



Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 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: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Mr. Hal Gage was not present.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
- II. Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 14-15, 2009 and the minutes of the special called meeting of June 8, 2009.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include item 02: Approval of Qualified School Construction Bond Application (approval subject to final Procurement and Legal review).

On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

- V. In the Chair's Report, Mr. William H. Jones gave the following report:
  - Stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim Commission of Higher Education regarding the task force meeting scheduled for June 24, 2009 to study graduation rates;
  - Asked the Board members to review the FY 2010 Board Dates;
  - Reminded the Board members to read the Children First Act of 2009; and,
  - Noted that the Board would meet again on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. for a Special Called meeting

- VI. Approval of Action Items  
*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, June 18, 2009.)*
02. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the Qualified School Construction Bond Application (approval subject to final Procurement and Legal review (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
03. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved awarding contracts for eight Team Leaders for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
04. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved awarding continuation grants to one regional service center and two consortiums to provide on-site technical assistance to local school districts as a part of the Modified Mattie T. Consent Decree and Implementation Plan (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
05. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to State Board Policy 7219 and the State Policies Regarding Children with Disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 2004 (IDEA 2004). The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
06. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to renew contract with Desire2Learn for the purpose of providing a Learning Management System (LMS) to host online courses for the Mississippi Virtual Public School (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
07. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to reduce the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition in grades three, four, five, six, seven, and eight (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

08. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to reduce the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to reduce technical services for the Mississippi Writing Assessment in grades four, seven, and ten (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
10. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
11. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a 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 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
12. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a 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 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
13. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve four new Praxis II Subject Area Exams and Cut Scores as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

14. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved a Master's level program in Early Oral Intervention for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing at the University of Southern Mississippi (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
15. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the appointments to the Commission on School Accreditation (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
16. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Recovery Act grant dollars under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to local educational agencies (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
17. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved for the Mississippi State Board of Education to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Association of State Boards of Education for school health (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
18. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the \$1.2 million loan from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to the Tate County School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
19. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 4906 for the selection of successful districts used in the calculation of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program Base Student Cost (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
20. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Glenn Swan to serve as Interim Conservator for the Jefferson Davis County School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**

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21. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with James Reeves to serve as Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
22. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Robert Strebeck to serve as Interim Conservator for the North Panola School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
23. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to modify the term of contract and the method of award for James Malone to serve as Interim Conservator for Tate County School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
24. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of an Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
25. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Dr. George Gilreath to serve as Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
26. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with the Office of the Attorney General to provide the full-time equivalent of three attorneys and the half-time equivalent of one attorney to perform legal services and one full-time administrative assistant to perform support services for legal staff for the State Board of Education for FY 2010 (subject to Attorney General's approval) (copy attached).  
**(Office of the State Superintendent)**
27. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Carol Alderman to serve as the Interim Superintendent for the Mississippi School of the Arts (copy attached).  
**(Office of the State Superintendent)**

28. Approval of appointment of Director of the Office of Educational Accountability  
**(Office of the State Superintendent)**  
Mr. William H. Jones noted that action on this item was taken during the Executive Session on June 19, 2009.
- VII. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
- A. Approval to contract with the Department of Finance and Administration, Capitol Police, for the provision of security services at the Mississippi Department of Education, Central High School Building, beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- B. Approval to contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., for the provision of security services for the Mississippi Department of Education, Greymont Building, beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- C. Approval to award competitive contracts to bread 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 to award competitive contract to manufacturer to provide distribution of non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (all 7 regions in the State)  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- E. Approval to award competitive contracts to produce vendors for product distribution to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7)  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- F. Approval to renew contract with MEA Drug Testing Consortium to coordinate and administer the Mississippi Department of Education drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- G. Approval of request of the Columbus Municipal School District to contract for pupil transportation services  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**

- H. Approval to contract with Angel McMurtry to serve as a coordinator for Reading Academies and maintain the warehouse  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- I. Approval to contract with Barbara Kastner to provide consultative services relative to the Educable Child Program process  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- J. Approval to contract with Betty Wimberley to review and validate compliance standards cited for Special Education on site monitoring visits  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- K. Approval to contract with Deborah Pierce to provide consultative services relative to data analysis for the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) as required by IDEA  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- L. Approval to contract with Linda Greaux to provide technical assistance to MDE and selected LEA's with the development and implementation of interventions; provide technical assistance to LEA's with achieving compliance with Mattie T. and IDEA goals  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- M. Approval to award contracts to full-time online teachers to provide excellent learning and growth opportunities whereby all students will have the opportunity to fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical, and psychological growth  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- N. Approval to contract with Carley Platt to provide support for online instructors in pedagogy that is unique to online best practices, extended guidance to online students through online instructional methodology, and to measure online instructor growth and practice  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- O. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to continue to Administer the Alternate Route Administrator Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality School Leadership for the 2009-2010 School Year  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- P. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2009-2010 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- Q. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts School Wellness Policy  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- R. Approval of the revision of the Mississippi School of the Arts Admission Criteria  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- S. Approval to modify term of contract and funding source with Rivers Educational Services to review applications for the disbursement of funds under the FY10 Consolidated Federal Programs Application (CFPA) and the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA) Application for Title I, Part A  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- T. Approval to contract with TempStaff to provide agency Document Imaging support services  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- VIII. The Board Recognition Ceremony was as follows:

**Top 13 American Idol Contestant**

Jasmine Murray

**Prudential Spirit of Community Winner**

Elizabeth Seratt

**Intel International Science Fair Finalists**

Courtney Ramsey

**Mississippi Parents of the Year**

**Congressional District Finalists**

Paula J. Walters – Fourth Congressional District

Haley Guest – Third Congressional District

Michael and Pam Brown – First Congressional District

**Mississippi Parent of the Year**

Rev. Troy D. Truly, Sr. – Second Congressional District

- IX. State Board of Education
  - 01. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the Board meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2010, which reflected a change in the regular

meeting dates in September and a change for the October meeting date to October 22-23, 2009 (copy attached).

02. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley the Board unanimously approved the National Association of State Boards of Education Membership dues with an amendment to delete the Professional Development Fees.
03. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard the Board unanimously approved the Council of Chief State School Officers Membership dues.
04. Ms. Rosetta Richard recently attended the NASBE Governmental Affairs meeting in Arlington, VA. Ms. Richard noted that the National Association of State Boards of Education nomination committee is accepting nominations for South Area Director.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to write a letter supporting the placement of Ms. Rosetta Richard on the National Association of State Boards of Education ballot for South Area Director.

05. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved to send up to 5 members to the National Association of State Boards of Education, "New State Board Members Institute," in Arlington, VA on July 24-26, 2009.

- X. Mr. William H. Jones read a resolution honoring Dr. David Sistrunk for his exemplary leadership and steadfast commitment to the advancement of education in Mississippi.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet the Board voted unanimously to add the resolution to the minutes (copy attached).

Mr. William H. Jones read a resolution honoring Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet for her tireless dedication and steadfast commitment to the advancement of education in Mississippi

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard the Board voted unanimously to add the resolution to the minutes (copy attached).

- XI. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 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

