

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 12, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016, in the Board Room at South Pointe Building, 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent was: Ms. Kami Bumgarner. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Dr. Kelly noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 21, 2016 with the changes requested by Dr. Karen J. Elam.
- IV. Mr. Johnny Franklin requested that the Board discuss and possibly approve the addition of an additional goal to the Board's strategic plan. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended..
- V. Recognition Ceremony

2016 May Employee of the Month

Marilyn Reed

Special Education Program Coordinator

Office of Special Education

Mississippi School for the Blind

Students from the Mississippi School for the Blind were recognized. Five students that make up the Student Ambassador Council were introduced. The Council shows visitors around the campus at the School for the Blind. Three other students were introduced and they are seniors this year with one being the Student Body President.

Dr. Kelly thanked the staff at the School for the Blind on engaging the students to be everything they can be.

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

- Dr. Wright reported the Regional Superintendent's Meetings have been completed. Dr. Wright stated the meetings went well and good feedback was received from the superintendents. Dr. Wright stated the next round of Regional Superintendent's Meetings will be held late summer or early fall.
- Dr. Wright stated that she met with the members of the Legislative Black Caucus to brief them on the impact of the budget cuts and to discuss some of the bills that were passed this session.
- Dr. Wright stated she, Dr. Paula Vanderford, and Ms. Jean Massey spoke at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Executive Board meeting on diploma options and updates from the Department.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the teacher awards held by the Mississippi Council on Economic Education.
- Dr. Wright stated she spent one day in the Poplarville School District. Dr. Wright stated she visited with the superintendent, the central office staff, and went to all schools to visit with teachers and students to encourage them about testing.
- Dr. Wright stated the Mississippi Department of Education has received a \$500,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to support teachers and parents in their efforts to help prepare students for college and the workforce.
- Dr. Wright stated that the Board would vote later in the meeting on the Board meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2017. Dr. Wright recommended moving the November Board meeting from November 17 to November 10 due to a Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Legislative Conference. Dr. Wright pointed out that at the bottom of the page it should state that the Mississippi Department of Education will return to the Central High School Building soon.
- Dr. Wright stated that week two of the Mississippi Assessment Program has been completed. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. J. P. Beaudoin's team and the FAST Teams that were located across the state to provide technical assistance and customer service to the districts. Dr. Wright stated that Questar had a lot of boots on the ground to help with any problems that arose and they had done a spectacular job. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Beaudoin, Dr. John Q. Porter, and Questar on working together to assist the districts during testing.
- Dr. Wright stated that a recent article in *The Clarion-Ledger* about teacher misconduct did not report all the facts and she would be issuing an editorial for the Department. Dr. Wright stated a Task Force will be formed to address all issues related to licensure. Dr. Wright stated the Task Force will start in June and end in October.

- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is the Golden Triangle Early College High School (GTECHS). Dr. Wright stated GTECHS is a partnership with the Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi State University, and East Mississippi Community College. This is the first early college high school in Mississippi. GTECHS is a 9-12 school that had 61 students this first year and all 61 students are returning for the upcoming school year. The students are from four counties. Dr. Wright introduced the principal, Ms. Jill Savely, and three students from GTECHS.
- Dr. Wright presented an update on the Mississippi *Board of Education 5-Year Strategic Plan 2016-2020*. Dr. Wright stated the outcomes and strategies have been updated to include some of the information from the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* (copy attached).

VII. Dr. John R. Kelly as the Chair of the State Board did not give a report.

VIII. Dr. Jason S. Dean reported from the Dashboard Reports Subcommittee which was renamed to Data Visualization Subcommittee. Dr. Dean stated the subcommittee met to discuss the goals and outcomes of what could be measured, understand the data we have, understand the trend, who the audience will be, and the work to be done.

Dr. Karen J. Elam stated that the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee met yesterday. Dr. Elam stated that Dr. Kim Benton will present some of the items discussed in the subcommittee meeting at the Board meeting today.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Kim Benton and Dr. Jamilliah Longino presented information on the submission of Mississippi's federal School Improvement Grant 1003(g) [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

02. Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise Appendix H of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards* [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

03. [PULLED]

04. Dr. Vanderford discussed the appointment to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

05. Dr. Vanderford and Mr. Walt Drane presented an update on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) administration [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

06. Dr. Vanderford, Dr. Benton, Dr. Nathan Oakley, and Dr. Kymyona Burk discussed the results of the May 2016 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
07. Dr. Vanderford and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the licensure endorsements and renewal requirements as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.
 - A. Approval of a new Pre-K add-on endorsement for teachers currently licensed to teach Kindergarten
 - B. Approval to revise updates to educator endorsements for Academic Business Education requirements for school year 2016-2017
 - C. Approval of Advanced Placement (AP) endorsement renewal options

Added:

00. Dr. Karen J. Elam discussed adding Goal 6 to the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan* as recommended by the School Improvement Subcommittee. The Board discussed adding an additional goal to the Plan to specifically address low performing schools. Dr. Elam recommended approval.
08. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items.
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
 - B. 2016-2017 Student Handbooks for State Schools (Kim Benton)
 1. Mississippi School of the Arts
 2. Mississippi School for the Blind
 3. Mississippi School for the Deaf
 4. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

- C. 2016-2017 school calendars for State Schools (Kim Benton)
 - 1. Mississippi School of the Arts
 - 2. Mississippi School for the Blind
 - 3. Mississippi School for the Deaf

 - D. Modify discretionary grants to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) for the World Class Teacher Program site (Kim Benton)

 - E. Contract with Superior Protection Services d/b/a Advert Group, USA to provide unarmed security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Kim Benton)

 - F. Contract with vendor to perform the administrative duties for the Mississippi Superintendents Academy and consolidation (Kim Benton)

 - G. Contract with vendor for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System (Kim Benton)

 - H. Renew contracts with vendors for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Science Grades K-5, Science Grades 6-8, and Science Grades 9-12 (Kim Benton)

 - I. Contract with the Hinds County Sheriff's Department to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Kim Benton)

 - J. Award of discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to enhance the statewide system of support to local school districts (Kim Benton)

 - K. Award discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide technical assistance and training support to districts (Kim Benton)

 - L. Renew contract with Renaissance Learning for the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS²) for FY17 (J.P. Beaudoin)
- X. Approval of Action Items

02. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise Appendix H of the *Mississippi Public Schools Accountability Standards* [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

04. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Corey Welch, teacher, District 3, to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

07. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the licensure endorsements and renewal requirements as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

- A. Approval of a new Pre-K add-on endorsement for teachers currently licensed to teach Kindergarten
- B. Approval to revise updates to educator endorsements for Academic Business Education requirements for school year 2016-2017 (endorsement 405 Business Management as required to teach Business and Technology Education can be an add-on endorsement to a 111 Computer Applications or 113 Computer Education license; endorsement 411 Business Technology as required to teach Business and Technology Education can be an add-on to a 105 Business Education license)
- C. Approval of Advanced Placement (AP) endorsements renewal options (to earn the initial AP endorsement, a teacher must attend the week long College Board Advanced Placement endorsement training; to renew an AP endorsement, three (3) of the required CEUs for renewal must come through an MDE-approved Advanced Placement professional development)

Added:

00. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved adding Goal 6 to the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan* to specifically address low-performing schools.

08. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved consent items: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and L.
 - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Chief Operations Officer)

 - B. 2016-2017 Student Handbooks for State Schools
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 2. Mississippi School for the Blind
 3. Mississippi School for the Deaf
 4. Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

 - C. 2016-2017 school calendars for State Schools
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 - D. Modify discretionary grants to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) for the World Class Teacher Program site
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- I. Contract with the Hinds County Sheriff's Department to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf
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- K. Award discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of contracting with Educators in Residence to provide technical assistance and training support to districts
(Office of Chief Academic Officer)
- L. Renew contract with Renaissance Learning for the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System for FY17 (MKAS²)
(Office of Chief of Research and Development)

IX. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. Jason S. Dean seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Dr. Kelly asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Beebe Garrard, and Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Mr. William H. Jones, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law, litigation and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and (d). Mr. Charles McClelland seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Ms. Beebe 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 investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law, litigation and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) and (d).

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Dr. Kelly reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There was no report on meetings attended
2. There was no request to attend a meeting.

Mr. Johnny Franklin stated that he attended the Southern Regional Educational Service Agency Superintendent's Meeting in Columbia, Mississippi. Mr. Franklin stated the superintendents were very appreciative of the help they have been given by the Department.

Mr. Charles McClelland stated he will make a presentation at North Panola High School next Tuesday.

Dr. Jean S. Dean stated that he will attend the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science graduation ceremony on May 21, 2016, and authorize the granting of diplomas on behalf of the Mississippi Board of Education.

3. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2017 (copy attached).

XIII. Other Business

Dr. John R. Kelly stated the June Board meeting will be held on June 16, 2016.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

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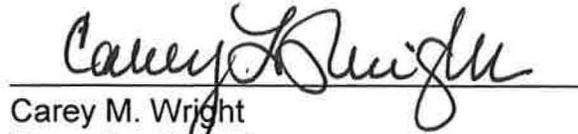
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Approved:



John R. Kelly, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education