

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 21, 2018

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Board meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Mr. Buddy Bailey, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Johnny Franklin, and Mr. Sean Suggs. Board members absent: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, 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. Mr. Sean Suggs led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman gave the Invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Board meeting and the minutes of the Special-Called Board meeting of February 28, 2018.
- IV. Mr. Johnny Franklin asked to add an item to the agenda:  
Discussion of School Safety and Security

On a motion by Mr. Sean Suggs, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

- V. Recognition Ceremony

### **2018 March Employee of the Month**

Bryan Brown

Senior Systems Administrator

Office of Technology and Strategic Services

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

- Dr. Wright welcomed Mr. John Kraman to the Department as the Chief Information Officer. Dr. Wright stated he started on Monday and has worked for the New Mexico Department of Education as the Chief Information Officer and for the Oklahoma Department of Education as the

- Chief Information Officer. Dr. Wright stated that he has lots of experience and the Department is excited to have him with MDE.
- Dr. Wright stated that she has been on the Paul Gallo Radio Show recently and several topics were discussed.
  - Dr. Wright stated she did a presentation to Elevating and Celebrating Teachers in Teaching on a Saturday. Dr. Wright stated that a group of teachers and teacher leaders came together and spent all day on professional development.
  - Dr. Wright stated she was asked to attend the Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA) Women's Forum. Dr. Wright stated that it is great to see so many women leaders come together and to be recognized in that way. Dr. Wright thanked Dr. Lisa Karmacharya for her work on that event.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she attended the Council of Chief State School Officers' (CCSSO) Legislative Conference. Dr. Wright stated that she did a joint presentation with Dr. John R. Kelly, President of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Dr. Wright stated that she and Dr. Kelly were asked to do a fireside chat before dinner to talk about the relationship and collaboration that exists between the State Superintendent and the Board. Dr. Wright stated that this talk was well received.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she gave the State of the States as the President of CCSSO. Dr. Wright stated that she shared all the hard work that is taking place around the nation from her colleagues and shared the work that the Department is doing. Dr. Wright stated that Mississippi received recognition as well.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she attended the University of Mississippi's Teacher Induction and Pinning Ceremony where 400 to 500 people were in attendance and where 200 people were inducted into the teaching profession. Dr. Wright stated that the University of Mississippi produces the largest group of graduates that we get for the teaching profession.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she and Mr. Pete Smith have been meeting with the Education Chairs of the House and Senate. Dr. Wright stated that this was conference weekend and that she and Mr. Smith would be at the Capitol all weekend long. Dr. Wright stated that MDE's appropriation bill will be finalized and we will know more after this weekend.
  - Dr. Wright stated that she had the third round of the Teacher Advisory Council meetings in Hattiesburg. Dr. Wright stated that this is the largest group that she meets with and it is always amazing to hear their input.
  - Dr. Wright stated that the Achievement School District Superintendent position will be advertised again since no candidate was chosen.
  - Dr. Wright stated that each board member had a folder on the table with two items that she wanted to draw to their attention. Dr. Wright stated that one is the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events which is a series of

trainings that is being offered around the state for school employees, superintendents, administrators, and teachers. Dr. Wright stated that the Department has entered into a partnership with the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security. Dr. Wright stated that there are two levels of training and this one is offered for teachers. Dr. Wright stated there is another training for official police officers that all our School Resource Officers (SROs) will go through as well. Dr. Wright stated the other document is a national publication put out by the Ed Council and CCSSO. Dr. Wright stated she wanted to draw their attention to page 4 where Mississippi is recognized nationally for our school improvement work. Dr. Wright stated that on page 5 Mississippi is recognized nationally for our efforts around professional development and the establishment of our achievement school district. Dr. Wright stated that this is a national publication that goes out to all states and it is nice to have Mississippi recognized in such a wonderful way.

- Dr. Wright stated the Spotlight for this Board meeting is “CCSSO – A Presentation of Petal Learning Collaborative”. Dr. Wright stated that CCSSO wanted to recognize the early childhood work that Mississippi is doing so they came to Mississippi and videotaped the Petal Early Learning Collaborative. Dr. Wright stated that this video was shown at the 2018 CCSSO Legislative Conference. Dr. Wright stated that Petal is one of our 14 collaboratives that has been funded. Dr. Wright stated this is a partnership between Petal, non-profit groups, Head Start, and private child care providers. Dr. Wright stated that in the Learning Collaboratives, we are now asking parents to designate on the Kindergarten Enrollment forms where the children were as four-year-olds. Dr. Wright stated the children in the Learning Collaboratives are out performing all other children coming into the Kindergarten classes. Dr. Wright stated that the National Institute of Early Education Research has recognized Mississippi now for two years in a row as one of six states in the nation to meet all their 10 quality indicators. Dr. Wright recognized Dr. Dede Smith, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Family and Children and Ms. Missy Hamilton, Readiness Coordinator of Family Center. Dr. Wright stated hats off to you and your superintendent for doing amazing work.

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

- Ms. Aultman stated she read all week long during Dr. Seuss’ birthday week at Clinton Park Elementary School. Ms. Aultman stated it was fun and it was exciting seeing all the creativity going on centered around Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

VIII. Dr. Karen J. Elam, Chair of the Academic Achievement PreK-12 Subcommittee, stated that when the Subcommittee met, Dr. Kim Benton presented the High Quality Instructional Materials – Professional Learning Initiative and the Board will receive more information later in the Board meeting. Dr. Elam stated that Ms. Jean Massey talked about a new District of Innovation and that will be presented later in the Board meeting. Dr. Elam stated that Ms. Wendy Clemons reported on the great professional development that is being offered throughout the state. Dr. Elam stated that she personally wanted to highly praise all of these efforts that are being put forth from the Academic Education Office.

IX. Discussion of Board Items

01. Dr. Kim Benton presented the Overview of the Mississippi Department of Education's High-Quality Instructional Materials Initiative [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton stated that Mississippi is one of seven states selected to participate in the Council of Chief State School Officer's High Quality Instructional Materials and Professional Learning Network (copy attached).
02. Dr. Benton and Ms. Jean Massey discussed approving Hinds County School District to the Districts of Innovation for 2018-2019 [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
03. Dr. Benton and Ms. Massey discussed beginning the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Social Studies [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]. Dr. Benton recommended approval.
04. Dr. Felicia Gavin discussed the approval of the Mississippi Department of Education Contracts. Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
  - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Felicia Gavin)
  - B. Contract with Mississippi State Department of Health to provide health inspections for the USDA Summer Food Service Program for the remainder of FY 2018 (Felicia Gavin)
  - C. Contract with Mississippi State Department of Health to provide health inspections for the USDA Summer Food Service Program (Felicia Gavin)

- D. Renew contract with Michael D. Kent to perform administrative duties for the FY 2019 (Kim Benton)
  - E. Contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate, deliver, and facilitate regional training sessions for Mississippi Department of Education for 2018-2019 (Kim Benton)
  - F. Renew contract with Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc. for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System (Kim Benton)
  - G. Renew contract with The Riverside Publishing Company DBA HM Receivables, LLC for Fiscal Year 2019 to provide an assessment system as required by the State Performance Plan (Kim Benton)
  - H. Approve contracts for the following Interim Superintendents:  
(Washington Cole)
    - H.1. Approve contract for Interim Superintendent for Tunica County School District
    - H. 2. Approve contract for Interim Superintendent for Leflore County School District
05. Dr. Gavin discussed approval of the Mississippi Department of Education grant awards. Dr. Gavin recommended approval.
- A. Award grant for a special project appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature and identified as the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program in House Bill 1511, 2017 Legislative Session (Felicia Gavin)
  - B. Award discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to provide training and support for local districts related to secondary education, special education, and school improvement (Kim Benton)
  - C. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning to coordinate K-12 and post-secondary initiatives (Kim Benton)
  - D. Award discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to enhance the statewide system of support and coordinated services for Career and Technical Education

to local school districts (as per State Board Policy, Rule 84.7)  
(Kim Benton)

06. Mr. Johnny Franklin discussed School Safety and Security especially cyber security. Mr. Franklin thanked the Department for the guidance that was put out on the students walking out of school. Mr. Franklin stated that we all need to pull together and give guidance for school safety and security. Dr. Paula Vanderford stated that a task force has been put together to review the School Safety Manual that went out for Administrative Procedures Act process last month. Dr. Carey M. Wright stated that Homeland Security has been a great partner with the Department to put together a plan to get all teachers and administrators trained across the state.
07. Ms. Aultman gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent agenda items (item H is information only). Dr. Karen J. Elam requested to discuss item G. Mr. Johnny Franklin requested to discuss items D. and F. Dr. Jason S. Dean requested to discuss item E.

Dr. Paula Vanderford answered questions on items G. and D.

Dr. Vanderford and Dr. Jo Ann Malone answered questions on item E.

Dr. Vanderford and Ms. Jean Massey answered questions on item F.

- A. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To create State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 80, Rule 80.4 – *Every Student Succeeds Act; Equitable Services Dispute Resolution Policy* (Kim Benton)
- B. Approve textbooks, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Science (K-5) (Kim Benton)
- C. Approve vendor, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Science (K-5) (Kim Benton)
- D. Approve Corrective Action Plans for districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8. (Paula Vanderford)
- E. Deny approval of the Corrective Action Plans for districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 (Paula Vanderford)

- F. Approve to revise CTE licensure guidelines and endorsement codes as approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
  
  - G. Approve to establish State Board Policy Chapter 14, Rule 14.20 to require all Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) to obtain national accreditation as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Paula Vanderford)
  
  - H. Information: Annual School Board Meeting Attendance Report in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-6-13 (Paula Vanderford)
- X. Approval of Action Items
- 02. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved the Districts of Innovation for 2018-2019 [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
  - 03. 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 Mississippi College- and Career- Readiness Standards for Social Studies [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
  
  - 04. On a motion by Dr. Karen J. Elam, seconded by Dr. Jason S. Dean, the Board voted to approve the Mississippi Department of Education Contracts (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
    - A. Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
  
    - B. Contract with Mississippi State Department of Health to provide health inspections for the USDA Summer Food Service Program for the remainder of FY 2018  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**

- C. Contract with Mississippi State Department of Health to provide health inspections for the USDA Summer Food Service Program  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
- D. Renew contract with Michael D. Kent to perform administrative duties for the FY 2019  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- E. Contract with North Mississippi Education Consortium to coordinate, deliver, and facilitate regional training sessions for Mississippi Department of Education for 2018-2019  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**

Members voting aye:

Mr. Buddy Bailey  
Dr. Jason S. Dean  
Dr. Karen J. Elam  
Mr. Sean Suggs

Member voting nay:

Mr. Johnny Franklin

Member abstaining:

None

Members absent:

Ms. Kami Bumgarner  
Dr. John R. Kelly  
Mr. Charles McClelland

- F. Renew contract with Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc. for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- G. Renew contract with The Riverside Publishing Company DBA HM Receivables, LLC for Fiscal Year 2019 to provide an assessment system as required by the State Performance Plan  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- H. Approve contracts for the following Interim Superintendents  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
  - 1. Approve contract for Interim Superintendent for Tunica County School District
  - 2. Approve contract for Interim Superintendent for Leflore County School District



Members voting <u>aye</u> :	Mr. Buddy Bailey Dr. Jason S. Dean Dr. Karen J. Elam Mr. Sean Suggs
Member voting <u>nay</u> :	Mr. Johnny Franklin
Member abstaining:	None
Members absent:	Ms. Kami Bumgarner Dr. John R. Kelly Mr. Charles McClelland

05. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Department of Education grant awards (copy attached).  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
- A. Award grant for a special project appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature and identified as the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program in House Bill 1511, 2017 Legislative Session  
**(Office of Chief Operations Officer)**
- B. Award discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to provide training and support for local districts related to secondary education, special education, and school improvement  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- C. Award discretionary grant to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning to coordinate K-12 and post-secondary initiatives  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- D. Award discretionary grant to the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to enhance the statewide system of support and coordinated services for Career and Technical Education to local school districts (as per State Board Policy, Rule 84.7)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
07. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Dr. Karen J. Elam, the Board unanimously approved consent agenda items A., B., C., D., E., F., and G. (copy attached).

- A. Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To create State Board Policy Part 3, Chapter 80, Rule 80.4 – *Every Student Succeeds Act; Equitable Services Dispute Resolution Policy*  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- B. Approve textbooks, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Science (K-5)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- C. Approve vendor, as recommended by the 2017 State Textbook Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Science (K-5)  
**(Office of Chief Academic Officer)**
- D. Approve Corrective Action Plans for districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 for Jackson Public School District and Natchez-Adams School District  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**
- E. Deny approval of the Corrective Action Plans for districts assigned a PROBATION or WITHDRAWN status in accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.8.1 for Hazlehurst School District  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**
- F. Approve to revise CTE licensure guidelines and endorsement codes as approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process without public comments)  
**(Office of Chief Accountability Officer)**
- G. Approve to establish State Board Policy Chapter 14, Rule 14.20 to require all Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) to obtain national accreditation as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development  
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments)  
**(Office of Chief Accountability 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. Mr. Buddy Bailey 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, 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 persons holding specific positions in the Department of Education in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k), 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 Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussion with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(d). Dr. Karen J. Elam seconded the motion, which passed on a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Erin Meyer 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 Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k), discussed a strategy session or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation involving the Department and the issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(b), and discussed with respect to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4)(d).

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, 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 Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Ms. Letitia S. Johnson as School Finance Officer at a salary of \$70,000.00.

XII. State Board of Education

1. There were no meetings attended.

2. Dr. Karen J. Elam requested approval to attend the Council of Chief State School Officers' (CCSSO) 2018 Diverse & Learner-Ready Teachers Initiative Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 3-5, 2018. Dr. Elam stated she will be a member of the Department team along with Dr. Cory Murphy.

On a motion by Dr. Jason S. Dean, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board unanimously approved for Dr. Karen J. Elam to attend CCSSO's Diverse & Learner-Ready Teachers Initiative Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 3-5, 2018.

XIII. Other Business

The April Board meeting will be held April 19, 2018, 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 12:05 p.m.

Approved:

  
Rosemary G. Aultman, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

  
Carey M. Wright  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education

**NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE**

**MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The date of the regularly scheduled March 2018 meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education has been changed. The Board will address the agenda items for the regularly scheduled March 15, 2018 Board Meeting according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
Board Meeting  
Central High School Building  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom  
359 North West Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

The public is invited to attend at the above location or view live stream at <https://msachieves.mdek12.org>.

Posted: March 5, 2018