



Mississippi Department of Education

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Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2009, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, 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.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Jones, Chair.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 19-20, 2009.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. Bill Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Reported that he received a Single Audit Management Report from the Office of the State Auditor, Stacey Pickering;
 - Noted that Ms. Rosetta Richard was featured in the Mississippi School Boards Association Update in February;
 - Reported that he received a letter from the Office of the Governor signed by Johnny Franklin, Education Policy Advisor, commending the Board for their commitment to raising the bar for Mississippi students by using national standards for the new curriculum and assessment system;
 - Reminded the Board of the retirement celebration for Dr. David Sistrunk;
 - Noted that the Board received an invitation from the Mississippi Teacher Center to attend the 2009 Mississippi Teacher of the Year Awards Luncheon at noon on April 2, 2009, at the Hilton Jackson Hotel;

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- Reported that the Board received a letter of resignation from Adam Bunch who serves as the Director of the Office of Educational Accountability and thanked Mr. Bunch for his service to the Department;
- Indicated the Board will set a date at the April meeting for a spring retreat; and

- Reminded the Board of its combined meeting with the Mississippi Economic Council on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the Jackson Convention Complex, and of the Board's tour of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf scheduled for Friday morning, April 17, 2009.

VI. Approval of Action Items

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, March 19, 2009.)

03. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously determined that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Indianola School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in the District and that this emergency situation is related to serious concerns regarding financial resources in this district (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
04. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
05. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. John C. Garner, Jr. to serve as the Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
06. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved a contract for an Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
07. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the \$1.8 million loan from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to the Indianola School District (copy attached).

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(Office of State Superintendent)

08. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously determined that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Tate County School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in the District and

that this emergency situation is related to serious concerns regarding financial resources in this district (copy attached).

(Office of Student Performance)

09. On a motion by Mr. Hale Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Tate County School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
10. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Robert Andrew Strebeck to serve as Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached)
(Office of Student Performance)
11. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the contract modification for Robert Andrew Strebeck to serve as an Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor. Mr. Strebeck will serve as Interim Conservator for the North Panola School District and as Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
12. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James L. Reeves, Jr. to serve as the Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
13. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the contract for a Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
14. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the revisions of the State Accountability Rating

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

(Office of State Superintendent)

17. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award grant dollars in

support of local improvement efforts for Title I of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (copy attached).

(Office of Student Performance)

18. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to coordinate and conduct train-the-trainer sessions on ten training modules for the entry/career level administrators (copy attached).

(Office of Student Performance)

19. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding Reading First Grant awards to support districts' implementation of Reading First programs and practices (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

20. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to distribute Reading First Grant awards to Mississippi Reading First schools in support of districts' implementation of Reading First programs and practices (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

21. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to distribute Reading First Grant awards to Mississippi Reading First schools in support of districts' implementation of Reading First programs and practices (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

22. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revision of *The Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks for Vocational-Technical Programs*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

23. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract for technical services and

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products for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (MSATP2) (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

24. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Ace process to revise the State Board Policy 9205 Local Reimbursable Expense Items – Salaries (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

- VII. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items:
 - A. Approval to modify current methodology for awarding competitive grants to eligible local school districts for the United States Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
(Office of Policy and Operations)

 - B. Approval to contract with the Mississippi State Department of Health to perform Health Inspections of selected Summer Food Service Program Sites for Program Year 2009
(Office of Policy and Operations)

 - C. Approval of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2009-2010 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - D. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts Child Nutrition Procurement Plan
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - E. Approval of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf Child Nutrition Procurement Plan
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - F. Approval of modification of contract with Jamie McKlemurry to provide assistance with the Educable Child Program, training and technical assistance to districts in need of improvement
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

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- G. Approval to award contract to Bahwan Cybertek, to provide services to integrate MVPS SIS registration system with multiple learning platforms and to write other programs to allow integration with other learning management systems and to provide consulting services and additional programming services as needed

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

VIII. State Board of Education

01. Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that she recently attended the NASBE Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Ms. Richard met with Mississippi Congressmen and discussed the Stimulus Package and how it would affect education. Ms. Richard also met with a representative from Senator Robert Kennedy's office concerning the Stimulus program.
02. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved that Ms. Rosetta Richard attend the National Childhood Obesity Conference on May 7-8, 2009, in Washington, D.C.

IX. Other Business

The Board discussed topics for discussion and possible sites for a spring Board retreat and will decide on a date and location at the April Board meeting.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

