



Mississippi Department of Education

"A Quality Education for Every Child... Every Child a Reader."

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 21, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Dr. Sue Matheson, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Mr. Hal Gage.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Rosetta Richard gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of July 16-17, 2009 and the Special Called meeting of August 13, 2009.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Noted that the Mississippi Department of Education had engaged the services of the Mississippi School Boards Association in conducting a national search for State Superintendent of Education. Applications and nominations for the position will be accepted through October 2, 2009. He also noted that a brochure was developed with detail about the position;
 - Reminded the Board that the Governor's Office would host a summit on Underperforming Schools on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton;
 - Stated that each Board member received a copy of the Mississippi Code 37-16-4 regarding violations of test security procedures; and,
 - Noted that Board members received in the mail information from Southern Regional Educational Board on how Mississippi Schools are performing in regard to schools in other states in this region.
- VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, August 20, 2009.)

02. Dr. Sue Matheson moved to approve the Five-Year Strategic Plan with an amendment to the terminology in Goal #1 of the Board to read: To mobilize resources and supports to help ensure that all students exit Third Grade reading on grade level by 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley and the Board unanimously approved the Five-Year Strategic Plan for FY 2011-2015 as amended (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent)
04. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
05. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to renew competitive subgrants in support of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
06. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
07. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Dr. Stephen Walter Hebbler to develop the growth component of the new accountability model (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
08. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award Enhancing Education through Technology grant dollars under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to local educational agencies (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
09. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding Reading First subgrants to assist local school districts in the implementation of the Mississippi Reading Reform Model (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
10. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the revision of Mississippi Alternate Assessment of

Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF) Student Performance Level (Cut) Scores (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

11. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the Student Performance Level Descriptors for the Mississippi Extended Curriculum Frameworks and the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
12. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 7610 “Subject Area Testing Appeals Process” regarding Section II: Appeal for a Substitute Evaluation Process and to change the name to Section II: Appeal for an Alternative Assessment as a Substitute Evaluation (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
13. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the additional site and allocation for the Agricultural and Environmental Science and Technology (AEST) program initiative (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
14. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve Carnegie unit credit for Allied Health I/Health Science I to meet the Health requirement for high school graduation (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
15. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve Endorsement Code 209 for Early Oral Intervention License for Birth-Kindergarten Hearing Impaired Children as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
16. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the new School Leadership Licensure Assessment (SLLA) Examination

1011 and Proposed Passing Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

- VII. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
 - A. Approval to modify grant period for the MS Reading First Initiative (Cohort I)
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - B. Approval to modify grant period for the MS Reading First Initiative (Cohort II)
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - C. Approval to modify grant period for the MS Reading First Initiative (Cohort III)
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - D. Approval to modify the grant period on an approved supplemental award to MS Reading First schools
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - E. Approval to contract with LSU Health Science Center School of Allied Health Professionals, Human Development Center to provide consultative services relative to the *Modified Mattie T. Consent Decree*
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - F. Approval to contract with Mississippi Society for Disabilities for the provision of Language/Speech services on the campus of the Mississippi School for the Blind
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - G. Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 contracts with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) retirees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Policy and Operations)
 - H. Approval to award the Talent Search Grant to Newton Municipal School District
(Office of Student Performance)

Mr. Jones recognized Dr. Daphne Buckley who introduced Dr. Suzanne Hirsch, the new executive director for the Mississippi School of the Arts.

VIII. Recognition Ceremony

2008-2009 Accredited Training and Education Facility (ATEF) Schools

D'Iberville High School

Fallin Career & Technical Center

Green County Vo-Tech Complex
Oxford-Lafayette School of Applied Technology
Raymond Career Center
Tupelo High School Career-Technical Center

Mississippi Exemplary Teaching Program

Dr. Jude Dalgo - Allied Health Teacher

August 2009 MDE Employee of the Month

Ms. Shirley Williamson

IX. State Board of Education

01. Ms. Kami Bumgarner reported that she had attended the Graduation Rate Task Force meeting at IHL recently and that the Task Force report is due to the Governor and Legislature on December 31, 2009.
02. There were no requests to attend meetings.

X. Other Business

Mr. Jones reminded the Board that the Department will present its FY 2011 budget request to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on Wednesday, September 23, from 10:00 to 10:45. The hearing will be held in the conference room on the first floor of the Woolfolk Office Building. Mr. Jones invited Board members to attend the hearing.

Dr. Jordan recognized school district superintendents Mr. Richard Fleming, Greene County Schools; Dr. Randy Shaver, Tupelo Public Schools; and, Dr. Stephen Handley, Hinds County Schools, and commended them on their role in their respective district and for a job well done.

- XI. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

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

