



Mississippi Department of Education

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Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 16, 2009

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, in the Jackson Convention Complex, 105 East Pascagoula Street #2, 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. Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Jones, Chair. Mr. Jones noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during Board meetings.

Mr. Jones introduced Representative Cecil Brown, chairman of the House Education Committee, who will present information on legislation affecting public education passed during the 2009 Legislative Session.

Mr. Jones reminded the Board of the Mississippi Economic Council's Luncheon at noon and briefing by the Governor on the federal Stimulus Package.

The Board was advised that a large number of applications were received for the position of Educational Accountability Director within the Mississippi Department of Education. Mr. Jones appointed a sub-committee of the Board consisting of Mr. Claude Hartley, Dr. David Sistrunk, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Mr. Charles McClelland, who will serve as chairman. The committee will review applications and report to the Board at the May meeting on those applicants selected for an interview.

During the State Superintendent's Report, Dr. Bounds recognized Representative Cecil Brown who expressed appreciation to the State Board and Department staff for their commitment to public education. Representative Brown presented information on the state's budget situation and the effect of stimulus funds on education.

Mr. Derrick Lindsay and Ms. Charlene Pierce discussed competitive grants in support of Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2010 and to waive a minor irregularity in a bid received. Mr. Lindsay recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kris Kaase discussed the contract with textbook vendors recommended by the 2008 State Rating Textbook Adoption Committee contingent upon the execution of a textbook bond. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the request 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). Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract with NCIS Pearson, Inc. to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition in grades three, four, five, six, seven, and eight. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract with NCIS Pearson, Inc. to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Writing Assessment in grades four, seven, and ten. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract modification with Riverside Publishing to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Elementary and Middle Grades Science Assessment Program. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed recommendations on exceptions to student enrollment in grades 1-4 for Marshall County, Vicksburg-Warren, Walthall County, and Wayne County School Districts. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the revision to State Board Policy 9205, Local Reimbursable Expense Items--Salaries. The revision cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the methodology to award grant dollars to regional reading fair sites in support of the State Reading Fair. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Quentin Ransburg discussed the award of grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for Title I of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Mr. Ransburg recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed 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. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request 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

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and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request 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. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request to begin the Administrative Procedures Act 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. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Jean Massey discussed the appointment of an Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District for July 20, 2009 – June 30, 2010. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Massey discussed the contract with Mr. James Malone to serve as Interim Conservator for Tate County School District for July 20, 2009 – June 30, 2010. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

The Board recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Jones gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items:

- 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* (Quentin Ransburg)
- Mississippi School for the Blind 2009-2010 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School for the Blind School Wellness Policy (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School for the Blind 2009-2010 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi Schools for the Deaf 2009-2010 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School for the Deaf School Wellness Policy (Daphne Buckley)

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- Mississippi School for the Deaf 2009-2010 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract modification with C&B Enterprise, Inc. for the provision of security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract modification with MMI Dining Systems, LLC, for the provision of food services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Daphne Buckley)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Martez Hill)

The Board agreed by consensus not to enter into the Executive Session.

Mr. Jones noted that the Board will discuss plans for a June retreat during the Friday meeting.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the work session at 10:30 a.m.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

