

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Work Session

July 19, 2012

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2012 in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Mr. Richard Morrison, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II. Board Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly.

Mr. Charles McClelland welcomed Ms. Kathryn Stewart from the Lieutenant Governor's office, Dr. Margie Pulley, Superintendent Greenwood Public School District, and Dr. Ronnie McGehee, Superintendent, Madison County School District. Mr. McClelland also welcomed Mr. Simon Weir as a new Board member.

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.

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

- Reported that Mississippi's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request was approved by the U. S. Department of Education and thanked MDE staff that worked on the request;
- Recognized Ms. Stacy Curry, Mr. Joe DeCastra and Ms. Debbie Murphy, who gave a report on the ESEA Flexibility Request (copy attached);
- Thanked Board members for their attendance at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) conference;
- Thanked MDE staff for presentations made at the MASS conference recently;
- Noted that she had met with several elected officials and would continue meetings with other elected officials to share thoughts and concerns regarding education;
- Stated that information on Charter Schools was provided to Board members and that additional information would be provided at a later date; and,
- Noted that information on dues paid to educational organizations was also provided to the Board.

There was no report on State Board of Education Subcommittee meetings.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Ms. Kathy Boteler gave an update on Conservatorships (copy attached).

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Ms. Raina Lee gave an update on Senate Bill 2760 (copy attached).

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Dr. Drawdy discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to establish the *Guidelines for P-16 Community Engagement Councils*. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. Lynn House discussed awarding discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance concerning statewide assessment of special populations and compliance with the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004*. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Walt Drane and Ms. Trecina Green discussed the revision of State Board Policy 3600—Functional Literacy Exam. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Drane recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Drane and Ms. Green discussed the removal of State Board Policy 7605—Graphing Calculators Required. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Mr. Drane recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Drane and Ms. Green discussed the revision of the Mississippi Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MECF). The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Drane recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Green, Mr. Drane and Dr. Ronnie McGehee, Superintendent, Madison County School District, discussed the recommended pass/fail cut score and the cut scores for the Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Performance Levels for the U.S. History Subject Area Test (SAPT2). Ms. Green recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Green discussed the revision of the *Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Ms. Green recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Green discussed awarding competitive three-year grants for school districts to pilot Dyslexia Programs. Ms. Green recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Debbie Murphy discussed awarding competitive grants for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program. Ms. Murphy recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Murphy discussed the contract with Research Foundation of State University of New York (ESCORT) to provide technical assistance and professional development for the Migrant Education Program. Ms. Murphy recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Jean Massey discussed awarding competitive grants for 2013 Engineering

Enhancement for 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday. Ms. Massey discussed the contract with Blackboard, Incorporated, to provide and host an on-line instructional software solution for the Office of Career and Technical Education. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed increasing Praxis Tests Cut Scores. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the proposed new license for Career/Technical Director as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed adding the following proposed new Praxis II tests as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The items cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

- To add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 153 for Child Development PreK-K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
- To add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 209 for Early Oral Intervention Birth – K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
- Proposed new Praxis II Test for Teaching Students with Visual Impairments and Nationally Recommended Cut Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Dr. Buckley discussed the Mississippi Statewide Teacher Appraisal Rubric (M-STAR). The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the removal of the following State Board Policies. The items cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

- To remove State Board Policy 1600 – Calendar
- To remove State Board Policy 4401 – Construction Regulations
- To remove State Board Policy 5600 – Nonpublic Approval
- To remove State Board Policy 5800 – Parent Awards
- To remove State Board Policy 5900 – Probation (Conservatorship)

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- To revise State Board Policy 402 – Conservatorships
- To revise State Board Policy 1000 – Nonpublic Approval
- To revise State Board Policy 1302 – Parent Awards
- To revise State Board Policy 2200– College Admission

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the adoption of the Learning Forward *Standards for Professional Learning* (formerly National Staff Development Council) as the state standards for professional development and revise Standard 21 – Professional Development of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed allowing school districts, upon approval from the Office of Career and Technical Education, to offer ICT I in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, ICT II in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and STEM in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the revision of the process Standards 4, 19, 20 and Appendix A and Appendix D of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed a temporary rule and final action to revise Accreditation Policy 3.0 – Performance Classification Policy of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, to include Policy 3.1.3 Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Richard Morrison discussed the recommendation of the Accountability Task Force that the Graduation/Dropout Component would be calculated and reported; however, districts and schools would be held harmless for results of the Graduation/Dropout Component only in the 2012 Accountability Results. The Board discussed that the State Accountability Rating System calculates the Graduation/Dropout Component only for the two top tiers of school districts. Members expressed concern about the equity of that policy. The Board discussed that dropout prevention is one of the Board's goals. Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the recommendation of the Accountability Task Force and the Department staff that the charge of the Accountability Task Force be expanded to study the Growth Model, as well as the Graduation/Dropout Component of the Statewide Accountability System, with the Task Force to make recommendations to the Commission and State Board of Education to be included in the Statewide Accountability System beginning in 2013. Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Vanderford discussed the recommendation of the Accountability Task Force and the Department staff that the charge of the Accountability Task Force be expanded to make a recommendation to the Commission on School Accreditation and State Board of Education regarding the Quality of Distribution (QDI) Cut Score Range for 2013 and thereafter for the Statewide Accountability System. After a lengthy discussion, the board requested that the three options be presented separately for Board action on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Todd Ivey discussed removing the Financial Advisor assigned to the Greenville Public School District. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ivey discussed the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ivey discussed the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2014. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Paul Sumrall discussed the 2013 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Sumrall recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Gracie Sanders discussed the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request. Ms. Sanders recommended approval on Friday.

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

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- B. To award competitive contracts to LuVel Dairy to provide milk and ice cream products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- C. Career and Technical Education grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University in accordance with State Board Policy 8700 (Lynn House)
- D. Changes to the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2012-2013 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- E. Changes to the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2012-2013 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- F. Enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to administer the Alternate Route Administrator Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2012-2013 School Year (Daphne Buckley)
- G. Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Mr. McClelland welcomed Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent of the Jackson Public School District and his staff to the meeting.

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

Mr. William H. Jones then moved in closed session that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contractual issue and pending litigation involving the Department and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion 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) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to persons holding specific positions in the Department of

Education and discussion of the employment and termination of employees holding specific positions in the Department of Education and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k). Dr. O. Wayne Gann seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Ms. Kathy Boteler 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 a contractual issue, and pending litigation involving the Department and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion 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) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussion of the employment and termination of employees holding specific positions in the Department of Education and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

Mr. Charles McClelland stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Lynn House, Dr. Larry Drawdy, Mr. John Gilbert, Mr. Paul Sumrall, and Ms. Kathy Boteler.

#### Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contractual issue and litigation involving the Department and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussion 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) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved that the Board approve the Memorandum Agreement between NCS Pearson and the Mississippi Department of Education for Pearson to provide additional services and products related to the Subject Area Test Program (SATP) contract to the Department at no cost and to establish an Educational Expense Voucher Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Mr. Hal Gage  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Ms. Martha Murphy  
Mr. Richard Morrison

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Mr. Simon Weir, II

Member abstaining:

Mr. William H. Jones

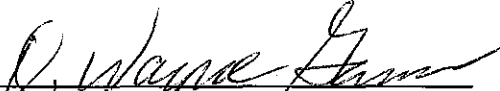
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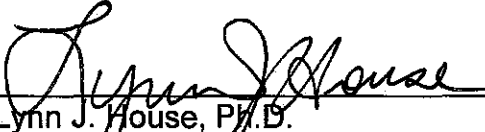
Dr. John R. Kelly

No other action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Richard Morrison moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Approved:

  
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Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Lynn J. House, Ph.D.  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education



## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 20, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2012 in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Mr. Richard Morrison, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II. Board member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly

- 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 Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Simon F. Weir, II, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of June 14-15, 2012.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to add to the agenda item number 7: Approval of Correction Action Plan for Jackson Public School District; item number 39: Approval of Federal Requirements of the ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request and approval as a temporary rule to become effective immediately based on a finding that the rule only confers a benefit and removes a restriction and approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process as a final rule; and, item number 40: Approval of appointment of an Interim Deputy Superintendent in the Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations. Mr. McClelland noted that item number 32 relating to the Statewide Accountability System would include three items for Board action. Mr. McClelland noted that item number 17 would be requesting approval for a one-year contract rather than a two-year contract.

On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Chair's Report:
  - Noted that the dates for the Joint Legislative Budget Hearings have been set for September 17 – September 20. Board members are invited to attend if possible and will be notified of the date and time for the MDE Hearing;
  - Stated that today is the end of his term serving as Chair of the Board and he wanted to thank Dr. Tom Burnham, Department staff, and Ms. Kathy Boteler for their help and support during this time;

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- Appointed Dr. John R. Kelly to serve on the Board's Accountability Subcommittee, noting that he would be replacing Mr. Claude Hartley; and,
- Welcomed Mr. Simon Weir, II as a new Board member.

VI. Approval of Action Items

*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, July 19, 2012.)*

05. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to establish the *Guidelines for P-16 Community Engagement Councils* (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
06. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance concerning statewide assessment of special populations and compliance with the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004* (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
07. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Correction Action Plan for Jackson Public School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
08. On motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to revise State Board Policy 3600—Functional Literacy Exam. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to remove State Board Policy 7605—Graphing Calculators Required. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
10. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to revise the Mississippi Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MECF). The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**

11. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the recommended pass/fail cut score and the cut scores for the Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Performance Levels for the U.S. History Subject Area Test (SAPT2) (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to revise the *Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
13. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive three-year grants for school districts to pilot Dyslexia Programs (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
14. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
15. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Research Foundation of State University of New York (ESCORT) to provide technical assistance and professional development for the Migrant Education Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
16. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for 2013 Engineering Enhancement for 21<sup>st</sup> Century (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
17. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Blackboard, Incorporated, to provide and host an on-line instructional software solution for the Office of Career and Technical Education (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
18. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to increase Praxis Tests Cut Scores as set out in the back-up material to align with nationally recommended passing scores. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**

19. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the proposed new license for Career/Technical Director as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  
- 20-A. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 153 for Child Development PreK-K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  
- 20-B. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 209 for Early Oral Intervention Birth – K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  
- 20-C. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the new Praxis II Test for Teaching Students with Visual Impairments and Nationally Recommended Cut Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  
21. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Statewide Teacher Appraisal Rubric (M-STAR). The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  
22. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the school districts with a need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**

23. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to remove the following State Board Policies. The items cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copies attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

- A. Approval to remove State Board Policy 1600 – Calendar
- B. Approval to remove State Board Policy 4401 – Construction Regulations
- C. Approval to remove State Board Policy 5600 – Nonpublic Approval
- D. Approval to remove State Board Policy 5800 – Parent Awards
- E. Approval to remove State Board Policy 5900 – Probation (Conservatorship)

24. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revision of the following State Board Policies. The items cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copies attached).

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- A. Approval to revise State Board Policy 402 – Conservatorships
- B. Approval to revise State Board Policy 1000 – Nonpublic Approval
- C. Approval to revise State Board Policy 1302 – Parent Awards
- D. Approval to revise State Board Policy 2200– College Admission

25. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to adopt the Learning Forward *Standards for Professional Learning* (formerly National Staff Development Council) as the state standards for professional development and revise Standard 21 – Professional Development of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

26. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to allow school districts, upon approval from the Office of Career and Technical Education, to offer ICT I in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, ICT II in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and STEM in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

27. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to allow a Carnegie unit earned for STEM in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade be accepted in lieu of the graduation requirement for one Carnegie unit in Computer Discovery. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
28. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to allow the course titled Technology Foundations [replaces the three courses titled Computer Discovery (1 credit), Keyboarding (.5 credits), and Computer Applications (.5 credits)] when taken in grades 8-12, be accepted in lieu of the graduation requirement for one Carnegie unit in Computer Discovery. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
29. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revision of the process standards 4, 19, 20, and Appendix A and Appendix D of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
30. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved a temporary rule and final action to revise Accreditation Policy 3.0 – Performance Classification Policy of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*, to include Policy 3.1.3 Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
- 32-A. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted on a vote of 6 to 1 to approve a temporary rule and final action to begin the APA process to hold Districts and Schools harmless for the Graduation/Dropout Component of the Statewide Accountability System for the 2012 Accountability Results based on a finding that the rule only confers a benefit to the public or some segment thereof (copy attached). The motion was approved on the following vote:
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| Members voting <u>aye</u> : | Ms. Kami Bumgarner   |
|                             | Dr. O. Wayne Gann    |
|                             | Mr. William H. Jones |
|                             | Ms. Martha Murphy    |
|                             | Mr. Richard Morrison |
|                             | Mr. Simon Weir, II   |

Member voting ay: Mr. Hal Gage

Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

32-B. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to expand the charge of the Accountability Task Force to study the Growth Model, as well as the Graduation/Dropout Component of the Statewide Accountability System. The Accountability Task Force will make recommendations to the Commission on School Accreditation and State Board of Education to be included in the Statewide Accountability System beginning in 2013 (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

32-C. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to expand the charge of the Accountability Task Force to make a recommendation to the Commission on School Accreditation and State Board of Education regarding the Quality of Distribution (QDI) Cut Score Range for 2013 and thereafter for the Statewide Accountability System (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

33. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to remove the Financial Advisor assigned to the Greenville Public School District (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

34. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2014 (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

35. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2014 (copy attached).

**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

36. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the State Board of Education's 2013 Legislative Priorities (copy attached).

**(Office of State Superintendent)**

37. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request (copy attached).

**(Office of State Superintendent)**

38. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copies attached).
  - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
  - B. Approval to award competitive contracts to LuVel Dairy to provide milk and ice cream products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
  - C. Approval of Career and Technical Education grant award to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University in accordance with State Board Policy 8700  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
  - D. Approval of changes to the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2012-2013 Staff Handbook  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  - E. Approval of changes to the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2012-2013 Student Handbook  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
  - F. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to administer the Alternate Route Administrator Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2012-2013 School Year  
**(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)**
39. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted to approve the Federal Requirements of the ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request and approval as a temporary rule to become effective immediately based on a finding that the rule only confers a benefit and removes a restriction and approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process as a final rule (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
40. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Kim Benton to serve as Interim Deputy Superintendent in the Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations at a annual salary of \$144,000.00 (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**



VII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

**2012 Mississippi Parent of the Year Congressional District Finalists**

**Harry Rayburn** (unable to attend)

First Congressional District

Tupelo Public School District

**Tonja Robinson-Murphy**

Third Congressional District

Jackson Public Schools

**Mark Glorioso**

Fourth Congressional District

Pearl River County School District

**2012 Mississippi Parent of the Year**

**Karen Hill Bedells**

Second Congressional District

Clinton Public School District

**July 2012 MDE Employee of the Month**

**Sammy Wilson**

Lead Programmer Analyst

Office of Management Information Systems

VIII. State Board of Education

01. On a motion by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board voted to elect Dr. O. Wayne Gann to serve as Board Chair and Mr. Hal Gage to serve as Board Vice-Chair from July 2012 to July 2013.

The motion was approved on the following roll-call vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner

Mr. Hal Gage

Dr. O. Wayne Gann

Mr. William H. Jones

Ms. Martha Murphy

Mr. Richard Morrison

Mr. Simon Weir, II

Member abstaining: Mr. Charles McClelland

Member absent: Dr. John R. Kelly

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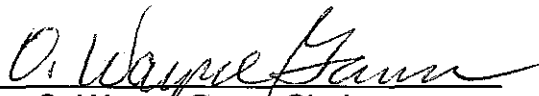
02. Dr. O. Wayne Gann reported that he and other Board members recently attended the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) conference in Biloxi.

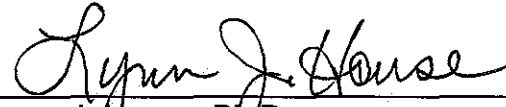
03. There were no request for approval of attendance at meetings

IX. There was no other business.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Approved:

  
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Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Lynn J. House, Ph.D.  
Interim Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education