

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 20, 2015

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2015, in the South Pointe Building, 4th Floor Boardroom, 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, 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 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 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility waiver was approved by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for three years. As part of the renewal, the USDOE approved an additional one-year accountability pause. This will allow districts to keep their letter grade from 2014 if their grade for 2015 is lower.
- Dr. Wright stated she spoke at the Golden Triangle Early College High School opening. Dr. Wright addressed the students during the school opening convocation. There was a great deal of excitement among the students, staff, and teachers. The students will graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree. Dr. Wright thanked Ms. Jean Massey and her team for the work on getting the high school started.
- Dr. Wright stated she was a guest on the Mississippi Public Broadcast radio show, *Southern Remedy: Relatively Speaking*, which is hosted by Dr. Susan Buttross, chief of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Division of Child Development and Behavioral Pediatrics. Dr. Wright talked about the progress the Department has made on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, the results of the 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment, and the focus on literacy.
- Dr. Wright stated the Achievement School District Task Force held their meeting on August 12, 2015, and it was a very productive meeting.
- Dr. Wright stated the move to South Pointe had been a labor of love and she thanked all Mississippi Department of Education staff involved. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. John Q. Porter and his team on moving the phones, computers, and connecting the copiers. Also, Dr. Wright recognized her Chief of Staff, Mr. Washington Cole, for his work to get the move done.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is Books in the Barbershop. Books in the Barbershop promotes reading by creating book stations at barbershops and training barbers to engage young readers. The family, school,

and community initiative launched in June 2015 in Jackson. The Jackson Council Parent Teacher Association coordinates the program with support from Jackson Public Schools, the City of Jackson, and a host of community organizations. Ms. Rosaline McCoy, President of Jackson Council Parent Teacher Association set up the pilot program with the following barbers: Mr. Perry Woodard, Mr. Marcus McCoy, Mr. Marcus Landfair, and Mr. Chris Paige.

02. There were no subcommittee meetings held.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman and Mr. Johnny Franklin welcomed everyone to Clinton, Mississippi.

03. Mr. Pat Ross and Dr. Margie Pulley, Conservator for Tunica County School District, reported on the Tunica County School District. Dr. Pulley reported on the progress made since the state took over the district on July 13, 2015.

The Recognition Ceremony was held to acknowledge the following:

2015 Mississippi School for the Deaf Award Winning Athlete

Shanekia Coleman

Sandra E. Edwards, Superintendent

2013 PAEMST Awardees

Betsy Sullivan, Ph.D.

Jenny Simmons

Lee County Schools

2015 August Employee of the Month

Steve Pierce

Support Tech Senior

Office of Accounting

Dr. Kelly recognized special guests from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Ms. Michelle Accardi, Director of Policy and Partnership and Dr. Loveen Bains, Senior Manager of Strategic Projects. Also, Ms. Caroline Sims, Government Relations Advisor from Butler Snow.

04. Dr. Kim Benton and Mr. Nathan Oakley discussed awarding competitive three-year grants for school districts to pilot Dyslexia Programs [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

05. Dr. Benton and Mr. Marcus Cheeks discussed awarding competitive grants for the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program [Goals 1 and 2 - MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.

06. Dr. Benton and Ms. Trecina Green discussed the methodology to award grant dollars to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Project (WCTP) site [Goal 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
07. Dr. Benton and Ms. Green discussed awarding discretionary grants to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Project site [Goal 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
08. Dr. J. P. Beaudoin discussed the recommended cut score for Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Science Frameworks (MAAESF) [Goal 3 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.
09. Mr. Todd Ivey discussed the appointments of one certified classroom teacher and one non-certificated school district employee to fill vacancies on the State and School Employees' Health Advisory Council pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 25-15-9 [Goal 1 – MDE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Ivey recommended approval.
10. Dr. Beaudoin and Dr. Cerissa Neal discussed beginning the Administrative Procedure Act process: To make the following changes to CTE endorsement codes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development July 10, 2015 [Goal 4 - MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.
11. Dr. Beaudoin and Dr. Neal discussed beginning the Administrative Procedure Act process: Approval for Alternate Route Elementary Education Applicants to Pass Foundations of Reading Test with a Passing Scale Score of 229 for Elementary Endorsement Codes Effective 7/1/16 [Goal 4 - MDE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.
12. [PULLED]
13. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss items C, F, H, and I.
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
 - B. Award competitive contracts to various produce distributors to supply and deliver products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Five Regions in the State) (Todd Ivey)

- C. Revise State Board Policy 4904 Withholding of Funds for failure to submit student, fiscal and personnel data (Todd Ivey)
(Has cleared Administrative Procedures Act process with one comment)
- D. Methodology for awarding competitive Mathematics and Science Partnerships grants (Kim Benton)
- E. Award discretionary grants for operational expenses for the Golden Triangle Early College High School (Kim Benton)
- F. Establish the administrative rules and regulations for Districts and Schools of Innovation (Kim Benton)
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments)
- G. Contract with ACT, Inc., to administer the ACT to all 11th grade students during Fiscal Year 2016 (J.P. Beaudoin)
- H. 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 School Leadership (MAPQSL) for the 2015-2016 School Year (J.P. Beaudoin)
- I. Enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to Continue to Administer the Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program Known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2014-15 School Year (J.P. Beaudoin)
- J. Revised State Board Policy 1404 – Meetings
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act with no public comments)
(Carey Wright)

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Agenda

Immediately following the work session

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. John R. Kelly.
- II. Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the Invocation.

- III. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 16, 2015 and the minutes of the Special-Called Board meeting of August 12, 2015.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to amend the agenda to add the following item:
 - 14. Action on appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the April 23, 2015, Licensure decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education Certification and Licensure Development

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Richard Morrison, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

- V. There was no report from the Chair.
- 04. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved awarding competitive three-year grants for school districts to pilot Dyslexia Programs [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- 05. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved awarding competitive grants for the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program [Goals 1 and 2 - MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- 06. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award grant dollars to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Project (WCTP) site [Goal 4 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
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(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- 08. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously approved the recommended cut score for Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Science Frameworks (MAAESF) [Goal 3 – MDE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

09. On a motion by Mr. Richard Morrison, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of one certified classroom teacher (Ms. Tiffany Brooks) and one non-certificated school district employee (Ms. Donna Hughes) to fill vacancies on the State and School Employees' Health Advisory Council pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 25-15-9 (copy attached).
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
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(Office of Chief of Research and Development)
12. [PULLED]
13. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J (copy attached).
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)
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(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act with no public comments)
(Office of State Superintendent)

VII. State Board of Education

- 01. There was no report on meetings attended.
- 02. Dr. Kelly requested approval to attend the National Association of State Board of Education's (NASBE) Annual Conference since he serves on NASBE Government Affairs Committee. The Conference is in Baltimore, Maryland on October 22-24, 2015.

Mr. Richard Morrison, Vice Chair, entertained a motion for Dr. Kelly to attend NASBE's Annual Conference.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. Kelly to attend NASBE's Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on October 22-24, 2015.

VI. Other Business

The September Board meeting will be September 17, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously approved changing the State Board meeting location temporarily from Jackson, Mississippi to South Pointe in Clinton, Mississippi.

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a determination of the need to go into Executive Session with respect to prospective litigation in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, 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 regarding the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Dr. O. Wayne Gann 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, Dr. Cerissa Neal, Mr. Joseph Runnels, Ms. Heather Deaton, Ms. Erin Meyer, and Ms. Beebe Garrard. Ms. Garrard informed the public of the Board's vote to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation regarding the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and transaction of business related thereto.

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

14. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board reversed the May 4, 2015, decision of the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development to deny processing of educator Licensure Application No. 118006. The Board approved Licensure Application No. 118006 for processing, subject to compliance with all requirements for issuance of a license set out in statute and Board policies and guidelines.

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

Member voting nay: Dr. Karen J. Elam

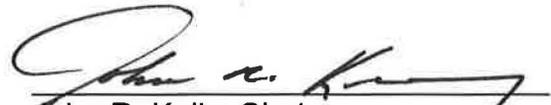
Member absent: None

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

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Approved:



John R. Kelly, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education