

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 15, 2005

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 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, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Frank Melton, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board members absent were: Mr. Bill Jones and Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rosetta Richard, Chair.
- II. Ms. Rebecca Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Hal Gage 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 March 17-18, 2005.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda as follows:  
(1) to add an item (copy attached) under The Office of Educator Licensure, Approval of contract with Mississippi Community College Foundation to design, develop, and implement an Alternate Route Administrator Preparation Program; (2) to change the date to 2005-2006 under item 01, The Office of Special Education; and (3) to consider these items for approval during the Report of the Chair.  
  
Ms. Richard recognized Mr. Claude Hartley. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.
- V. In the Chair's Report, Ms. Rosetta Richard thanked the Board members and staff for a successful Board Retreat.
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

Contracts

01. MAXIMUS. No MDE funds involved. 07/01/05 – 06-30-06.  
Request for Proposals. One-year contract with an option to renew for one additional year.  
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services – Susan Rucker)

The contractor will provide methodology, training, and assistance for school districts in administering their responsibilities for Medicaid administrative claiming as allowed under the Division of Medicaid's (DOM) School Based Administrative Claiming (SBAC) Program. The SBAC Program allows school districts to be reimbursed for some of the costs associated with school-based health and outreach activities, which cannot be claimed under the Medicaid fee service programs. The contractor shall receive 5.5% of the funds received by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) on a quarterly basis in return for administrative reimbursement claims made by the school districts; MDE will retain 3% of the funds. The contractor is located in Reston, VA. Department staff was unable to reduce the amount of the fee by negotiation. The owners and/or 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) (copy of summary attached)

01. 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.
02. 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.
03. Approval for the Pass Christian Public School District to expend transportation funds to establish, erect and equip a school bus shop and/or purchase land thereof

The cost of the project is as follows:

Estimated cost for construction of the shop: \$410,075.00

Cost of land:

A. Number of acres \$ N/A

B. Cost per acre \$ N/A

Estimated cost of equipping the shop: \$ 0.00

Total \$410,075.00

VII. Other Action Items

Office of Educational Accountability

Office of Accreditation

01. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the proposed revisions to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2004*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments, which were presented to the Board (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the request from Smith County School District for a waiver of Accreditation Standard 19 (copy attached).

Office of Instructional Programs and Services

Office of Curriculum and Instruction

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the additions to the *Approved Courses for the Secondary Schools of Mississippi, 2005-2006* (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to begin Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Comprehensive Health Framework* (copy attached).

Office of Educational Technology

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Department of Education Textbook Administration Handbook Rules and Regulations. The plan 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 unanimously approved to award grant proposals in support of educational technology enhancement and integration (copy attached).
03. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with eClassroom a Division of eCollege (copy attached).
04. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract with AWS Convergence Technologies, Inc. for web site maintenance and hosting (copy attached).
05. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with Linda Clifton to coordinate the Technology Academy for School Leaders (TASL) Academies (copy attached).
06. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with Debbie Davis to coordinate the Technology Academy for School Leaders (TASL) Academies (copy attached).

Office of Special Education

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted 6 to 1 to increase class size allowed in special education resource classes specified in policy IDDF-15 from a maximum 18 to a maximum of 20 for 2005-2006 due to budgetary constraints (copy attached). Mr. Frank Melton voted No.
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved to award grants to one regional service center and two consortiums to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts as a part of the Mattie T Consent Decree Agreement (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 award subgrants to participate in summer educational enrichment projects for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (copy attached).

Office of Instructional Programs and Services

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 approve academic and elective Carnegie unit credit for specified Vocational and Technical secondary course offerings to meet the requirements for high school graduation (copy attached).

Office of Student Assessment

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the contract with MetaMetrics, Inc., for the purpose of linking the Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT) assessment results to the Lexile Framework for Reading and the Quantile Framework for Mathematics to connect individual student scale scores on the MCT to their reading and mathematics (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill to continue to provide services and products related to the Grade Level Testing Program (GLTP) (copy attached).
03. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Harcourt Assessment, Inc. to continue to provide services and products for the Subject Area Testing Program (SATP) (copy attached).
04. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to continue to provide services and products related to the Functional Literacy Examination (FLE) using an electronic testing system (copy attached).

05. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Southern Illinois University to continue to provide services and products related to the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System Occupation-Specific Assessment Program (copy attached).

Office of Community Development

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to select public school district and Head Start agency teacher assistants to participate in the AmeriCorp Future Teacher Literacy Corps Program (FTLC) (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for competitive written proposals from LEAs for school-based service-learning projects for the Learn and Serve America Program (copy attached).

Office of Quality Educators

Educator Licensure

01. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to establish Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12-Alternate Route One-Year Certification Highly Qualified Designation for Teachers Not New to the Profession, as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the Highly Qualified Teacher Criteria to include an addendum to establish a High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) (copy attached).
03. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved the school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (copy attached).

04. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board unanimously approved a contract with University of Southern Mississippi to develop and deliver professional development and training for local school district administrators (copy attached).

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- **Elizabeth N. Wesson**, Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science  
**Sonia I. Savani**, Ocean Springs High School (was unable to attend)  
The only Mississippi students and two of only 17 students nationwide to score a perfect 36 on the December 2004 administration of the American College Test (ACT).
- **Newton County High School**  
One of ten high schools nationwide cited by ACT and The Education Trust for best preparing students for college and work.

IX. State Board of Education

01. There were no reports on meetings attended.
02. There were no requests to attend meetings.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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



