

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 12, 2019

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a Special-Called Board meeting at 8:33 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, in the 4th Floor Boardroom at Central High School, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. Jason S. Dean, Mr. Johnny Franklin, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Sean Suggs. Board members absent: Dr. Karen J. Elam, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Brittney Rye. Mr. Buddy Bailey joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m. Dr. Carey M. Wright was also present.

- I. Dr. Jason S. Dean, Chair, called the Special-Called Board meeting to order. Dr. Dean noted that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the meeting.
- II. Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. Dean gave the Innovation.
- III. Dr. Dean stated that the Department is not live streaming during the student interviews but will live stream during the Board budget presentation. Dr. Dean stated that before each student interview the Board will watch their YouTube video and then they will go around the room and introduce themselves to the students.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board voted 4 to 0 to approve the agenda as presented.¹
- V. Dr. Dean stated there are four students interviewing today in one-hour increments. Dr. Dean stated that two students will be for the senior representative slot and two students will be for the junior representative slot. Dr. Dean stated that each Board member has a binder which contains the student's application, interview questions, and a student selection form. After the interviews there will be a time for discussion and then the members will cast their student selections on the form provided in the binder. The ballots will be counted during lunch and the results will be given to him to announce after lunch.

The Board interviewed the senior student representatives Shelby Dean (Clinton Public School District) and Alvin Ray Jones, Jr. (East Jasper Consolidated School District). The Board interviewed the junior student representatives Meghan Cospers-Gamache (West Jasper School District) and Omar Jamil (DeSoto County School District).

- VI. The Board discussed the senior and junior student finalists before completing their Student Representative Selection Form.

¹ Mr. Buddy Bailey joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m. following adoption of the agenda.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

- VII. On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Sean Suggs, the Board unanimously voted to approve Shelby Dean of Clinton as the senior student representative whose term will begin in July.

On a motion by Dr. John R. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to approve Omar Jamil of Hernando as the junior student representative whose term will begin in July.

- VIII. On a motion by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, seconded by Dr. John R. Kelly, the Board unanimously voted to approve Alvin Ray Jones, Jr. of Heidelberg as the senior student representative alternate.

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Mr. Buddy Bailey, the Board unanimously voted to approve Meghan Cosper-Gamache of Laurel as the junior student representative alternate.

Dr. Dean thanked Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, Dr. John R. Kelly, and Mr. Buddy Bailey for their hard work on interviewing all the candidates to narrow the selection down to four student representative finalists. Dr. Dean stated that the Board looked forward to working with these young people.

Dr. Kelly thanked Ms. Sonya Amis and her team who developed the process, worked to organize all the interviews, and coached the Board members through the procedures.

- IX. Dr. Carey M. Wright stated this meeting is to give the Board members a review of the draft proposed FY 2021 budget request for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Dr. Wright presented the Vision and Mission Statement for the Mississippi Board of Education.

Dr. Wright presented the Mississippi Board of Education Goals that drives the work at the Department. Dr. Wright stated that all the budgetary priorities have been aligned to the goals.

- X. Dr. Wright stated that the proposed 2021 Legislative priorities were listed for the Board members to review. Dr. Wright stated that the priorities are not in any certain order. Dr. Wright stated that it is up to the Board to prioritize how they want the Legislative priorities.

Dr. Wright stated that Dr. Felicia Gavin would present the 2021 Fiscal Priorities and Overview of Budget Requests to the Board. Dr. Gavin stated there are five major budget categories in the Department: General Education, Career and

Technical Education, the Deaf and Blind Schools, Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP), and Chickasaw. Dr. Gavin stated the MAEP numbers are for FY 2020 and the Department would not have the FY 2021 numbers until July.

The following Executive Leadership Team members presented the FY 2021 proposed budget requests: Dr. Nathan Oakley, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief Accountability Officer; Mr. John Kraman, Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Gavin presented for the Office of Educational Accountability, Chief Operations Officer, Chief of Staff, and Office of Communications and Government Relations.

Dr. Wright and the Executive Leadership Team members answered any questions asked by the Board members.


- XI. Ms. Tamala Matthews trained the Board members and staff on the use of the iPad and the BoardBook program. Dr. Dean stated that starting in July the Board members would use the iPads for the Board meeting.

Dr. Kelly left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

- XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Johnny Franklin, seconded by Ms. Rosemary G. Aultman, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Approved:



Jason S. Deary, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

As Acting Chair



Carey M. Wright
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education