

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 21, 2005

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2005, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Mr. Kenny Bush, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. Bill Jones, Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board members absent were: Mr. Frank Melton and Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rosetta Richard, Chair.
- II. Mr. Bill Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Claude Hartley gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 16-17, 2004.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- V. There was no Chair's Report.
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

Contract Modification

01. Full-Line Food Distributor. 01/01/05 – 06/30/05. Competitive Bid Process. No MDE funds involved
(Office of Healthy Schools – Regina Ginn)
The Office of Child Nutrition has a contract with The Merchants Company for warehousing and distribution of chilled and frozen products to school districts under the State Purchasing Program. The current contract dates are July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005, with an option to renew for three additional years. We are asking to modify this contract to include the warehousing and delivery of fresh and dried fruits and vegetables purchased from the Department of Defense (DOD) for our schools participating on the Fruit and Vegetable Programs. This modification would commence January 1, 2005 and coincide with the original contract dates (with accompanying option to renew).

The Merchants Company has agreed to provide this service at the same rate they currently deliver USDA products for the respective regions. It is the responsibility of the contractor to warehouse and deliver these products to local organizations that are participating in the Fruit and Vegetable Program. The Office of Child Nutrition administers the contract. Payment is made directly to the contractor by the local organizations. No MDE funds will be expended for these services. The owner and/or personnel who will be working under this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Grant

02. IHL. \$44,649 (subject to availability of funds). 01/21/05 – 06/30/05. State funds. Appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, House Bill 1696

(Office of Educational Accountability – Steve Williams)

The grantee will implement the Teach Mississippi Institute. The Institute is an intensive eight-week, nine-semester hour summer institute which includes instruction in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy and use of test results to improve instruction.

Safe and Orderly Schools

(Office of Healthy Schools – Regina Ginn)

03. 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.
04. 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.
05. 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 elementary school (grades K through 5 with an enrollment of approximately 600 students) and a new middle school (grades 6 through 8 with an enrollment of approximately 1,200 students) located on approximately 28 acres on Star Landing Road at Highway 61 in Walls, Mississippi.

06. 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 middle school (grades 6 through 8 with an enrollment of approximately 700 students) and a new high school (grades 9 through 12 with an enrollment of approximately 700 students) located on approximately 35 acres on Kirk Road in Olive (copy of summary attached).

VII. Other Action Items

Office of Deputy Superintendent

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved an articulation agreement between the Mississippi Board of Education, the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges relating to dual academic and vocational credit for dually enrolled secondary academic and vocational-technical education students. The agreement cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments, which were presented to the Board (copy attached).

Office of Financial Accountability

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2006 Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Stanley Gipson to serve as the Financial Advisor for the Amory School District (copy attached).

Office of Healthy Schools

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the contract with CCH Consulting to provide consulting services to oversee the completion of a web-based payment system (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved to establish the definition and components of a behavior modification program consistent with Section 37-13-92, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended by House

Bill 657. The plan cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments, which were presented to the Board (copy attached).

Office of Educational Accountability

01. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the grant modification with Vision Research Corporation to increase the grant by \$35,000 to allow for screening of additional children (copy attached).

Office of Accreditation

01. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the School Level Accountability Model based on Achievement and Growth included in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System (copy attached).

Office of Instructional Programs and Services

Office of Academic Education

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board unanimously approved to adopt the methodology to award community service grants to local school districts (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board unanimously approved to modify the 2003-2004 Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program Grants for Specified Services (copy attached).

Office of School Improvement

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board unanimously approved to award subgrant dollars in support of local school district improvement efforts for Title I of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (copy attached).

Office of State Schools and Special Projects

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed,

the Board unanimously approved the Consolidated Application for FY 2005 State and ESEA Federal Grant Funds for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (copy on file).

Office of Student Assessment

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board unanimously approved Biology I and U.S. History Student Proficiency Level (Cut) Scores (copy attached).

Office of Vocational and Technical Education

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy IL-2 (Vocational Achievement/Vocational and Technical Ongoing Program Parameters) (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise *The Mississippi Secondary and Postsecondary Vocational Curriculum Frameworks* (copy attached).

Office of Quality Educators

Center for Teacher and Leadership Development

01. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding federal and state funds to local school districts to provide substitute teacher pay for teachers participating in professional development and training (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding federal funds to the Institutions of Higher Learning to begin an intensive research-based process to redesign teacher preparation programs at participating universities (copy attached).
03. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the grant renewal to the Institutions of Higher Learning to assist four universities with the redesign of their teacher preparation programs (copy attached).

Office of Educator Licensure

01. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to grant discretionary funds to develop and deliver an Alternate Route Program for Administrators (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise 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 (copy attached).
03. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the 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 (copy attached).
04. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract with the Community College Foundation to deliver Alternate Route Teacher Certification Training (copy attached).

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- Primrose Mangilog, student, Pecan Park Elementary School, Ocean Springs School District
Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award
- Dr. Kim S. Benton, Principal, Oakland Heights Elementary School, Meridian School District
National Association of Elementary School Principals' National Distinguished Principal for Mississippi
- Ronnie Shumaker, Teacher, Oakland Heights Elementary School, Meridian School District
Outstanding teaching accomplishments and 2004 State Winner
Presidential Awards for Mathematics and Science Teaching

IX. State Board of Education

01. Ms. Rebecca Harris reported she recently attended a recognition ceremony at the State Capitol honoring Mr. James Drewry on his

outstanding career and becoming the first public school coach in Mississippi to win more than 300 football games. Mr. Drewry is currently the football coach at Booneville High School, Booneville, Mississippi.

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 8:55 a.m.

Approved:

Rosetta Richard, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Henry L. Johnson
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

