

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 18, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 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, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board member absent: Mr. William H. Jones. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. The Board 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 meeting.
- II. Ms. Kami Bumgarner led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Jason S. Dean gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **2016 JROTC Legion of Valor Recipients**

Jordan Ainsworth, Florence High School  
Jake Mullins, Brandon High School  
Kaylee Burnham, Pelahatchie High School

### **2016 January Employee of the Month**

Jeanette Neal  
School Attendance Officer  
Office of Compulsory School Attendance

### **2016 February Employee of the Month**

Charlotte Bryant  
Operations Management Analyst Principal  
Office of Career and Technical Education

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

- Dr. Wright stated she had three speaking engagements with the focus on the State Board's strategic plan and initiatives. The engagements were:
  - Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Winter Conference in Jackson, Mississippi;
  - Chronic Absenteeism Press Conference at the Capitol in Jackson, Mississippi;
  - Education Achievement Council held a meeting regarding Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Jean Massey attended the meeting with her.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the Charter Authorizer Retreat on the Coast along with Mr. Johnny Franklin and Dr. Karen J. Elam. Dr. Wright stated the Charter Authorizer Board is looking at methods to evaluate the charter schools in Mississippi.
- Dr. Wright stated that Dr. J. P. Beaudoin, Dr. Kim Benton, and she attended a meeting with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) regarding the multitude of factors that will need to be addressed during the implementation of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). Dr. Wright stated updates with ESSA will be provided as they become available.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended the National Summit on Teacher Leadership. Dr. Wright stated the focus is on teacher leadership. The group is examining ways to create a plan to develop teacher leadership opportunities in state without requiring teachers to leave the classroom.
- Dr. Wright stated she attended a meeting sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Grant Makers to discuss the education reform work in Arkansas. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. John R. Kelly also attended this meeting.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Ellen Burnham for her 21 years of service as a teacher and Department employee in various positions. Dr. Wright wished her well on her retirement.
- Dr. Wright stated that the first New Superintendents' Orientation meeting was held as a full day meeting on February 16 at South Pointe. Dr. Wright stated information was presented by the Executive Leadership Team. Dr. Wright thanked the Chiefs for organizing and facilitating the meeting.
- Dr. Wright stated the Legislature is in session and the Department is providing information upon request. Dr. Wright stated she has attended the House and Senate Education Committees.
- Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Pat Ross for his four years of service at the Department and thanked him for the outstanding job he has done while working in various positions in the Department.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is the JROTC Promotes Leadership and Academic Success. The Rankin County School District provides an outstanding example of the opportunities that Mississippi's Junior Reserve Officer Training in Corps (JROTC) offers to high school students. As one of the largest youth development programs in the United States, JROTC provides students with learning, leadership, and personal growth experiences that help shape them as citizens and leaders. Among the nation's 8,000

Army JROTC cadets in 2015, three Rankin County School District cadets were among the nation's 20 Legion of Valor recipients.

VII. Dr. John R. Kelly gave the following report as the Chair of the State Board:

- Dr. Kelly stated that more bills were introduced in the Legislature than ever before which means more policies for school children.
- Dr. Kelly stated that *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) passed by both houses in Washington, DC. Dr. Kelly stated that he and Dr. Wright will get up to speed on the Act and will roll it out to the Board and to the district level.
- Dr. Kelly stated that a lot of wonderful stuff is going on in education.

VIII. Ms. Kami Bumgarner reported from the Educator Quality Subcommittee that information was shared with the committee about five Board items that would be presented to the Board today. One item was pulled that would appoint three Commission members. That item will go to the Board at a later date.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman reported from the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee. Ms. Aultman stated the committee heard an update on *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) from the planning team and how to integrate with the Strategy Plan. The committee was presented information on the bridge scale method used to determine interim scores on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP). These items will be discussed later in the Board meeting.

Mr. Johnny Franklin reported from the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee that met on Wednesday prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Franklin reported that the committee was given a presentation by the staff of the Communication Office on preparing documents for teachers, principals, and parents. The committee was presented the Three-Tier System of Support and how this system will be rolled out and how training will be provided to the parents and teachers.

Mr. Johnny Franklin reported from the Finance Subcommittee. Mr. Franklin stated that Mr. Todd Ivey and staff talked with the committee about current budgets and the financial process.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Carey M. Wright reported on the Achievement School District. Dr. Wright stated an Achievement School District Task Force had been

created and met to share their interests relative to possible legislation including an Achievement School District. The Mississippi Department of Education will communicate the interests to the Board members and to the leadership of the Legislature.

Dr. Karen J. Elam stated that Dr. Wright was brilliant on conducting the meeting. Dr. Elam stated that it was a tough job chairing the Task Force.

02. Mr. Pat Ross, Dr. Paula Vanderford, and Ms. Jean Massey discussed revising State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 56, Rule 56.1 – Distance Learning/Online Courses [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Mr. Ross recommended approval.
03. Dr. J. P. Beaudoin reported on the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* planning team update regarding Reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached). Dr. Beaudoin stated that a timeline will be given to the Board in March of the key milestones for the next year.
04. Dr. Beaudoin reported on the bridge scale method used to determine interim scores on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) for FY 2015-2016 [Goals 1 and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).
05. [PULLED]
06. Dr. Kim Benton and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the Districts of Innovation in accordance with Senate Bill 2191 [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
07. Dr. Kelly gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss item G.

Dr. Kelly stated that the Mississippi School Boards Association had provided direct support to the State Board helping with the Strategic Plan.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)

- B. Establish State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 17, Rule 17.10 – Smart Snacks Standards for All Foods and Beverages Sold in Mississippi Schools  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment) (Todd Ivey)
  - C. Repeal the following State Board policies:  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Todd Ivey)
    - 1. Repeal of State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 38, Rule 38.3 – Beverage Regulations
    - 2. Repeal of State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 38, Rule 38.4 – Snack Regulations
  - D. Award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program (Pat Ross)
  - E. Award Carnegie unit credit for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment) (Pat Ross)
  - F. Revise Rule 28.5 Credit Recovery Policy  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Kim Benton)
  - G. Mississippi Board of Education to join the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) (Sonya Amis)
- X. Approval of Action Items
- 02. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved to revise State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 56, Rule 56.1 – Distance Learning/Online Courses [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)**
  - 06. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the Districts of Innovation in accordance with Senate Bill 2191 [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

07. On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items: A, B, C, D, E, F, and G (copy attached).
- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
  - B. Establish State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 17, Rule 17.10 – Smart Snacks Standards for All Foods and Beverages Sold in Mississippi Schools  
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**(Office of Chief School Performance Officer)**
  - F. Revise Rule 28.8 Credit Recovery Policy  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  - G. Mississippi Board of Education to join the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA)  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

IX. Consideration of Executive Session

Mr. Johnny Franklin moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0. Dr. Kelly asked Dr. Carey M. Wright to remain in the Executive Session.

Mr. Johnny Franklin, then moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss 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). Mr. Buddy Bailey 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 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).

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board voted 7 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

The public came back into the Board meeting and Dr. Kelly reported the action taken during the Executive Session. The Board evaluated Dr. Carey M. Wright during the Executive Session and the evaluation was good.

XII. State Board of Education

1. Mr. Johnny Franklin reported that he met with Dr. J. P. Beaudoin to discuss teachers and principals. Mr. Franklin stated it was refreshing to hear what the Mississippi Department of Education is doing.
2. Dr. John R. Kelly and Dr. Carey M. Wright will attend an *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) Training in Atlanta, Georgia next week.

XIII. Other Business

Dr. John Kelly stated that on March 1, 2016, the Board will have a Strategic Plan Review meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Public Broadcasting Board Room.

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Dr. Kelly stated that the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) Annual Conference will be held at the Jackson Hilton on February 22-24, 2016 and Ms. Sonya Amis has registered all the Board members.

Dr. Kelly stated the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf will have an Open House on February 25, 2016 starting at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

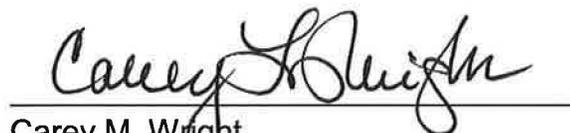
On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Approved:



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John R. Kelly, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education