

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

December 18, 2014

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2014 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, Mr. Richard Morrison, and Mr. Danny J. Spreitler. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner and Mr. William H. Jones. Mr. Charles McClelland did not return to the Board meeting after lunch.

The work session was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair. Dr. Kelly noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the work session.

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

- Dr. Wright spoke on a panel at the Foundation for Excellence in Washington, D.C. about accountability and the importance of adopting high-quality assessments. There were four state superintendents on the panel. Dr. Wright talked about the development and implementation of Mississippi's new accountability system and how the state has been gearing up for Mississippi's College and Career-Readiness Standards. Dr. John R. Kelly also attended the meeting.
- Dr. Wright met with the two education chairs and they reviewed the Mississippi Department of Education's technical amendments, discussed the Department's RFP process, and updated them on the Board's initiatives. A notebook will be prepared for the State Board members and all legislators.
- Dr. Wright met with the Superintendent Advisory Council to discuss issues. This is a monthly meeting with the Council. Dr. Wright got feedback from the superintendents about the accountability system, the RFP for the new assessment, and the Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards. Dr. Wright thanked Ms. Staci Curry and Mr. Tollie Thigpen for their work on the feedback collected on the accountability system.
- Dr. Wright thanked the Special Education Task Force on their work. The Task Force got recommendations in three priority areas. They are working on their report to present at a later time.
- Dr. Wright informed the Board that the Mississippi Department of Education did not receive the Pre-Kindergarten Development Grant based on that there is not a seamless birth to 3rd grade education and the amount of the state's financial investment in public education.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Sarita Donaldson from the Office of Technology and Strategic Services her work on getting the data needed to make decisions.

- Dr. Wright stated that Ms. Robin Lemonis was recognized nationally for her work and was only one of three recognized that represents state department of education staff.
- Dr. Wright thanked the following staff for their work on the Pre-Kindergarten Grant: Ms. Sonya Amis (MDE Director of Educational Accountability); Mr. Richard Baliko (MDE Educator-in-Residence); Dr. Kim Benton (MDE Chief Academic Officer); Mr. James Hart (MDE Director of Accounting); Mr. Joel Jones (MDE Special Counsel); Ms. Robin Lemonis (MDE Early Childhood Director); Mr. Nathan Oakley (MDE Director of Elementary Education); Ms. Linda Reeves (MDE Office of School Recovery); Mr. Quentin Ransburg (MDE Office of Reporting); Ms. Kymyona Burk (MDE State Literacy Coordinator); Ms. Gretchen Cagle (MDE Special Education Director); Ms. Stacy Callendar (MDE Special Education 619 Coordinator); Ms. Rachel Canter (Executive Director, Mississippi First); Mr. Marcus Cheeks (MDE Federal Programs Director); Dr. Jill Dent (MDE Early Childhood Collaborative Coordinator); Mr. Dale Dieckman (MDE Office of Healthy Schools); Ms. Donna Hales (MDE Office of Procurement); Ms. Christye Hayes (MDE Coordinator of Professional Development of Early Childhood); Ms. Brittany Herrington (MDE Coordinator of Professional Development of Early Childhood); Dr. Mimmo Parisi (National Strategic Planning and Research Center); Ms. Christine Phillely (MDE Office of Child Nutrition); Ms. Linda Southward (Social Science Research Center); Ms. Holly Spivey (Governor's Office, Executive Director, Head Start Collaboration Office/SECAC); Ms. Tenette Smith (MDE Assistant State Literacy Coordinator); Ms. Nita Thompson (Executive Director, Head Start Association/SECAC); and Ms. Adrienne Williams (MDE Federal Programs).

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee reported the subcommittee met prior to today's work session to discuss the process for appeals.

Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, Chair, Finance Subcommittee reported that Mr. Todd Ivey gave information on the financial dashboard and reported on contractual services.

Dr. John R. Kelly discussed approving the Mississippi Board of Education's Five Year Strategic Plan. The Board discussed the Mississippi Board of Education's Five Year Strategic Plan. Dr. Kelly recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Pat Ross and Dr. Bill Welch discussed establishing State Board Policy 5152 - New Start School Program Regulations as per Section 37-167-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. Ross and Dr. Welch discussed awarding competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ross discussed the nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2014-2015. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Todd Ivey discussed revising Process Standards 4 and 5 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014*. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Tollie Thigpen discussed the feedback on the implementation of the 2014 Accountability System and suggestions for improvement. The feedback was collected from meetings across the state and will be presented to the Accountability Task Force.

Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Trecina Green discussed the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board appointments. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Mr. Nathan Oakley discussed awarding discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Mr. Oakley discussed modifying the contract with Leigh Anne Cheeseman to serve as a Literacy coach for K-3 literacy target schools. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Jean Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Carpentry, (2) Collision Repair Technician, (3) Cosmetology, (4) Metal Fabrication, (5) Polymer Science, (6) Precision Machining, (7) Television Broadcasting and Production. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for Keystone: Career Planning. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey discussed awarding competitive grants for Project Lead the Way. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Sandra Edwards discussed modifying the contract with Superior Protection Services d/b/a Advert Group, USA to provide security services to the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey discussed modifying a discretionary grant with the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University to enhance the statewide system of support and coordinated services to local districts. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 am and reconvened at 12:58 pm. Mr. Charles McClelland did not return after lunch.

Mr. Todd Ivey discussed the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2016 prepared by Tann, Brown, & Russ, C.P.A. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey discussed the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2016. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Dr. Cerissa Neal discussed appointing Dr. Cindy Melton as the Chair of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development as required by MS Code 37-3-2. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Dr. Neal discussed modifying grant awards for the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Sonya Amis and Mr. Ivey discussed establishing State Board Policy 1411 – Suspension of Procedural Rules. Ms. Amis recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ivey and Ms. Donna Hales reported on the Request for Proposals process to procure personal services contracts as per Section 25-9-120, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Mr. Ivey and Ms. Hales reported on the methods of source selection to procure personal and professional services contracts as per the Mississippi Department of Education's State Board Policy 2500 – Contracts.

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

- A. Discussion of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)

- B. Discussion to award competitive contracts to various manufacturers to provide food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program in all seven Regions in the State (Todd Ivey)
- C. Discussion to revise State Board Policy 3400 – Rules and Regulations (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Todd Ivey)

Mr. Richard Morrison moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to personnel issues, litigation, prospective litigation, investigative proceedings and a student issue in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), (d), (h), and (k). The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Richard Morrison, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of 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 (4)(a) and (k), discussion of strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings of school districts and a student issue regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and (h), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

Dr. Kelly stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Executive Leadership Team, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Dr. Cerissa Neal, Ms. Sonya Amis, Ms. Heather Deaton, and Ms. Beebe Garrard. Ms. Boteler informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

Minutes of the Executive Session

The Board 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 (4)(a) and (k), discussed strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Department in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussed investigative proceedings of school districts and a student issue regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(d) and (h), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The Board took action on the following items during the Executive Session:

1. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved on a 5 to 0 vote to approve the contract with University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. (KUCR) on behalf of Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) to administer Online Alternate Assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3-8 and high school grade 12 for an amount not to exceed \$73,200.00.
2. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved on a 5 to 0 vote to appoint Dr. Jamilliah Longino, to serve as Bureau Manager for the Office of School Improvement and Office of School Recovery at a salary of \$105,000.00.

Mr. Danny J. Spreitler recused himself from the meeting for the discussion and vote on the following item:

3. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved on a 4 to 0 vote to appoint Dr. Jill Dent, Bureau Director II, to serve as Early Childhood Director at a salary of \$85,000.00.

Mr. Spreitler returned to the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the motion passed on a vote 5 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

Ms. Darla Hammons reported the Mississippi Department of Education along with the Mississippi Board of Education collected \$1,000.00 this year for children less fortunate. The funds were used to adopt 10 Salvation Army Angels from the Angel Tree and delivered thirteen (13) \$25.00 Walmart gift cards to The Baptist Children's Village. The generous gifts of the Board and Department staff served as a blessing for many families and helped put smiles on children's faces for Christmas.

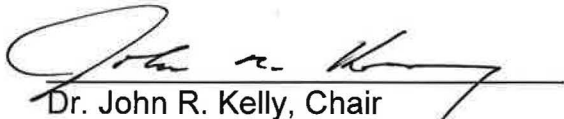
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On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Approved:


Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education


Dr. Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

December 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Richard Morrison, and Mr. Danny J. Spreitler. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. William H. Jones, and Mr. Charles McClelland.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Richard Morrison, Vice Chair, who was presiding in the absence of Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair. Mr. Morrison noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.

- I. Dr. O. Wayne Gann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Johnny Franklin gave the Invocation.
- II. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the following meetings: Special-Called meeting on November 5, 2014, November 12, 2014, Special-Called meeting on November 17, 2014, Special-Called meeting on December 3, 2014, and Special-Called meeting on December 11, 2014.
- III. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- IV. Report of the Chair

Mr. Morrison reported that the Board voted yesterday in Executive Session on the following:

1. The Board approved the contract with University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. (KUCR) on behalf of Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) to administer Online Alternate Assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3-8 and high school grade 12.

Mr. Morrison stated the following regarding the University of Kansas Center contract: The Department is required by state law to implement a program of statewide assessment testing. The No Child Left Behind Law requires an alternate assessment for special education students. The Department issued a Request for Proposal for an assessment for 3,500 children with significant cognitive disabilities that includes children with autism, traumatic brain injury, intellectual disability. The University of Kansas was the only respondent to the RFP.

The Department requested that the PSCRB grant an exception to two of its contractual provisions because both the MDE and the University of Kansas are limited to agreeing to the law of another state. The PSCRB rules allow an exception to its regulations if it is in the best interest of the state.

The DLM system costs less than \$100 per student. The previous cost of assessing students with significant cognitive disabilities was \$375 per student.

The Attorney General's Office stated in writing that the office was not aware of any law that would be violated by approving the exceptions requested and in this instance, sometimes deleting some language and relying instead on the applicable provisions of existing state law and court rules make it possible to reach an agreement with them without really giving up material advantages. However, the PSCRB denied the approval of the contract. This decision has resulted in the Department having to contract for limited services for a limited amount of time so that these special needs students can be assessed as required by state and federal law.

2. The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Jamilliah Longino as Bureau Manager to serve in the Office of School Improvement and Office of School Recovery.
3. The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Jill Dent as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Early Childhood Director.

VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, December 18, 2014.)

03. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Board of Education's Five Year Strategic Plan (copy attached).
(Mississippi Board of Education)
04. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved to establish State Board Policy 5152 - New Start School Program Regulations as per Section 37-167-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)

05. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program (copy attached).
(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)
06. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved the nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2014-2015 (copy attached).
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07. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved to revise Process Standards 4 and 5 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014*. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
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09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board appointments (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
10. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the Board unanimously approved to award discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
11. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the Board unanimously approved to modify contract with Leigh Anne Cheeseman to serve as a Literacy coach for K-3 literacy target schools (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Carpentry, (2) Collision Repair Technician, (3) Cosmetology, (4) Metal Fabrication, (5) Polymer Science, (6) Precision Machining, (7) Television Broadcasting and Production (copy attached).
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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

14. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for Project Lead the Way (copy attached).
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17. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2016 (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
18. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2016 (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
19. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cindy Melton as Chair of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development as required by MS Code 37-3-2 (copy attached).
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(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
21. On a motion by Mr. Danny J. Spreitler, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved to establish State Board Policy 1411 – Suspension of Procedural Rules (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

24. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):

A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving benefits

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

B. Approval to award competitive contracts to various manufacturers to provide food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program in all seven Regions in the State

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

C. Approval to revise State Board Policy 3400 – Rules and Regulations (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

VII. Recognition Ceremony

2014 National Blue Ribbon School

Caledonia Elementary School, Lowndes County School District

Mississippi's AP Scholar Award Recipients for 2014

Joelle Young, Oxford High School

Joseph D. Wilson, Itawamba County Agricultural High School

2014 November Employee of the Month

Louis King

Office of Special Education

Special Education Program Coordinator

2014 December Employee of the Month

Margie Owens

Mississippi School for the Blind

Educ-Specialist

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Mr. Danny J. Spreitler reported that he attended a legislative meeting with the Governor where Governor Phil Bryant spoke about compulsory attendance in kindergarten, calculating average daily attendance (ADA) Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), technology upgrades, and full funding of Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP).

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Mr. Johnny Franklin reported that he answered questions about the Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards at the Vicksburg Lions Club on December 10, 2014.

02. There was no request to attend a meeting.

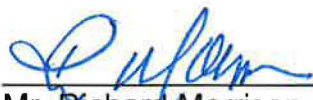
IX. Other Business

Mr. Morrison announced that the January Board meeting is January 15-16, 2015.

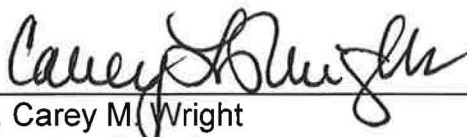
X. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Approved:



Mr. Richard Morrison, Vice-Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Dr. Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education