

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 18, 2005

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2005, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Mr. Kenny Bush, Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. Bill Jones, Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Frank Melton and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rosetta Richard, Chair.
- II. Mr. Hal Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 17-18, 2005.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- V. There was no Chair's Report. Ms. Richard welcomed Dr. Sam Bounds, Executive Director, Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS), who distributed (copy on file) and reported on Legislative efforts concerning MAEP funding for the 2005-2006 school year.
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

### Contracts

01. Mississippi State Board of Health. \$42,700 (subject to availability of funds). 03/21/05 – 06/30/05. Sole source. Federal funds (Office of Child Nutrition – Regina Ginn/Gary May)  
The purpose of this contract is to provide required inspections of sites for participation in the Summer Food Service Program. The Mississippi State Board of Health is the governing body, charged by State law, with the responsibility to regulate food service sanitation. Therefore, this contractor is the sole source for procurement in Mississippi for this purpose. All food served in food service facilities in this state are subject to regulations and sanitation inspections by Mississippi State Board of Health. The contractor is located in Jackson, Mississippi. The contractor is not a former employee or related to any Department employee.

02. America's Choice, Inc. No MDE funds involved. 06/30/05 – 06/30/07. Request for Proposals. Multi-year contract

(Office of School Improvement – Susan Rucker)

The contractor will implement and facilitate a system of services to support K-12 schools that do not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). AYP refers to the formula specified in *No Child Left Behind* for determining whether schools and school districts have met adequate yearly progress criteria. It holds all schools and districts to a fixed set of annual objectives based primarily on the results of statewide assessments. The contractor will provide training, professional development, technical assistance and materials for school personnel in the areas of leadership, literacy, mathematics, curriculum alignment assessment and community involvement related to whole school reform. School districts may purchase these services by entering into a contract with America's Choice, Inc. based on the established fee structure, using available federal, district, or local funds. The contractor is located in Washington, DC. Department staff was unable to reduce the cost to districts by negotiation. The personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Safe and Orderly Schools

(Office of Healthy Schools – Regina Ginn)

03. Approval of contracts for State Public School Building Fund

The Office of Safe and Orderly Schools requests approval of contracts for state public school building funds. School districts are requested to submit an agreement that has been made and properly executed between the school district and contractor for capital improvements.

04. Approval of change orders for State Public School Building Fund

The Office of Safe and Orderly Schools requests approval of change orders for construction projects. School districts are requested to submit any modifications to an approved contract.

05. Approval of final projects for State Public School Building Fund

The Office of Safe and Orderly Schools requests approval of final projects for state public school building funds. School districts are requested to submit closing documents upon completion of construction projects.

06. Approval of project cancellation for State Public School Building Fund

The Office of Safe and Orderly Schools requests approval of project cancellation. Construction projects may be canceled at the request of the school district.

07. Approval of school district facility site(s) for the location of the construction of capital improvements  
DeSoto County School District requests approval of a site for the construction of a new high school (grades 9 through 12 with an enrollment of approximately 1,750 students) located on approximately 33 acres on Rasco Road in Southaven, Mississippi.

Additional Consent Agenda Item

08. Approval of required five-year revision to district's proposal for gifted education program  
(Office of Academic Education – Bonita Potter) (copy of summary attached)

VII. Other Action Items

Office of Deputy Superintendent

Office of Financial Accountability

01. On a motion by Mr. Frank Melton, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved to remove Mr. Todd Ivey, the Financial Advisor, from the Leland School District (copy attached).

Office of Healthy Schools

01. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding competitive grants to local school districts for the "Health Is Academic" Start-Up Grant Initiative (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for selecting Level 2 schools to receive assistance with a safe and orderly climate evaluation based on the Office of School Improvement's Priority School Model (copy attached).

Office of Human Resources

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Delores Mack to serve as Superintendent of Mississippi School for the Deaf at an annual salary of \$86,212 to become effective March 1, 2005 (copy attached).

Office of Management of Information Systems

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract modification with TeclInfo, Inc., to provide statewide Internet filtering for the K-12 community (copy attached).

Office of Educational Accountability

Office of Accreditation

01. On a motion by Mr. Frank Melton, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved the initial Accredited status for Millcreek of Batesville School (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Frank Melton, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved the proposed revisions to the School Level Accountability Model Based on Achievement and Growth included in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

Office of Instructional Programs and Services

Office of Academic Education

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the Articulation Agreement Template and Dual Enrollment Course Equivalency List to be utilized in forming articulation agreements between local school districts, institutions of higher learning, and community and junior colleges (copy attached).

Office of Innovative Support

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to select eligible applicants to provide a comprehensive service delivery model for migrant children and families (Title I, Part C) (copy attached).

Office of Reading, Early Childhood and Language Arts

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act

process to revise the *Mississippi Guidelines for English Language Learners* (copy attached).

Office of School Improvement

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with America's Choice, Inc. to continue to provide training to the Mississippi Department of Education staff on the professional development and technical assistance and materials that America's Choice provides to support K-12 schools that do not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as specified by the *No Child Left Behind Act* or have been designated as having priority status as specified in the state approved Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook (copy attached).

Office of State Schools and Specials Projects

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the Agreement for Service between Mississippi School of the Arts and Entergy for electric power in accordance with Company's Rate Schedule HLF-4 (copy attached).

Office of Student Assessment

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the State Board of Education Policy IIB-3 Assessment of Special Populations (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved modifying the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to conduct a special administration of the Functional Literacy Exam for seniors attempting to graduate in May 2005 (copy attached).

Office of Vocational Compliance and Reporting

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the revised State Board Policy IL-2 (Vocational Achievement/Vocational and Technical Ongoing Program Parameters). The policy cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments, which were presented to the Board (copy attached).

02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *1999 Vocational and Technical Education Equipment Management Tracking System (EMTS) Policies and Procedures Manual* (copy attached).

Office of Vocational Instructional Development

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the revised *Mississippi Secondary and Postsecondary Vocational Curriculum Frameworks*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments, which were presented to the Board (copy attached).

Office of Quality Educators

Center for Teacher and Leadership Development

01. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved to grant an extension of State accreditation visits as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (copy attached).

Office of Educator Licensure

01. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the revised Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12-Expansion of the Teach Mississippi Institute, as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the revised Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12-Administrator Alternate Route Program, as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

03. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (copy attached).

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- Columbus High School, Columbus School District  
2004 Tech Prep Exemplary Site

IX. State Board of Education

01. Mr. Bill Jones reported on the Petal High School Showchoir, which recently traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii and won grand champion in competition there.
02. Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed requested approval to attend the NASBE meeting in Alexandria, Virginia in April and June 2005.

On a motion by Mr. Frank Melton, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved the request of Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed to attend the NASBE meeting in Alexandria, Virginia on April and June 2005.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Approved:

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Rosetta Richard, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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Henry L. Johnson  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education

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