

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 18, 2005

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 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, 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. Bill Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet 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 January 20-21, 2005.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Frank Melton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- V. In the Chair's Report, Ms. Rosetta Richard reminded Board members of the Board retreat which is planned for April 13, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond, Mississippi.
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Frank Melton, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

Contracts

Safe and Orderly Schools

(Office of Healthy Schools – Regina Ginn)

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.

VII. Other Action Items

Office of Deputy Superintendent

Office of Healthy Schools

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding competitive grants to eligible local school districts for the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for selection of school districts to receive grants to provide Effective School and Classroom Management training for teachers and administrators (copy attached).

Office of Human Resources

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James Hart to serve as School Finance Officer, Office of Financial Accountability at an annual salary of \$64,731.96 to become effective March 1, 2005 (copy attached).

Office of Management Information Systems

01. On a motion by Mr. Kenny Bush, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved a contract award to Ciber, Inc., for the K-12 Network Support Services to provide onsite technical support for Mississippi public school districts (copy attached).

Office of Educational Accountability

01. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved the revision of the Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook. The revision has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment, which was presented to the Board (copy attached).

Office of Accreditation

01. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board voted unanimously to begin the

Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2004* (copy attached).

Office of Instructional Programs and Services

01. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to select high schools to participate in a pilot study for high school redesign (copy attached).

Office of Curriculum and Instruction

01. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved to award the Mathematics and Science Partnerships Program Grants (copy attached).
02. On a motion by Dr. Lavon Fluker-Reed, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted 8-1 to approve the recommendations on exceptions to student enrollment in grades 1-4. Mr. Frank Melton voted No on this item (copy attached).

Office of Educational Technology

01. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the Textbook Administration Handbook Rules and Regulations (copy attached).

Office of State Schools and Special Projects

01. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of the following to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board: Dr. Tressie Harper, School District Superintendent, Moss Point; Ms. Susan Hunt, Layperson, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce; and Ms. Norma Oliver, Middle School Representative, McComb (copy attached).

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- North Pontotoc High School
Oak Grove High School
Pearl River Central Junior High School
2004 *No Child Left Behind* Blue Ribbon Schools

- Friends of Mississippi School for the Deaf and Home Depot Monetary and construction donations for a playground for Mississippi School for the Deaf students

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. Frank Melton, seconded by Mr. Kenny Bush, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Approved:

Rosetta Richard, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Henry L. Johnson
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

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