



Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

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The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2009, in the Auditorium ( Building C) at the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf, 1253 Eastover Drive, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Board member not present was Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
- II. Dr. David Sistrunk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the invocation.  
  
Mr. Jones introduced the State Board members and Mr. Zachary Breland, Interpreter.
- III. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of March 19-20, 2009.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:  
  
Reported that Mr. Charles McClelland will chair the committee to select the Director of Educational Accountability and that Ms. Martha Murphy, Mr. Claude Hartley, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk would serve on the committee. The committee will review all applications and will report to the full Board during the May meeting regarding applications selected for further review.
- VI. Approval of Action Items  
*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, April 16, 2009.)*

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02. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award grants in support of Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2010 and to waive a minor irregularity in a bid received (copy attached).

**(Office of Policy and Operations)**

03. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract with textbook vendors recommended by the 2008 State Rating Textbook Adoption Committee contingent upon the execution of textbook bond (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

04. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 7219 and to revise the State Policies Regarding Children with Disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 2004 (IDEA 2004) (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

05. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition in grades three, four, five, six, seven, and eight (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

06. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Writing Assessment in grades four, seven, and ten (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

07. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Riverside Publishing to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Elementary and Middle Grades Science Assessment Program (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

08. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Murtha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations on exceptions to student enrollment in grades 1-4 (copy attached).

**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

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- 09 On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revisions of State Board Policy 9205 Local Reimbursable Expense Items – Salaries. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
10. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award grant dollars to regional reading fair sites in support of the state reading fair (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
11. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to award grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for Title I of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*(copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
12. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the critical shortage subject areas and geographical regions for the following programs: Federal Stafford Program, Federal Perkins Loan, Paul C. Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program, and the William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program (copy attached).  
**(Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
13. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve Licensure Requirements for the Six New 2009 Vocational Redesign Career Pathways as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).  
**(Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
14. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a revision to the Licensure Guidelines to remove the Class AA Master's Equivalency Clause from a standard 5-year Vocational License as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).  
**(Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
15. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act

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- process to approve a revision to the Licensure Guidelines to remove Technology Education as an approved subject for Alternate Route Certification as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
- (Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
16. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James Malone to serve as the Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District (copy attached).
- (Office of Student Performance)**
17. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Mr. James Malone to serve as the Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District (copy attached).
- (Office of Student Performance)**
- VII. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
- A. Approval of methodology to present Title I Distinguished School honorees monetary awards in support of continuing high academic achievement in accordance with *Section 1117(b) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
- (Office of Student Performance)**
- B. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2009-2010 Staff Handbook
- (Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- C. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind School Wellness Policy
- (Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- D. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2009-2010 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar
- (Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- E. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2009-2010 Staff Handbook
- (Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- F. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf School Wellness Policy
- (Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- G. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2009-2010 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar

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**(Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- H. Approval to modify the contract with C & B Enterprise, Inc. for the provision of security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf

**(Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- I. Approval to modify the contract with MMI Dining Systems, L.L.C. for the provision of food services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf

**(Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- VIII. Recognition Ceremony was as follows:

**Mississippi School for the Blind**

**Austin Nix**

Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Poster and Essay contest

**Savanna Porter**

Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Poster and Essay Contest

**Bryan Gueltig**

2008 Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts Teacher of the Year for 7th -12th grades

**Mississippi School for the Deaf**

**Lucas Bryant**

Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Poster and Essay Contest

**Tyrone Blackmon**

Outstanding Referee

**MDE Employee of the Month**

Sandra Montgomery

- IX. State Board of Education

01. Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that she attended the Harrison County Dropout Prevention Summit on Saturday, March 28, 2009. She reported that the speaker, Roger Cleveland of Eastern Kentucky University, was motivational and encouraged students to stay on the bus and achieve Destination Graduation.

Mr. Charles McClelland reported that he recently attended the signing of the Children First Act of 2009 at the Capitol. He commended Mr. Johnny Franklin, Policy Advisor for the Governor's

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Office, for his initiative with this project. Mr. McClelland confirmed that Mississippi is one of four states to receive a grant from the National Governors Association to develop methods for turning around chronically low-performing schools. Mr. McClelland will periodically update the Board on funds spent from the NGA grant.

02. There were no requests to attend meetings.

X. Other Business

01. Mr. Jones thanked Dr. Rosie Pridgen and her staff for their hard work in preparing for the Board meeting at the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf.

XI. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:

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William H. Jones, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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Hank M. Bounds  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education