

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

December 15, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom at Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, and Mr. Johnny Franklin. Board members absent were: Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair, called the Board meeting to order. Ms. Aultman noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. Dr. Jason S. Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Buddy Bailey gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **2016 December Employee of the Month**

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School Attendance Officer

Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
  - Dr. Wright stated she attended the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) 2016 Annual Policy Forum in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Wright also stated she was named President-Elect of the CCSSO Board of Directors.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she attended the National Summit on Education Reform and spoke on a panel about our state accountability model and its implementation. Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi is far ahead of other states.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she spoke on the Paul Gallo Show on issues including early childhood, charter schools, and the new Secretary of Education. Dr.

Wright stated that she was asked to come back during the Legislative session and talk about the work the Department is doing.

- Dr. Wright stated she met with two editorial boards about the upcoming legislative session and our initiatives across the state. Dr. Wright stated she meet with the Tupelo Daily Journal and the Sun Herald Editorial Boards.
- Dr. Wright stated she met with the Superintendents' Advisory Committee and the Teachers' Advisory Council and invited EdBuild to come to each of the meetings and hear the concerns from these groups.
- Dr. Wright stated that Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan due dates have been changed and the Department will submit our plan in September.
- Dr. Wright stated that following the bus incident in Tennessee she would like to put together a small group of Department staff to look into seat belts on school buses.
- Dr. Wright recognized the team from the Office of School Improvement with Dr. Sonja Robertson as the Director. Dr. Wright stated they have a new process for At-Risk Schools. Dr. Wright stated that the At-Risk Schools have to bring a team and present their plan to a group to ensure success for the schools in their district. Dr. Wright thanked the team for their work.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Jen Cornett, Gifted Coordinator, for her work on setting the teacher units for gifted through MAEP. Dr. Wright stated that Ms. Cornett was new to the Department and we are glad to have her on board.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is "Celebration of Excellence Tour." Dr. Wright stated that 14 school districts in the state are being recognized for the achievements of all "A" districts and two schools that achieved the top score in each of the main components of the statewide accountability model that measures school and district performance.

VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board gave the following report:

- Ms. Aultman stated that she and Mr. Johnny Franklin attended the "Celebration of Excellence" with Dr. Wright at Enterprise School District. Ms. Aultman stated that she also attended the "Celebration of Excellence" at the Clinton Public School District.
- Ms. Aultman stated that she attended the hearing with Senator Burton and Representative White at the Capitol with EdBuild and listened to the comments and concerns made by parents.
- Ms. Aultman thanked Dr. Nathan Oakley for carrying the Board through what will be required for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) at the Board work session yesterday.
- Ms. Aultman thanked the Department for all the hard work that is taking place.

VIII. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair of the Data Visualization Subcommittee, stated they reviewed the progress made, how to present the information, and who the

stakeholders are going to be. Dr. Dean stated a presentation will be coming to the Board soon.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Kim Benton discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Outcomes for Intellectually Gifted Education Programs [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
02. Dr. Benton and Ms. Jean Massey presented an update on the Mississippi College- and Career- Readiness Standards for Science [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
03. Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the Corrective Action Plan for Jackson Public School District (JPS) in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed the plan. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.
04. Mr. Washington Cole, Ms. Donna Nester, and Mr. Scott Hodges discussed the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2018 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Cole recommended approval.
05. Mr. Cole, Ms. Nester, and Mr. Hodges discussed the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2018 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Mr. Cole recommended approval.
06. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. Mr. Johnny Franklin requested to discuss item I.

Mr. Scott Clements answered questions about the various manufacturers to provide food products in item I.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
- B. Appointment for Standing Commission on School District Efficiency (Carey Wright)

- C. Revise the *Mississippi Nonpublic Schools Accountability Standards* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)
  - D. Accredited-Temporary Status for Millcreek School – Newton (Paula Vanderford)
  - E. Revise the requirements for the 101 intern license outlined in *Licensure Guidelines K-12* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)
  - F. Reappointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (Paula Vanderford)
  - G. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the *Mississippi Testing Accommodations Manual* (Paula Vanderford)
  - H. Nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2016-2017 (Paula Vanderford)
  - I. Award competitive contract to various manufacturers to provide food products to organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (All 7 Regions in the State) (Todd Ivey)
  - J. Report from the Commission on School District Efficiency (Todd Ivey)
- X. Approval of Action Items
- 01. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish the Outcomes for Intellectually Gifted Education Programs [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  - 03. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board approved the Corrective Action Plan for Jackson Public School District (JPS) in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**

Members voting aye: Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam

Members voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

Members absent: Mr. William H. Jones  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

04. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2018 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
05. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the adjusted estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2018 [Goals 4 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
06. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen S. Elam, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., and I. (copy attached).
  - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
  - B. Appointment for Standing Commission on School District Efficiency  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
  - C. Revise the *Mississippi Nonpublic Schools Accountability Standards* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
  - D. Accredited-Temporary Status for Millcreek School – Newton  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**

- E. Revise the requirements for the 101 intern license outlined in *Licensure Guidelines K-12*  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
- F. Reappointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development – Dr. Cindy Melton, Independent Colleges Representative, Second Regular Term 2016-2020 and Mr. Kenny Goza, Lay Person Representative, Second Regular Term 2016-2020  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
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**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
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**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

XI. Consideration of Executive Session

Dr. Jason S. Dean moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Erin Meyer, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, and the Executive Leadership Team to remain in the Executive Session.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of person holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussion of a strategy session or negotiations with respect

to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Chelsea Chicosky 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 discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) and discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted 5 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Ms. Aultman reported the action taken during the Executive Session.

01. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Shanika J. Grant as School Finance Officer in the Office of Federal Programs at a salary of \$69,670.57.

#### **XII. State Board of Education**

1. There were no meetings attended.
2. On a motion from Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved for Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman to attend the Stakeholder Engagement Regional Meeting on January 17, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia.

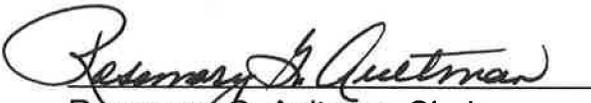
#### **XIII. Other Business**

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated the January Board meeting will be held on January 19, 2017 in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
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Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education