

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

October 20, 2016

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 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 Mr. Charles McClelland. Board members absent were: Mr. William H. Jones and Dr. John R. Kelly. 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. Charles McClelland gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 15, 2016.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **2016 October Employee of the Month**

Kathy Hallman

Special Projects Officer III

Office of Educator Licensure

- VI. Dr. Carey M. Wright gave the following report as the State Superintendent of Education:
  - Dr. Wright recognized Dr. J. P. Beaudoin who is leaving the Department to return to the private world. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Beaudoin for the work he has done with statewide assessment development, work done with the vendor for assessments, and creating the Fast Teams that were used during state assessments to be able to help the districts across the state. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Beaudoin has worked with leaders in the districts to help them analyze and understand their data. Dr. Wright introduced Mr. Brooks Little who presented Dr. Beaudoin with the Patriot Award. Dr. Wright stated the Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and

after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed. Mr. Brooks presented Dr. Beaudoin a signed certificate from the Office of the Secretary of Defense – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

- Dr. Wright stated she had three speaking engagements: School Public Relations Association Conference, Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) Fall Conference, and Mississippi Professional Learning Institute where Dr. Melody Musgrove gave the keynote on early intervention.
- Dr. Wright stated the Governor's 3% budget cuts are being taken from flow through funds and anticipated lapse funds following a budget analysis by Mr. Todd Ivey.
- Dr. Wright stated the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Advisory Council has been established and the first meeting has been held. Dr. Wright stated that the members come from education, government, and business sectors and offer a valuable perspective on public education. Dr. Wright stated the Council will meet until the ESSA Plan is submitted. Dr. Wright stated the first round of stakeholder meetings have finished and the information will be presented to the Council.
- Dr. Wright stated the Achievement School District Planning Committee was held and Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves attended the meeting. Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Bonita Coleman is the chair of the Achievement School District Planning Committee.
- Dr. Wright stated the Superintendents' Advisory Council met and discussed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and accountability.
- Dr. Wright stated that over 150 applications were received for the Teachers' Advisory Council. Dr. Wright stated that 80 members were chosen and meetings were held during after school hours in Oxford, Jackson, and Hattiesburg. Dr. Wright stated that all are excited to serve and have a voice on the Council.
- Dr. Wright stated that the K-12 Budget Meetings are being done differently this year. Dr. Wright stated the meetings are being held by themes with personnel and contracts already being discussed. Dr. Wright stated that the next meeting will be on travel next Monday. Dr. Wright stated a series of questions are sent along with the topic for the meeting. Dr. Wright stated the meetings are chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker and the group is comprised of representatives and senators. Dr. Wright stated the Board members were given copies of the documents presented to the K-12 budget group.
- Dr. Wright stated a team of six chiefs were invited by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) to develop a Leadership Playbook. Dr. Wright stated that the group will be developing guidelines, making suggestions, and creating a framework on how state chiefs should be operating.

- Dr. Wright recognized Ms. Wendy Clemons who works with the Advanced Placement Initiative. Dr. Wright stated that the Advance Placement (AP) has increased by 23% from last year and the number of students scoring 3 or higher increased 11%. Dr. Wright recognized Dr. Bonita Coleman, Superintendent of Ocean Springs School District, who received a grant from the National Math and Science Institute to focus on helping students take AP courses. Dr. Wright stated that the district went from 17 students taking AP courses to over 500 students taking AP courses. Dr. Wright stated the grant is over but the district is committed to finding ways to continue with the AP program and will help minority and students of poverty.
- Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Todd Ivey who is retiring December 31, 2016. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Ivey was the first friend and colleague from Mississippi while she was still in Maryland. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Ivey has served as Chief Operations Officer since the position was created. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Ivey will be missed by the Department and the Legislature due to his institutional knowledge of Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP), his ability to recall the Mississippi statuses from memory, and his sense of humor. Dr. Wright recognized Todd's wife, Mrs. Monica Ivey. Dr. Wright stated she wishes him well.

Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board read a Resolution for Mr. Todd Ivey (copy attached) who is retiring on December 31, 2016. Mr. Ivey has worked with the Mississippi Department of Education for 32 years. Ms. Aultman thanked Mr. Ivey for his service to the Department. Ms. Aultman also thanked Dr. J. P. Beaudoin for his work with the Department.

- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is "Farm to Classroom: Third Graders Learn Math, Life Skills on School Farm". Dr. Wright stated that the Pleasant Hill Elementary School in DeSoto County School District is using the farm to help third grade students learn math and all subjects by working on their school farm. Dr. Wright stated that the farm was started five years ago by Mr. Todd Willis. Dr. Wright stated that the farm was not only fun but in 2016 100% of Pleasant Hill students passed the third grade reading assessment and was one of only three elementary schools in the state where 80% or more of their third grade students scored proficient or above on the math assessment. Dr. Wright stated that Mr. Todd Willis, Ms. Stephanie Case, and two of their students were invited to the White House to join the First Lady's harvest of the White House kitchen garden. Dr. Wright recognized Mr. Todd Willis, Third Grade Teacher and DeSoto County Teacher of the Year; Ms. Stephanie Case, Third Grade Teacher; and Ms. Jamie Loper, Principal.
- VII. Ms. Aultman as the Chair of the State Board reported that she and Mr. Johnny Franklin attended the National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center

(NSPARC) Data Conference that was held at Mississippi State University. Ms. Aultman stated that NSPARC presented on how data is used in the schools and the workplace. Ms. Aultman stated it was a good conference and was well attended.

Ms. Aultman reported that she and Mr. Johnny Franklin attended the Mississippi Association of School Administrators and that Dr. Nathan Oakley presented information on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Ms. Aultman stated that a mother from Sandy Hook who lost a son presented programs called 'Say Something' and 'Start with Hello'. Ms. Aultman stated these are really good programs.

VIII. Dr. Karen J. Elam stated that the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee met yesterday. Dr. Elam stated the staff presented the proposed diploma options from the Graduation Task Force that will be brought to the Board in January to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process. Dr. Elam stated an update was given on the Principal Advisory Panel meeting by Dr. Kim Benton. Dr. Elam stated Ms. Wendy Clemons presented a snapshot of the professional development that has been provided during the months of August and September. Dr. Elam stated the Menu of Services is provided by the Office of Professional Development showing all the trainings offered by the Department.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. J. P. Beaudoin discussed the 2015-2016 statewide accountability results [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board members had questions. Dr. Beaudoin recommended approval.

Ms. Aultman thanked Dr. Beaudoin and his staff for all their hard work.

02. Dr. Beaudoin presented a Report on Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) achievement gap results by subgroup [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached). The Board members had questions and comments.

03. Dr. Paula Vanderford discussed a Report on the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the assignment of district accreditation statuses [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. The Board had questions about the assignments. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

04. Dr. Vanderford discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the requirements for the 101 intern license outlined in *Licensure Guidelines K-12* [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Vanderford recommended approval.

05. [PULLED]

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

06. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items. The Board requested to discuss items A and D.

Ms. Jean Massey answered questions about contracts for the Office of Career and Technical Education in item A.

Dr. Benton answered questions about the contract with Brustein and Manasevit in item D.

- A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Todd Ivey)
- B. Modify the fiscal agent for the 21st Century Community Learning Center grantee from DREAMS/Mississippi State University to Louisville School District (Kim Benton)
- C. Construction Plan for a Career and Technical Education Center in Lowndes County School District utilizing local funds (Kim Benton)
- D. Modify contract with Brustein and Manasevit to provide technical assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education (Kim Benton)
- E. Accredited Nonpublic-Status for The Institute for Diverse Education (J. P. Beaudoin)
- F. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Nonpublic Schools Accountability Standards* (J.P. Beaudoin)
- G. Award competitive grants for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program (J.P. Beaudoin)

- H. Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids (J.P. Beaudoin)
  - I. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Testing Accommodations Manual* (J.P. Beaudoin)
  - J. Modify contracts for the following conservators: (John Q. Porter)
    - 01. Modify contract with Conservator for Aberdeen School District
    - 02. Modify contract with Conservator for Leflore County School District
    - 03. Modify contract with Conservator for Tunica County School District
- X. Approval of Action Items
- 01. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the 2015-2016 statewide accountability results [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
  - 03. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the Report on the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the assignment of district accreditation statuses [Goals 1, 2, 3, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
  - 04. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the requirements for the 101 intern license outlined in *Licensure Guidelines K-12* [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief of Research and Development)**
  - 06. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, J.01., J.02., and J.03. (copy attached).
- On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board approved item D (copy attached).

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

Member voting nay: Mr. Johnny Franklin

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

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Aberdeen School District
  
  - 02. Modify contract with Dr. Ilean Richards as Conservator for Leflore  
County School District
  
  - 03. Modify contract with Dr. Margie B. Pulley as Conservator for  
Tunica County School District  
**(Office of Chief of Technology and District Transformation)**

#### 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. Charles McClelland seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman asked Dr. Carey M. Wright, Ms. Raina Lee, Ms. Erin Meyer, Ms. Chelsea Chicosky, and 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 persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussion with respect to allegations of misconduct regarding the Office of Federal Programs in accordance with federal law and Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), (d), and (k). 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 discrete personnel matters related to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education and discussed with respect to allegations of misconduct regarding the Office of Federal Programs in accordance with federal law and Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a), (b), (d), and (k).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted 6 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 Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Quentin Ransburg as Education Bureau Manager to serve as Director of Federal Programs at a salary of \$110,000.00.
02. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Elisha Campbell as Education Bureau Director II to serve as the Director of Federal Programs Finance at a salary of \$92,400.00.
03. On a motion by Mr. Buddy Bailey, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Sonja J. Robertson as Education Bureau Manager to serve as the Director of School Improvement at a salary of \$100,000.00.

XII. State Board of Education

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

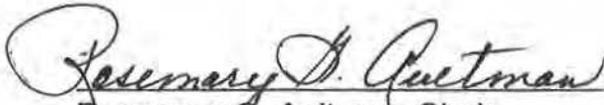
XIII. Other Business

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

XIV. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Approved:

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education