



Mississippi Department of Education

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Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Special Called Meeting

August 13, 2009

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2009 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Ms. Martha Murphy, Dr. Sue Matheson, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Mr. Charles McClelland.

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

Mr. Jones noted the following handouts:

- Copy of a letter announcing Mr. Martez Hill's appointment to the Council of Chief State School Officers' ESEA Reauthorization Task Force comprised of state school superintendents and deputy superintendents from across the nation to develop recommendations that reflect the consensus opinions of the state departments of education; and
- A compilation of information on grants processed through the MDE

Mr. Jones welcomed Dr. John Jordan to the Department as the Interim State Superintendent and the Board's Executive Secretary.

Upon unanimous consent of the Board, discussion of Item #1, the Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan, was delayed until later in the meeting.

Mr. Paul Sumrall and Ms. Gracie Sanders discussed the 2010 Legislative Priorities and recommended approval of this item.

The Board then returned to its discussion of Item #1. Dr. Jordan provided a handout (copy attached) of the Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan, and discussed revisions to the Plan. He noted that, following today's discussion, the item will be brought to the Board next month for further discussion and approval.

Mr. Sumrall and Ms. Sanders discussed the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request (copy attached) and recommended approval on this item.

At 3:45 p.m., Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved to consider going into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing discrete personnel matters in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(k) of the Mississippi Code and strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation in accordance with Section 25-

41-4(a) of the Mississippi Code. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the appointment of the Director of the Mississippi School of the Arts and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Mississippi Code and the discussion of strategy sessions and negotiations with respect to prospective litigation regarding a contract, in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code. Ms. Rosetta Richard seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed matters relating to the employment of an individual as the Director of the Mississippi School of the Arts and discussion of strategy sessions and negotiations with respect to prospective litigation and transacting business related thereto. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann made a motion that the Board adjourn the Executive Session, Dr. Sue Matheson seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Claude Hartley made a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 4:15 p.m. Dr. O. Wayne Gann seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- I. Immediately following the Executive Session the meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones.
- II. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.
- III. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following report from the Chair:
 - Reminded the Board of the Governor's Summit on Turning Around Underperforming Schools. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Jackson Hilton, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

and will include presentations by Governor Haley Barbour, Louisiana's State Superintendent of Education, Paul Pastorek, National Governor's Association Grant consultants, Julie Corbett and David Wakelyn, along with others. The summit is being afforded through a grant that the

National Governor's Association provided for work on helping design systems to address Underperforming Schools.

IV. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed at the work session on Thursday, August 13, 2009.)

02. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the 2010 Legislative Priorities (copy attached).

(Office of Legislation and Budget)

03. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request (copy attached).

(Office of Legislation and Budget)

04. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved that Suzanne Stack Hirsch serve as the Director of the Mississippi School of the Arts at an annual salary of \$96,098.58 (copy attached).

(Office of Policy and Operations)

V. Other Business

Mr. William H. Jones stated that no action was taken at the Board Retreat held earlier in the day. Mr. Jones noted, however, that the Search Committee for the State Superintendent will advertise for applicants for the position beginning August 27, 2009, with a deadline date of October 2, 2009, for receiving applications. The Board plans to meet on October 23, 2009, to begin the process of selecting candidates to be interviewed. The interviews for the candidates will be scheduled from October 23, 2009, through November 19, 2009.

- VI. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

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Board Retreat

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met for a Board Retreat at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at the Luckett Lodge, 214 Clark Creek Board, Brandon, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Ms. Martha Murphy, Dr. Sue Matheson, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Member absent was: Mr. Charles McClelland.

The Board discussed personnel matters related to job responsibilities and the search process for the position of State Superintendent and transacted business related thereto. No action was taken. The above-stated time line for the search for a state superintendent was developed. The Board Retreat was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

John W. Jordan, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education