

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 16, 2015

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015, 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, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Mr. Richard Morrison.

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.

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

- Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Pete Smith and she attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. The group got to meet with the Mississippi legislatures who are working on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and talked with them about the prospects of what will be approved.
- Dr. Wright reported that the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board has posted the next set of applications. These applications will be worked through to get charters approved.
- Dr. Wright stated she had been invited to serve on the advisory council for Jackson State University's Mississippi Learning Institute. The institute is working with the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color to improve educational opportunities for boys of color in Mississippi. Dr. Wright stated she attended the first meeting which included several deans from local and regional education colleges and universities.
- Dr. Wright stated she spoke at the Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) Spring Conference and the Mississippi Head Start Association Annual Conference to discuss the State Board's Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Wright stated that she presented at the Madison County Business League and Foundation. She stated that she talked about a stronger education and a strong work force and had a great opportunity to answer questions.
- Dr. Wright stated that the legislative session has ended. A legislative update will be sent out and the Department will be implementing any changes.
- Dr. Wright thanked Mr. Pete Smith for all his hard work. Dr. Wright stated that he was invaluable to moving items through the legislative session and knowledgeable navigating both sides of the aisle.
- Dr. Wright stated there would be two Spotlights on good things happening in Mississippi at this Board meeting. The first Spotlight is on Ms. Darla Miller a third grade teacher from Neshoba Central Elementary School in Neshoba County

School District. Ms. Miller was selected from teachers around the state of Mississippi to film a mini documentary about educating third grade students. The mini documentary was titled “A Teacher Like You”. Mr. Nathan Oakley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Mississippi Department of Education, introduced Ms. Miller and Ms. LaMonica Calloway, Principal at Neshoba Central Elementary School. The other Spotlight was introduced by Ms. Jean Massey, Director of Career and Technical Education at the Mississippi Department of Education. Ms. Massey introduced Ms. Patti Wilkins, Career and Technical Education Director from George County and the George County Superintendent, Ms. Debbie Harrell. George County is one of two districts in Mississippi to receive a Star Academy grant for Career and Technical Education. A PowerPoint was presented on the programs offered at the George County Career and Technical Center.

Dr. Kelly thanked Dr. Wright for Spotighting what is going on across the state.

02. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee reported the subcommittee met prior to today’s work session to discuss the FY 15 annual program evaluation plan; the pupil-teacher ratio; the Administrative Procedures Act process on the business rules; and the FY 14 audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Some of these items will be brought before the Board for approval today.
03. Mr. Pat Ross and Dr. Bill Welch discussed establishing State Board Policy 4013 – Restraint/Seclusion. The Board discussed the policy presented and asked that a meeting be held with local school board attorneys and school board associations before bringing the item back to the Board to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.
04. Mr. Ross, Dr. Paula Vanderford, and Mr. Tollie Thigpen discussed revising State Board Policy 3804 – Additional Assessment Options for Graduation. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.
05. Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed revising State Board of Education policies related to graduation requirements: State Board Policy 3801 – Policies for Subject Area Testing; State Board Policy 3802 – Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit; and State Board Policy 3803 – Assessments Required for Graduation. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.

06. Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4. The Board discussed the process used now and how it could be revised. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.
07. Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed repealing State Board Policy 404 – First Administration of Statewide Assessments. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.
08. Mr. Ross and Dr. Vanderford discussed revising Accreditation Policy 3.1.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* – Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results and establishing Accreditation Policy 3.1.4 – Review or Appeal of Final Accountability Results. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.
09. Mr. Ross, Dr. Vanderford, Mr. Thigpen, and Dr. Todd English reported from the Accountability Task Force and Technical Review Team meeting held on April 8, 2015.
10. Mr. Ross, Dr. Vanderford, Dr. English, and Mr. Thigpen discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System effective 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Ross recommended approval on Friday.
11. Dr. Kim Benton, Ms. Trecina Green, and Mr. Nathan Oakley discussed contracting with North Mississippi Education Consortium for Fiscal Year 2016. The Board discussed the contract. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.
12. Dr. Benton, Ms. Green, Mr. Oakley, and Dr. Jill Dent discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines*. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.
 - A. *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three-Year-Olds (2015)*
 - B. *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Four-Year-Olds (2015)*

Dr. Kelly stated that as Chair, due to the desire of the State Board of Education to adhere to the State Personal Service Contract Review Board policies and in an effort to maintain transparency regarding Item Number 13 on the agenda, that the Board take action regarding the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016 for the English Language Arts and Mathematics Grades 3 – 8 Assessments; End of Course

Algebra I and English II Assessments; and Optional Geometry and Algebra II Assessments.

13. Dr. Benton, Mr. Walt Drane, and Ms. Donna Hales discussed contracting with Questar Assessment, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016 for the English Language Arts and Mathematics Grades 3 – 8 Assessments; End of Course in Algebra I and English II Assessments; and Cost Options for Geometry and Algebra II Assessments. The Board discussed the contract and asked questions about the process. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted to take action on this item. Another motion was made by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, where the Board voted to approve the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016 for the English Language Arts and Mathematics Grades 3 – 8 Assessments; End of Course in Algebra I and English II Assessments; and Cost Options for Geometry and Algebra II Assessments.

Members voting aye:
Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Mr. William H. Jones
Mr. Richard Morrison

Member voting nay: None

Member abstaining: Mr. Charles McClelland

Member absent: None

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 a.m. and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

14. Mr. Todd Ivey and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed adopting new State Board Policy 3106 – Youth Detention Center Educational Provisions. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.
15. Mr. Ivey and Dr. Cerissa Neal discussed the Foundations of Reading test and corresponding passing score for initial elementary education licensure as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

16. Dr. Benton discussed awarding discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.
17. Dr. Benton and Mr. Oakley discussed contracting with personnel to serve as literacy coaches in school districts. Dr. Benton recommended approval on Friday.
18. 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. [PULLED]
 - C. Discussion to renew contract with Impact Education Group, LLC for assistance in management of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant (Todd Ivey)
 - D. Discussion of the 2015-2016 school calendars for State Schools (Kim Benton)
 1. Mississippi School for the Arts 2015-2016 calendar
 2. Mississippi School for the Blind 2015-2016 calendar
 3. Mississippi School for the Deaf 2015-2016 calendar
 4. Mississippi School for the Mathematics and Science 2015-2016 calendar
 - E. Discussion of Child Nutrition Procurement Plan for State Schools (Kim Benton)
 1. Mississippi School for the Arts Child Nutrition Procurement Plan
 2. Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf Child Nutrition Procurement Plan
 - F. Discussion to renew contract with Amplify Education, Inc., for conducting the Data Coaching Pilot Program (Kim Benton)
 - G. Discussion to renew contract with Cambium Education, Inc., DBA Sopris Learning, for Fiscal Year 2016 for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System (Kim Benton)

- H. Discussion to renew contract with Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University for Fiscal Year 2016 for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Second Edition (MS-CPAS2) (Kim Benton)
- I. Discussion to renew the contract with The Riverside Publishing Company DBA HM Receivables, LLC for Fiscal Year 2016 to provide an assessment for children 3-5 with disabilities as required by the State Performance Plan (Kim Benton)
- J. Discussion to renew the contract with Evergreen Evaluation & Consulting, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2016 as the project evaluator for the State Personnel Development Grant (Kim Benton)
- K. Discussion to contract with Superior Protection Services DBA Advert Group, USA to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Kim Benton)
- L. Discussion to renew contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2016 for the operation of the Mississippi Science Test, Second Edition (MST2), Grades 5 and 8 to include the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2) for U.S. History and Biology (Kim Benton)
- M. Discussion to renew contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016 for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²) (Kim Benton)

There was no discussion on the consent agenda.

19. Executive Session

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to prospective litigation, personnel issues, and investigative proceedings in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), and (k). 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 that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Session 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and transaction of business related thereto. Mr. Richard Morrison seconded the

motion, which passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Dr. Kelly stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Carey M. Wright, Executive Leadership Team, Ms. Raina Lee, Mr. Joseph Runnels, Ms. Heather Deaton, Ms. Erin Meyer, and Ms. Beebe Garrard. Ms. Lee 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 a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussion of discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and transaction of business related thereto.

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

1. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board approved on a 7 to 0 vote to contract with Butler Snow, LLC to provide legal assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education for a total amount of \$250,000.00.

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Mr. Johnny Franklin
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Mr. Richard Morrison
Mr. Charles McClelland

Member voting nay: Mr. William H. Jones

Member absent: None

2. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved on an 8 to 0 vote to appoint Ms. Donna Hales as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director in the Office of Procurement at a salary of \$84,000.00.
3. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved on an 8 to 0 vote to contract with Mr. Michael D. Kent to perform the administrative duties under the position of Chief School Performance Officer for the total cost of \$111,216.06.

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4. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved on an 8 to 0 vote to appoint Dr. Marla Davis as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of Middle School Programs at a salary of \$90,000.00.
5. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved on an 8 to 0 vote to appoint Ms. Wendy Clemons as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of High School Programs at a salary of \$90,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the motion passed on a vote 8 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.


The public returned to the meeting.

Dr. Kelly stated:

- The Board took action on five items and they will be reported to the Board on Friday.
- Dr. Wright was chosen to a study trip to China.
- May Board meeting dates of May 14-15, 2015 will be changed to May 21, 2015.
- July Board meeting will convene during Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. You will receive more information later.

Dr. Kelly adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Approved:


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


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

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The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, 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, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, Mr. Richard Morrison, and Mr. Charles McClelland.

The meeting 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 Board meeting.

I. Mr. William H. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Johnny Franklin gave the Invocation.

II. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board approved the minutes of March 19-20, 2015 Board meeting.

III. Dr. Kelly stated the Board voted on Tab 13 yesterday. He stated that Tab 13 was removed from the agenda for Friday.

13. Approval to contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016 for the English Language Arts and Mathematics Grades 3 – 8 Assessments; End of Course in Algebra I and English II Assessments; and Cost Options for Geometry and Algebra II Assessments
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

V. Report of the Chair

- Dr. Kelly reported that at the Board meeting last month Mr. Johnny Franklin and Dr. Karen J. Elam were confirmed by the Senate. He wanted to welcome them as official Board members.
- Dr. Kelly stated there is a packet at your seat with information about the upcoming April 23-24, 2015 Board Retreat in Gulfport, Mississippi.
- Dr. Kelly reported that last month Dr. Elam attended the Student Data Privacy training in Washington, D.C. Mississippi needs to work on a student data privacy policy. National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will conduct training to work with Mississippi Department of

Education staff, Board members, and legislators to establish a policy. Ms. Sonya Amis will work on a date for the training.

- Dr. Kelly stated the May Board meeting was moved from May 14-15, 2015 to May 21, 2015. Dr. Carey M. Wright has been selected to go to China with other educators. He stated this would be a very good opportunity for Dr. Wright and for Mississippi.
- Dr. Kelly stated that the July Board meeting conflicts with the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. He stated that more information will be coming.
- Dr. Kelly stated that photographs are today after the Board meeting.

Dr. Kelly stated the Board voted yesterday in Executive Session on the following items:

1. Approve the contract with Butler Snow, LLC to provide legal assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education.
2. Approve the appointment of Ms. Donna Hales as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director in the Office of Procurement.
3. Approve the contract with Michael D. Kent to perform the administrative duties under the position of Chief School Performance Officer.
4. Approve the appointment of Dr. Marla Davis as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of Middle School Programs.
5. Approve the appointment of Ms. Wendy Clemons as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of High School Programs.

VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, April 16, 2015.)

04. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to revise State Board Policy 3804 - Additional Assessment Options for Graduation. The item 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. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board approved to revise State Board of Education policies related to graduation requirements. The State Board Policy 3801 – Policies for Subject Area Testing; State Board Policy 3802 – Policies for Carnegie Unit Credit; and State Board Policy 3803 – Assessments Required for Graduation were approved. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Dr. Karen J. Elam
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Mr. Charles McClelland
Mr. Richard Morrison

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin
Mr. William H. Jones

Member absent: None

06. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4 (copy attached).

(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)

07. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to repeal State Board Policy 404 – First Administration of Statewide Assessments. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

(Office of Chief School Performance Office)

08. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to revise Accreditation Policy 3.1.3 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2014* – Internal Review of Preliminary Accountability Results and establish Accreditation Policy 3.1.4 – Review or Appeal of Final Accountability Results. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)

10. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System effective 2014-2015 school year (copy attached).
(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)
11. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board approved to contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium for Fiscal Year 2016 (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)

Members voting aye: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman
 Ms. Kami Bumgarner
 Dr. Karen J. Elam
 Dr. O. Wayne Gann
 Mr. William H. Jones
 Mr. Charles McClelland
 Mr. Richard Morrison

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member absent: None

12. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines* (copy attached).
- A. *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Three-Year-Olds (2015)*
B. *Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines for Classrooms Serving Four-Year-Olds (2015)*
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
14. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to adopt new State Board Policy 3106 – Youth Detention Center Educational Provisions. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

15. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the Foundations of Reading test and corresponding passing scale score of 229 for initial elementary education licensure as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
16. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to award discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
17. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to contract with personnel to serve as literacy coaches in school districts (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
18. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items: A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M (copy attached):
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
 - B. [PULLED]
 - C. Approval to renew contract with Impact Education Group, LLC for assistance in management of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
 - D. Approval of 2015-2016 school calendars for State Schools
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
 1. Mississippi School for the Arts 2015-2016 calendar
 2. Mississippi School for the Blind 2015-2016 calendar
 3. Mississippi School for the Deaf 2015-2016 calendar
 4. Mississippi School for the Mathematics and Science 2015-2016 calendar
 - E. Approval of Child Nutrition Procurement Plan for State Schools
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
 1. Mississippi School for the Arts Child Nutrition Procurement Plan

2. Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf Child Nutrition Procurement Plan

- F. Approval to renew contract with Amplify Education, Inc., for conducting the Data Coaching Pilot Program
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- G. Approval to renew contract with Cambium Education, Inc., DBA Sopris Learning, for Fiscal Year 2016 for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System
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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- M. Approval to renew contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2016 for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²) **(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

VII. Recognition Ceremony

National Title I Distinguished Schools

Bassfield High School
Jefferson Davis County School District

O'Bannon Elementary School
Western Line School District

2015 April Employee of the Month

Ethel T. Heard
School Attendance Officer
Office of Compulsory School Attendance

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Mr. Johnny Franklin reported that he attend a local elementary school where the program was run by the students. The students led the group from room to room. He stated that he was very impressed with the students.

Dr. Karen J. Elam reported that she attended a one day workshop in Washington, D.C. at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) meeting. The topic was that every state needs and must have an education data privacy policy. NASBE will support the state by having a workshop that will help the state with a policy.

02. There was no request to attend a meeting.

IX. Other Business

The Board discussed on Thursday changing the May 14-15, 2015 Board date to May 21, 2015. Also, the Board discussed changing the July Board meeting location to the Coast to correspond with the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Conference.

On a motion by Dr. Karen J, Elam, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved to change the May Board meeting date to May 21, 2015 and change the location of the July meeting to the Coast.

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Approved:



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



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