

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, 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 absent: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet.

I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.

Mr. Jones recognized Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education, Mr. Ed Blakeslee and Ms. Robin Robinson representing the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Dr. Lucas introduced IHL staff members present: Dr. Linda McPhail and Ms. Annie Mitchell. Dr. Lucas, Mr. Blackslee and Ms. Robinson expressed the IHL Board's desire to consider concerns and recommendations from the MBE regarding the current search for a new Commissioner of Higher Education. They indicated that input from the public elementary and secondary education entity, as well as that of the community and junior college administration, is invaluable to the IHL Board during the search process and selection of a new IHL Commissioner.

Following discussion on how the education entities might collaborate to ensure that the state's schools of education will produce the highest qualified teachers for the classrooms, Dr. Bounds gave the following suggestions:

- Continue to participate in collaborative efforts on the quality of teacher issue;
- Develop strategies to deal with teacher quantity issues;
- Encourage community involvement in education at all levels;
- Advocate early childhood education; and,
- Encourage the three education entities (MBE, IHL, Board for Community and Junior Colleges) to continue sharing ideas for developing a seamless educational system.

Mr. Jones offered the IHL Board the expertise of both the MBE and Department staff on Pre K-12 education issues. Dr. Lucas thanked the MBE for the opportunity to address the Board.

The meeting recessed at 8:50 a.m. and reconvened at 8:55 a.m.

II. Mr. Claude Hartley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Charles McClelland gave the invocation.

- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 15-16, 2009.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- V. In the Chair's Report, Mr. Jones expressed concern for budget deficits in specific local school districts. He led a brief discussion of district funding levels under the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.
- VI. Approval of Action Items  
*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, February 19, 2009.)*
  - 1A. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Steve Loden to serve as the financial advisor for Indianola Public School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  02. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the State Accountability Rating System (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
  03. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Children's Progress to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Statewide K-3 Assessments (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
  04. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the FFY '07 Even Start awards to districts to comply with the minimum grant award amount required by federal law (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 FFY '08 Even Start awards (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 the *Mississippi Extended Curriculum Frameworks for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science*. The document

cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

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

07. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the State Board Policy governing the allocation of Mississippi Adequate Education Program at-risk funds. The policy cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

**(Office of Policy and Operations)**

08. On a motion by Mr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the Licensure Guidelines to remove the One Standard Error of Measurement Allowance in the Mississippi Alternate Pate to Quality Teacher (MAPQT) Alternate Route Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The document cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

09. On a motion by Mr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the Licensure Guidelines to remove the 18-Hour Allowance as an option for adding supplemental endorsements to a standard license as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The document cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

10. On a motion by Mr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2009 Admissions Policy (copy attached).

**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

11. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the Accredited-Temporary Status for Millcreek of Ripley School (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

12. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES, Inc. of Hattiesburg School (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

- VII. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copies attached):
- A. Approval to award competitive contract to manufacturer to provide distribution of food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (all regions in the state)  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - B. Approval of a site for the new Gladys Noel Bates Elementary School and the new Thomas W. Cardozo Middle School for the Jackson Public School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - C. Approval of a site for the new Henry J. Kirksey Middle School for the Jackson Public School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - D. Approval of a site for the new Peeples Middle School for the Jackson Public School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - E. Approval of a site for the new Blackburn Middle School for the Jackson Public School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - F. Approval to contract with Dr. John Bartowski to serve as a statistician with the Mississippi Prevention Data Improvement Project  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - G. Approval to contract with Dr. Xu Xiaohu to serve as a statistician with the Mississippi Prevention Data Improvement Project  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - H. Approval to modify the contract with TempStaff to provide administrative support services  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - I. Approval to modify the contract with 3RS Consulting LLC to provide consulting services  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
  - J. Approval to modify the contract with Mr. Michael O. Norris to provide services as a School Safety Officer at the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- K. Approval to modify the contract with Ms. Essie Bailey to serve as a mentor in the Hazlehurst School District  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- L. Approval to modify the contract with Ms. Eileen Milner to serve as a mentor in the Hazlehurst School District  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- M. Approval to modify the contract with Ms. Amanda Mize to serve as a mentor in the Hazlehurst School District  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- N. Approval to modify the contract with Ms. Beverly Cook to serve as a training services provider for School Evaluation Team Members  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- O. Approval to modify the contract with Ms. Judy Robbins to serve as a training services provider for School Evaluation Team Members  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:
- Mississippi Board of Education – recognized by the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children  
Presentation by Ms. Carol Paola, Executive Director
- IX. State Board of Education
01. There were no reports of meetings attended.
02. There were no requests to attend upcoming meetings.
- X. Other Business
- Dr. Bounds made the following suggestions in regard to the upcoming Board meeting schedule:
    - Change the date of the Board's tour of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf, previously planned for March 19, 2009, to Friday, April 17, 2009, due to the occurrence of spring break in March.
    - The State Board is invited to meet with the Mississippi Economic Council on April 16, 2009, at the Mississippi Civic Center in Jackson, for MEC's 60th Annual Meeting & STAR Education Celebration.

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- Mr. Jones noted that Mississippi School of the Arts student Jasmine Murray is a semifinalist on the *American Idol* television program. He expressed the Board's congratulations and support to Ms. Murray as she participates in the national talent competition.

XI. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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

