



Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

November 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009, 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Dr. Sue Matheson, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent: Ms. Martha Murphy.

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

- I. Mr. Claude Hartley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the invocation.
- II. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meetings of October 22-23, 2009 and the Special Called Meeting on November 3, 2009.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- IV. Mr. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
  - Requested that Board members review memo received from John Gilbert which provides a list of reports that are due to the Legislature from MDE.
- V. Approval of Action Items  
*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, November 19, 2009.)*
  02. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved submitting a request to the Governor that the Governor lift the state of emergency declared pursuant to Section 37-17-6 in the Jefferson Davis County School District (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
  04. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the report on action of the Commission on School

Accreditation concerning the assignment of district and school accreditation designations to become effective on November 23, 2009 (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

05. On a motion Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with James Reeves to serve as Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

06. On a motion Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Robert Strebeck to serve as Interim Conservator for the North Panola School District (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

07. On a motion Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Dr. George Gilreath to serve as Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

08. On a motion Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with James Malone to serve as Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

10. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 902 - GED Option Guidelines (copy attached).

**(Office of Student Performance)**

11. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to adopt a State Board Policy defining “inordinately large” as that term is used in Section 37-151-103(3) to determine average daily attendance as a result of epidemic, natural disaster, or any concerted activity discouraging school attendance under the Mississippi Adequate Education Program. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

**(Office of Policy and Operations)**

12. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the Carnegie unit credit for Management, Year 1 (Vocational) and Marketing & Economics, Year 1 (Vocational) to meet the Economics (Academic) and Personal Finance (Academic) requirements for high school graduation. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).

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

13. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) Advisory Board appointments (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
14. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NURSEstat, Inc. to provide nursing services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- VII. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached).
  - A. Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 Contracts with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) retirees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - B. Approval of report of FY 2010 contracts executed in October 2009  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - C. Approval to renew competitive contracts with various manufacturers to provide distribution of food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (All 7 Regions in the State)  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
  - D. Approval to modify contract with Carlen Henington to provide training and technical assistance to local school districts with disproportionate representation of minority students identified with Specific Learning Disability (SLD) as well as for those under identifying students who may be Emotionally Disturbed (EmD). Provide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) training to selected school districts  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
  - E. Approval to modify Interagency Agreement (IA) with Information Technology Services (ITS) and to extend the time on the Ciber Contract that is overseen under the IA  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
  - F. Approval of Financial Advisor for Water Valley School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**

G. Approval of persons, firms, corporations or associations authorized to sell bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**

VIII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

**2009 US Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools**

Center Hill Elementary, DeSoto County School District  
D'Iberville Elementary, Harrison County School District  
Rankin Elementary, Tupelo Public School District  
Long Beach Middle School, Long Beach School District

**November 2009 MDE Employee of the Month**

Mary Bobbitt

IX. State Board of Education

01. Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that she recently attended the National Governors Association meeting in Washington .

02. There were no requests for approval to attend meetings.

X. There was no other business discussed.

XI. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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