

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Work Session

January 19, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy.

The work session was called to order by Mr. Charles McClelland, Chair. Mr. McClelland noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

Mr. McClelland welcomed Mr. Mike Kent to the Department and Mr. Johnny Franklin, Education Advisor for the Governor's Office. He noted that Mr. Franklin was reappointed to serve as Education Advisor by Governor Bryant.

Dr. Burnham gave the following report from the State Superintendent of Education:

- Introduced Mr. Mike Kent, who is working with legislation and school districts that are underperforming;
- Noted that the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents Winter Conference would begin on Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2012 and that he and Dr. Lynn House would deliver the opening presentation on Monday, January 23rd at 8:00 a.m. and invited Board members to attend if possible;
- Noted that as legislative committees were appointed during the current session, he would notify the Board and also reminded members that the Governor's State of the State Address would be held on Tuesday evening, January 24th; and,
- Updated the Board on the ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request and introduced Dr. Lynn House, Mr. John Gilbert and Mr. Joe DeCastr, who provided an update on accountability.

Mr. Hal Gage reported the Instruction Enhancement Education Subcommittee received an update but no action was taken.

Mr. Claude Hartley reported that the Accountability Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting to review recommendations on the State Longitudinal Data System.

Dr. Bill Welch introduced Mr. James Malone, Conservator for Tate County School District, who gave a report on Tate County School District (copy attached).

Dr. Welch introduced Dr. Mike Vinson, Conservator for the Okolona School District, who gave a report on Okolona School District (copy attached).

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Mr. McClelland noted that the item to modify the contract with Measured Progress for Fiscal Year 2012 would be discussed later in the meeting.

Dr. Lynn House and Ms. Trecina Green discussed modifying the contract with Connections Academy, LLC for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School System. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Green discussed the textbook ratings, as recommended by the 2011 State Textbook Rating Committee, for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Reading K-3, Literature/Reading 4–8, Literature/Reading 9–12, and Social Studies: World Geography and Citizenship – 6th Grade. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. House and Ms. Green discussed the revision/removal of the following State Board Policies. The policies cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

- Revision of State Board Policy 2100 – Class Size
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Revision of State Board Policy 2901 – Curriculum Guides
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Revision of State Board Policy 2902 – Approved Courses for the Secondary Schools
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Revision of State Board Policy 2904 – Early Learning Guidelines for Four Year Old Children
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

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- Revision of State Board Policy 3700 – Gifted
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Revision of State Board Policy 4400 – Kindergarten
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Removal of State Board Policy 1703 – Assistant Teacher Program
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Removal of State Board Policy 6006 – Kindergarten Classrooms
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)
- Removal of State Board Policy 6300 – Reading Improvement Program
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

Dr. House and Mr. Washington Cole discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise/remove the following State Board Policies and recommended approval on Friday:

- Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policy 2400 – Consolidated Applications (Federal funds)
- Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 4200 – Homeless
- Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policy 4700 – Level 1 and 2 Districts Consolidated Applications
- Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 7801 – Complaint Procedures
- Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 7802 – Expenditure of Funds on Instruction

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the critical shortage subject areas and geographical regions for the following programs: Federal Stafford Program, Federal Perkins Loan, Paul C. Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program, and the William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request from Delta State University for a Master's Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. John Gilbert and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the revision of Appendix A and Standard 20 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, to include the Career Pathway Option as required by Section 37-16-17 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the contract with Joe DeCastra to provide project management and business analytical services. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the contract with Godwin Group to provide design and development services, technical assistance, and content management (technical writing) expertise in support of the MDE management team. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Charles McClelland gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the consent items.

- Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:37 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. McClelland called the meeting to order.

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss prospective litigation, issuance of an appealable order and investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(b) and (d). The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved in open session that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding special education and contractual issues and issuance of an appealable order and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d). Dr. John R. Kelly seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

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Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding special education and contractual issues and issuance of an appealable order and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d).

Mr. Charles McClelland stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Lynn House, Mr. John Gilbert, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Mr. Mike Kent, Mr. James Mason, Mr. Pete Smith, and Mr. Paul Sumrall.

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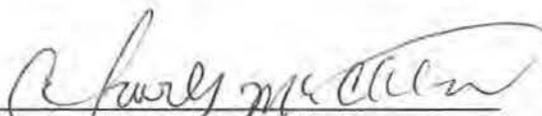
During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding special education and contractual issues and issuance of an appealable order and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d).

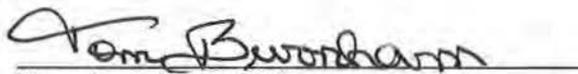
Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Charles McClelland announced that no action was taken in Executive Session. No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Approved:


Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 20, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles McClelland, Chair. Mr. McClelland noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.
- II. Mr. McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2011.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Report of the Chair:
 - Welcomed Mr. Johnny Franklin, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office;
 - Recognized Dr. John R. Kelly and noted that he and Dr. Kelly were honored to be asked to work with Governor Bryant on his transition team;
 - Noted that the Board would be notified when the House Education Committee Chair and members were announced;
 - Reminded Board members of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Winter Conference to be held on January 22 – 25, 2012 and noted that Dr. Burnham and Dr. House would be presenting at the conference on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.;
 - Stated that the Board had discussed the letter received from the Tate County Board of Supervisors during the Work Session, and that Dr. Burnham would respond in writing concerning their request with copies to be provided to Board members;
 - Stated that he would like to know the Board's thoughts on having a Board retreat in order to finalize the update of the Five Year Strategic Plan; and,
 - Noted that last year the Board held the July Board meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in conjunction with the MASS Summer Conference and asked the Board to consider where they would like to hold the July meeting this year.

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- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, January 19, 2012.)
05. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Measured Progress for Fiscal Year 2012 to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
06. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Connections Academy, LLC for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School System (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
07. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the textbook ratings as recommended by the 2011 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Reading K-3, Literature/Reading 4-8, Literature/Reading 9-12, and Social Studies: World Geography and Citizenship – 6th Grade (copy attached).
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08. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the contract with vendors as recommended by the 2011 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the areas of Reading K-3, Literature/Reading 4-8, Literature/Reading 9-12, and Social Studies: World Geography and Citizenship – 6th Grade (copy attached).
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09. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to revise the Mississippi Early Learning Standards for Classrooms Serving Four-Year Old Children (English Language Arts and Mathematics). The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
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(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

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 - B. Approval to revise State Board Policy 2901 – Curriculum Guides. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
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 - F. Approval to revise State Board Policy 4400 – Kindergarten. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - G. Approval to remove State Board Policy 1703 – Assistant Teacher Program. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - H. Approval to remove State Board Policy 6006 – Kindergarten Classrooms. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
 - I. Approval to remove State Board Policy 6300 – Reading Improvement Program. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment.
12. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise/remove the following State Board Policies (copies attached).
- (Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**

- A. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policy 2400 – Consolidated Applications (Federal funds)
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(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
14. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the request from Delta State University for a Master's Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
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17. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Joe DeCastras to provide project management and business analytical services (copy attached).
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19. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the following consent item (copy attached):
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

VII. Recognition Ceremony

- **2011 Administrator of the Year Finalists/Winner**

- Congressional District 1

- Dr. Deborah Davis, Principal

- Tupelo Public School District

- Congressional District 2

- Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, Principal

- Jackson Public School District

- Congressional District 3

- Mr. Richard Morrison, Principal

- Rankin County School District

- Congressional District 4

- Dr. Kenneth Culpepper, Principal

- Laurel School District

Mr. Richard Morrison, Principal, Rankin County School District was announced as the 2011 Administrator of the Year winner.

- **December 2011 MDE Employee of the Month**

- Lakechia Grant

- Office of Curriculum and Instruction

- Education Specialist Senior

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- **January 2012 MDE Employee of the Month**

Virgie Webb

Office of Career and Technical Education

Projects Officer III

VIII. State Board of Education

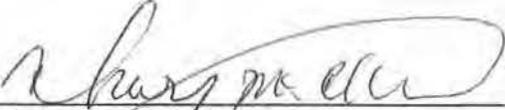
01. Mr. Hal Gage reported that he serves on the National Association of School Boards of Education's (NASBE) Finance Committee and he recently participated in the committee's quarterly teleconference call.

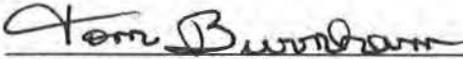
02. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the attendance of Mr. Claude Hartley and Mr. William H. Jones to the National School Boards Association Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, April 21 – 23, 2012.

IX. There was no other business.

X. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:


Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education