



## Mississippi Department of Education

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

### Mississippi Board of Education Special Called Meeting November 3, 2009

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a special called meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 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. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Dr. O. Wayne Gann.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson and seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to consider making a closed determination of the need to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4) (k) of the Mississippi Code.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters related to the employment of an individual as State Superintendent of Education and transacting business related thereto, in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Mississippi Code. Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public that the motion was approved to remain in executive session.

### Minutes of the Executive Session

During the executive session, the Board interviewed four (4) candidates for the position of State Superintendent of Education and discussed personnel matters related to the employment of an individual as State Superintendent of Education and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Mississippi Code.

Dr. Sue Matheson made the motion to hire Tom Burnham as the new State Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard and was approved on a vote of 8 to 0.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn from executive session.

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Upon returning to regular session, Mr. William H. Jones announced the action taken in executive session.

On motion by Mr. Claude Hartley and seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Rosetta Richard to attend the National Governors Association meeting on November 17-18, 2009 in Washington, D.C. to discuss policies and procedures in the school turn-around process.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

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William H. Jones, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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