



Mississippi Department of Education

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

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 17, 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, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Dr. Sue Matheson, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Ms. Martha Murphy.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
- II. Ms. Kami Bumgarner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Mr. Hal Gage gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of June 18-19, 2009 and the Special Called meeting of June 30, 2009.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item 02 to read as follows:
Approval of endorsement of the African American Males College Report.

On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Reminded Board members to review the sample report of the *Children First Act of 2009* annual report that each local school district shall be required to develop and publish annually;
 - Reported that Teach for America has selected the Mississippi Delta area as the newest teacher training site;
 - Noted that Mr. Claude Hartley will serve as chair of the Legislative Budget Process sub-committee; and,
 - Stated that Ms. Kami Bumgarner will serve as the MDE's designee on the IHL Graduation Task Force Committee which will meet on July 22.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, July 16, 2009.)

02. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to endorse the African American Males College Report (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent)
11. On a motion by Mr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a policy to prescribe the information and format required to be included in the development and publication of an annual report as required by Senate Bill 2628, the *Children First Act of 2009* (copy attached).
(Office of Legislation and Budget)
13. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the revision to the Licensure Guidelines for American Board Certification (ABCTE) Alternate Route to amend the Mentoring Requirements as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The revision cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
14. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the proposal from Vocational Education for New Occupational and Technical Competencies for Vocational Licensure as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The proposal cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
15. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the four new Praxis II Subject Area Exams and Cut Scores as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The new Praxis Subject Area Exams and Cut Scores cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
16. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Brookhaven School District Interlocal Agreement to provide instructional services for the Mississippi School of the Arts during the 2009-2010 school year (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
17. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the Evaluation Team members to evaluate in schools designated as Schools At-Risk beginning Fall 2009 as required by MS Code §37-

18-3 (copy attached).

(Office of Student Performance)

18. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Kevin Eubank, Congressional District 1, to the Commission on School Accreditation (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
19. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to amend the Mississippi Department of Education Policies and Procedures Manual (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
20. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to allocate funds to school sites under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
21. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the revised State Board Policy 4906 for the selection of successful districts used in the calculation of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost. The revision cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
22. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost for Fiscal Year 2011 (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
23. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for Fiscal Year 2011 (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
24. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the appointment Ms. Sandra Edwards to serve as the Superintendent of the Mississippi School for the Deaf (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
- VII. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
 - A. Approval to award the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc. (JMG), pending authorization by the Mississippi Department for Employment Security
(Office of Student Performance)

- B. Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 Contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Policy and Operations)
- C. Approval to modify/extend competitive contract to milk and ice cream vendors for product distribution to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (all 7 regions in the State)
(Office of Policy and Operations)
- D. Approval of request of the Madison County School District to contract for pupil transportation services
(Office of Policy and Operations)
- E. Approval of contract between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Mississippi State Department of Health to fulfill the requirements of year two of a cooperative agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(Office of Policy and Operations)
- F. Approval to contract with Mississippi Public Broadcasting to provide technical assistance with scheduling and monitoring of all interactive video classes and teleconferences for the K-12 schools/districts and MDE, provide the necessary infrastructure for ISDN connectivity, and maintain equipment in K-12 and MDE interactive video network sites
(Office of Policy and Operations)
- G. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2009 -2010 Staff Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- H. Approval to contract with Michael O. Norris to provide services as School Safety Officer at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- I. Approval to contract with Michael C. Harvey to provide services as School Safety Officer at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- J. Approval to contract with Dorothy McClendon to provide part-time instructional services in Science to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- K. Approval to contract with James Randy Davis to provide part-time instructional services in Mathematics to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

- L. Approval to contract with Tammy Stanford Williams to provide instructional services in Dance, Movement, and Theatre to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- M. Approval to contract with Jeanne Lebow, Ph.D. to provide instructional services in Literary Arts to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- N. Approval to renew the contract with Dr. Glen H. Stribling for the provision of Low Vision services on the campus of the Mississippi School for the Blind
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- O. Approval to award competitive continuation grants for the Reading First Initiative in support of districts' implementation of Reading First programs and practices
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
- P. Approval to contract with American Council on Education, General Educational Development (GED) Testing Service for the GED Option Program
(Office of Student Performance)

VIII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

2007-2008 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools

Davis Magnet
Oak Grove Middle School
Bayou View Elementary
Poplarville High School

2009 Mississippi Virtual Public School Teacher of the Year

Erin Fortenberry

July 2009 MDE Employee of the Month

Melissa Hall

IX. State Board of Education

- 01. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to re-elect Mr. William H. Jones to serve as Chair and Mr. Charles McClelland to serve as Vice-Chair from July 2009 to July 2010.
- 02. Mr. Charles McClelland reported the he recently attended the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) annual conference in Biloxi. He attended several work sessions offered at the conference.

Mr. Claude Hartley and Dr. O. Wayne Gann also reported that they had attended the MASS conference.

03. There were no requests to attend meetings.

X. Other Business

Mr. Jones introduced and welcomed new Board members, Ms. Kami Bumgarner and Dr. Sue Matheson.

Mr. Jones noted that the Board retreat is scheduled for August 13 and that Board members will be notified of the location and time.

XI. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting 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