Jason S. Dean, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wight
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education