

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 14, 2013

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board member absent: Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

The work session was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann 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:

- Welcomed Craig Ogeron, Director of Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS).
- Stated that MDE staff is working with legislative leadership to provide appropriate levels of influence on bills related to Mississippi schools and districts as well as MDE.
- Stated MDE will update the Board on the status of key bills as they move within the respective chambers.
- Reported MDE staff participated in the recent winter conference hosted by Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) that included updates on Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), assessments for Common Core, information regarding Career and Technical Education and the Career Pathways, as well as a Bower sponsored session on health-related initiatives in our schools.
- Stated that the Accountability Task Force sessions at Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) were well attended.
- Reported that MDE has been in communication with the districts affected by the tornado in the Hattiesburg area and have had staff on the ground to offer support and assistance to the districts and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).
- Introduced Mr. Mike Kent and Dr. Mimmo Parisi, Director of nSPARC at Mississippi State University (MSU) for a presentation on the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

Mr. Charles McClelland reported that the second Bolivar County Consolidation Subcommittee meeting was held on Monday, February 11, 2013, in the 4th Floor Boardroom and that meeting went well with only two or three concerns voiced.

Mr. Hal Gage reported that Dr. John R. Kelly and he met with MDE staff to discuss procedures for selection of a state superintendent.

Dr. Kelly reported that the Accountability Subcommittee heard a report on surety bonds for Board members and MDE staff, the process for reporting waste, fraud and abuse and the procedure for hiring a Director of Educational Accountability.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Mr. Bob King, Conservator for North Panola School District, gave a report on North Panola School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Mr. Jimmy Hopkins, Conservator for Hazlehurst City School District, gave a report on Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy, Dr. Bill Welch, and Ms. Kathy Boteler presented a report on all conservatorship school districts describing the procedures for reconstituting the districts.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh gave a report on the Dropout Prevention Awareness Campaign (copy attached).

Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Trecina Green discussed renewing the contract with Connections Education, LLC for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system (copy attached).

Dr. Benton and Ms. Green discussed revising the methodology to reimburse schools participating in advanced learning programs for approved test fees for low-income students (copy attached).

Dr. Benton and Mr. James Mason discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to adopt the *Common Core Essential Elements for English Language Arts* and *Common Core Essential Elements for Mathematics* (copy attached).

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the Proposal from William Carey University for a Masters Degree in Dyslexia Therapy as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Dr. Buckley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the Proposal for Redesign of the State Process Review as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Dr. Buckley and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the Proposal from Mississippi State University for Supplemental Endorsement Programs in Career and Technical Education (CTE) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Dr. Buckley discussed the Proposal from the University of Southern Mississippi for Supplemental Endorsement Programs in Career and Technical Education (CTE) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Dr. Buckley discussed the Proposal from Belhaven University for Supplemental Endorsement in Computer Applications as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Dr. Buckley and Dr. Sandra Rasberry, Dean of the School of Education at Belhaven University, discussed the Proposal by Belhaven University for Coursework for Preparation for National Board Certification as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Dr. Buckley discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the request from Career and Technical Education for New License Codes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).

Mr. Mike Kent and Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1 – 4 (copy attached).

Mr. Kent reported on the Bolivar County Consolidation as per Senate Bill 2760, 2012 Legislative Session (copy attached). Mr. Kent stated that the Board subcommittee on the Bolivar County consolidation met on February 11, 2013 and that each Board member has been provided a copy of the transcript from that meeting. Mr. Kent reported that the representatives from North Bolivar School District and Mount Bayou were satisfied with the proposed board of trustee district lines for the North Bolivar Consolidated School District. Mr. Kent further reported that the concerns of representatives from Shaw School District, Benoit School District, and West Bolivar School District were considered in the modification of the board of trustee district lines for the West Bolivar Consolidated School District. Mr. Kent also stated that this matter would be presented to the Board for action at the March 2013 Board meeting.

Mr. Kent and Dr. Vanderford updated the Board on the work of the Accountability Task Force meeting held on February 13, 2013.

Dr. House discussed adding two additional components to the Legislative Priorities of the State Board of Education that support the Board's goals (copy attached).

Dr. Gann gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items:

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Kim Benton)
- B. Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

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, 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. John R. Kelly, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective

litigation and litigation involving the Department of Education 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 in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussion of the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k). Mr. Charles McClelland 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 or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, and litigation involving the Department of Education 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 in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussion of the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

Dr. O. Wayne Gann stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Dr. Kim Benton, and Mr. Mike Kent.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, and litigation involving the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), discussed investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and discussed discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussed the employment of persons in specific positions and transaction of business related thereto in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (a) and (k).

On motion by Mr. Hal Gage seconded by Dr. John Kelly, the Board approved for a search consultant to be allowed to up to six months to obtain applications for State Superintendent on the following vote:

Members voting <u>aye</u> :	Ms. Kami Bumgarner
	Mr. Hal Gage
	Mr. William Jones
	Dr. John Kelly
	Ms. Martha Murphy
	Mr. Richard Morrison

Members voting <u>nay</u> :	Mr. Charles McClelland
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On motion by Mr. William Jones, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board approved the Stay Agreement in *E.H. v. Mississippi Department of Education* on a vote of 7-0.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland and seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board approved on a vote of 7-0 the following revisions to the Corrective Action Plan for Jackson Public Schools: (1) the addition of a definition for “similarly situated student,” (2) revisions to the timelines under Section I-A for Activity 3 on Page 6 and Activity 5 on Page 7, (3) revision to the timeline for Activity 10 under Section I-B on Page 18, and (4) revision to the description for Activity 9 under Section I-B on Page 18.

Dr. House recused herself from the meeting for the discussion of the search for a State Superintendent of Education and prospective litigation.

Mr. Charles McClelland and Dr. John R. Kelly left the meeting after the actions were taken during Executive Session but prior to the adjournment of the Executive Session.

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hal Gage and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

Upon returning to regular session, Ms. Kathy Boteler announced to the public the action taken by the Board during Executive Session. No other business was discussed.

On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Approved:



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



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

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February 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Mr. Richard Morrison. Board members absent were: Mr. Hal Gage and Mr. Simon F. Weir, II.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Chair. Dr. Gann noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.
- II. Mr. William H. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Richard Morrison gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 17-18, 2013.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Report of the Chair
 - Stated that each Board member had been provided on this date an overview of the education bills from the House and Senate.
 - Stated that MDE staff had spent hours working with the legislature, Governor, and Lt. Governor on education bills and reported that he attended some of the meetings.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, February 14, 2013.)
07. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to renew the contract with Connections Education, LLC for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
08. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to revise the methodology to reimburse schools participating in advanced learning programs for approved test fees for low-income students (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

09. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To adopt the *Common Core Essential Elements for English Language Arts* and *Common Core Essential Elements for Mathematics* (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
10. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Proposal from William Carey University for a Masters Degree in Dyslexia Therapy as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
11. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the Proposal for Redesign of the State Process Review as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
12. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Proposal from Mississippi State University for Supplemental Endorsement Programs in Career and Technical Education (CTE) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
13. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Proposal from the University of Southern Mississippi for Supplemental Endorsement Programs in Career and Technical Education (CTE) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
14. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Proposal from Belhaven University for Supplemental Endorsement in Computer Applications as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
15. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the Proposal by Belhaven University for Coursework for Preparation for National Board Certification as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)

16. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve the request from Career and Technical Education for New License Codes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals & Special Schools)
17. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1 – 4 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
20. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved adding two additional components to the Legislative Priorities of the State Board of Education (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
21. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, 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

MDOT 2012 RIDES Teacher of the Year

Terry Gressett

Union Public School District

2013 February Employee of the Month

Rana Hood

Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations

Special Projects Officer IV

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Mr. William H. Jones reported that he met with Mr. Henry Arledge, Superintendent of Education for Harrison County School District, to review a computer program that can predict the scoring of the five schools in that district.

Dr. John R. Kelly reported that he attended a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) meeting in Washington, DC on Government Affairs. He stated that colleagues from across the country reported they were dealing with some of the same issues as Mississippi, such as accountability, teacher evaluations, early childhood, partnerships with Head

Start, and aligning elementary and secondary curriculum with higher education.

Mr. Richard Morrison reported that he attended the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Conference. There were many sessions where the accountability information was discussed. Also, Mr. Morrison reported that he attended and presented at the Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) Conference. He thanked the Board for his assignment on the Accountability Task Force Committee.

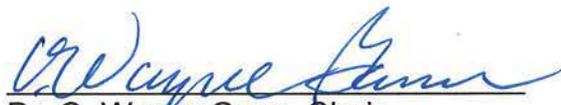
02. Dr. John R. Kelly requested approval to attend the second National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Government Affairs meeting in March, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. John R. Kelly to attend the NASBE meeting in March, 2013 in Washington, DC.

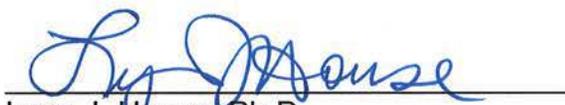
IX. There was no other business.

- X. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Approved:



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



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