

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

November 10, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 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, Mr. Johnny Franklin, and Dr. John R. Kelly. Board members absent were: Mr. William H. Jones 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. Johnny Franklin gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 20, 2016.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board voted to amend the agenda to discuss Tab 05 (Report on Tunica) as the first board item.

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved the amended agenda.

- V. Recognition Ceremony

There was no Board recognition.

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

- Dr. Wright stated she presented the Mississippi Department of Education's Career Readiness Initiative plan at the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi is one of 24 states that is being considered for funding by JP Morgan Chase. Dr. Wright stated that Ms. Jean Massey led the plan.
- Dr. Wright stated that Ocean Springs High School and the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) are celebrating a three-year partnership that yielded the most impressive Advanced Placement results in the history of NMSI's College Readiness Program.

- Dr. Wright stated that an *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) workshop will be held in December for the Board members.
- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Jean Cook in the Office of Communications who has worked on the Mississippi Achieves Blog that the MDE recently launched. Dr. Wright stated it will share all of the great news that is happening in education around the state.
- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is “Math Teacher Training Targets Student Achievement in At-Risk Schools.” Dr. Wright stated that 33 teachers from five districts participated in the training and received math manipulatives to be used in their classroom. Dr. Wright stated the teachers were trained on the use of the math manipulatives that they received from the Department.

VII. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board stated that Dr. Jason S. Dean was recognized by Y'all Politics as one of Mississippi's Top 50 most influential leaders in the category of Business, Culture, and Media.

VIII. Dr. John R. Kelly, Chair of the School Performance and Accountability Subcommittee, stated the staff presented a report on the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) achievement gap results by subgroups for districts and schools. Dr. Kelly stated the Subcommittee discussed modifying the contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Dr. Kelly stated that these items will be presented at the Board today.

Mr. Johnny Franklin as a member of the Legislative Subcommittee stated Mr. Mike Kent presented the Report from the Commission on Chickasaw County Consolidated School District Structure.

Dr. Karen J. Elam, Chair of the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee, stated Dr. Tenette Smith presented information on the Early Learning Collaborative grants that will go to the Board today. Dr. Elam stated Ms. Jean Massey presented a snapshot of the professional development that has been provided during the month of October.

Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair of the Data Visualization Subcommittee, stated the staff is still developing charts, graphs, and prototypes on how to present data that speaks about specific goals.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

05. Dr. John Q. Porter and Dr. Margie Pulley presented a Report of the Tunica County School District [Goals 1 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan].
01. Dr. Nathan Oakley and Dr. Jill Dent discussed awarding grants to Early Learning Collaboratives to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Oakley recommended approval.
02. Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed the Corrective Action Plan for the Jackson Public School District in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board discussed this item. Dr. Vanderford recommended the Board not approve the item and give the Department time to work with the district.
03. Dr. Vanderford and Dr. Tarance Hart discussed the *Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998*: Designation of 2016-2017 Critical Shortage Subjects and Geographical Designation Districts [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.
04. Dr. Vanderford presented a Report on Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) achievement gap results by subgroups for Districts and Schools [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached). The Board discussed the use of the data.
06. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss items E., K., and L.

Ms. Jean Massey answered questions about modifying contract with Connections Education, LLC in item E.

Mr. Johnny Franklin stated that no back-up was sent in the Board mail out for item K.

Ms. Sonya Amis answered questions about modifying contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in item L.

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

- B. Appointments to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board (Kim Benton)
- C. Modify contract with the Hinds County Sherriff's Department to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf (Kim Benton)
- D. Modify contract with Advert to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf (Kim Benton)
- E. Modify contract with Connections Education, LLC, for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system (Kim Benton)
- F. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (Kim Benton)
- G. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education (Kim Benton)
- H. Methodology for reallocation of Title VI – Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS) program funds in accordance with Section 6221 (Kim Benton)
- I. Report on Chickasaw County Consolidated School District Structure (Kim Benton)
- J. Revise Appendix A of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* to allow the substitution of Computer Science in lieu of the Business and Technology requirement for graduation (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment) (Paula Vanderford)
- K. Appointment to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development (Paula Vanderford)
- L. Modify contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct the FY 2016 and FY 2017 financial audit and Single Audit of the Mississippi Department of Education as directed by the Office of the State Auditor (Sonya Amis)

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

X. Approval of Action Items

01. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved awarding grants to Early Learning Collaboratives to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

02. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously voted to not approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Jackson Public School District 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)**

03. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the *Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998: Designation of 2016-2017 Critical Shortage Subjects and Geographical Designation Districts* [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).

**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**

06. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., J., K., and L. (copy attached).

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits

**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

- B. Appointments to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board – Dr. Debra Dace, Superintendent; Mr. Paul King, Layperson; Ms. Thalita Hosey, Middle/Elementary School Representative; Mr. Michael Cox, Mississippi Association of Gifted Children Representative; and Ms. Yoluanda Brown, Parent

**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

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- E. Modify contract with Connections Education, LLC, for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- F. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- G. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks in Career and Technical Education for (1) Culinary Arts, (2) Early Childhood Education, (3) Law and Public Safety, and (4) Transportation Logistics  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- H. Methodology for reallocation of Title VI – Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS) program funds in accordance with Section 6221  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- J. Revise Appendix A of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* to allow the substitution of Computer Science in lieu of the Business and Technology requirement for graduation  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comment)  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
- K. Appointment to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development – Ms. Mary Hill Shular, Teacher, District 3  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**

- L. Modify contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct the FY 2016 and FY 2017 financial audit and Single Audit of the Mississippi Department of Education as directed by the Office of the State Auditor (**Office of Educational Accountability**)

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. Mr. Buddy Bailey seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, 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 investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law as it relates to the Office of Educator Misconduct, in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 25-41-7 (4)(d). Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 6 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 investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law as it relates to the Office of Educator Misconduct, in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 25-41-7 (4)(d).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board voted 6 to 0 to come out of Executive Session.

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

XII. State Board of Education

1. Mr. Johnny Franklin stated that he was invited to attend the East Mississippi Superintendents meeting in Meridian, Mississippi.
2. There was no request to attend a meeting.

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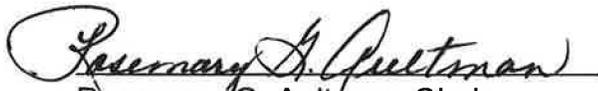
XIII. Other Business

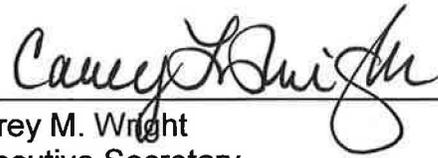
Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman stated the December Board meeting will be held on December 15, 2016 in Jackson, Mississippi at the Central High School Building starting at 10:00 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Johnny Franklin, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Approved:

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education