



## Mississippi Department of Education

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

### Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

October 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Dr. Sue Matheson, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was Mr. Hal Gage.

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 Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of September 10 - 11, 2009, Special Called Meeting of September 16, 2009, and Special Called Meeting of September 23, 2009.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add Item 23 to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

- IV. Mr. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:

- Distributed a copy of current state school attendance laws;
- Noted receiving the Legislative Report from Southern Regional Education Board and information on Mississippi's Children First Act;
- Reminded the Board of the Underperforming Task Force meeting on October 29 and 30 scheduled at the Jackson Marriott Hotel;
- Noted handout from NASBE on "Race to the Top" Competitive Grant Program;
- Noted a preclearance letter from the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, regarding the Children First Act;

- Asked Board members to review their calendar for interview dates for the search of the new Superintendent and also dates for a Board retreat; and
- Indicated that the Board would go into Executive Session upon adjournment of the regular meeting for discussion of the State Superintendent Search.

VI. Approval of Action Items

*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, October 22, 2009.)*

05. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland , seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the modification of the 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB and approved the QSCB Approval Process for Calendar Year 2010 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
07. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the growth component of the new State Accountability Model. The model cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
08. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland , the Board unanimously approved the revision of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2009*. The standards cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
10. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved an Interagency Agreement with Mississippi State University, Stennis Institute of Government, to assist the Mississippi Department of Education in the research and development of a "Race to the Top" grant application and continued assistance through the implementation of the grant (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
11. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved 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. The policy cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).

**(Office of Legislative Support)**

12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award a discretionary grant to the University of Mississippi, Institute for Education and Workforce Development for the purpose of providing training to administrators utilizing the National Institute for School

Leadership, Inc. (NISL) training model entitled *Leadership for Students with Disabilities Institute* (copy attached).

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

13. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved a three-year Interagency Agreement with the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) to provide a school program for children with autism (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
14. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the revised Student Performance Level Descriptors for the Mississippi Extended Curriculum Frameworks and the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
15. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved State Board Policy 7610 “Subject Area Testing Appeals Process” regarding Section II: Appeal for a Substitute Evaluation Process and to change the name to Section II to Appeal for an Alternative Assessment as a Substitute Evaluation. The policy cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
16. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Carnegie unit credit for Allied Health I/Health Science I to meet the Health requirement for high school graduation. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
17. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve 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 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
18. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award grants for the FY2010 Robotics/Engineering program initiative (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

19. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Endorsement Code 209 for Early Oral Intervention License for Birth-Kindergarten Hearing Impaired Children as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. The Endorsement Code cleared the Administrative Procedures Act Process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
20. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved New School Leadership Licensure Assessment (SLLA) Examination 1011 and Proposed Passing Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. The SLLA examination and Proposed Passing Score cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
21. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Mann and Associates to develop and implement a national teacher recruitment media and public relations campaign for the Mississippi Teacher Center (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
22. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process 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 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
23. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Leigh Warren to serve as the Principal of the Mississippi School for the Deaf at an annual salary of \$53,600.93 to become effective November 1, 2009 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- VII. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached):
  - A. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges necessary to operate Post-Secondary Vocational and Technical Education programs for the State of Mississippi  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

- B. Approval of School Attendance Annual Performance Report  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- C. Approval to award Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc. (JMG)  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- D. Approval to award a continuation grant for the Migrant Education Program  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- E. Approval to renew contract with First Intermed Corporation dba MEA Cares to provide a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- F. Approval of Fiscal Year 2010 Contracts with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) retirees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- G. Approval to modify grant awards for Hurricane Katrina Education Recovery Act through the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations for the non-public schools (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- H. Approval of report of FY 2010 contracts executed in September 2009  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- I. Approval to remove the financial advisor from the Greenville School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- J. Approval to remove the financial advisor from the Shaw School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- K. Approval of a new school site for the East Jasper School District  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- L. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts Child Nutrition Procurement Plan  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- M. Approval to modify the contract with MMI Dining Systems, L.L.C. to provide food services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
- N. Approval of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf Child Nutrition Procurement Plan  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- O. Approval of Education Commission of the States (ECS) dues \$67,700  
**(Office of the State Superintendent)**
- P. Approval to modify term and scope of contract with Rivers Educational Services  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
- Q. Approval to renew contract with Blackboard, Incorporated to provide and host an on-line instructional software solution for Vocational Education and Workforce Development  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

Dr. O. Wayne Gann left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. Jordan recognized Dr. Daphne Buckley who introduced Dr. Leigh Warren, newly appointed Principal for the Mississippi School of the Deaf and Ms. Sandra Edwards, Superintendent of the Mississippi School of the Deaf.

VIII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

**Mississippi Exemplary Teacher**

Dr. Judy Dalgo

**National Bridge Builders Contest**

**First Place Team**

Serena Khiantiani

Carleigh Ballard

Mikhail Garlean

**MDE October 2009 Employee of the Month**

Ms. Terissa Williams

Dr. Jordan recognized Mr. Ken Thompson, Office of Research and Statics and commended him for his work on the new Accountability System.

IX. State Board of Education

- 01. Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that she had attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at William Walton Elementary School in Jackson on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She also attended the NASBE 2009 Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, along with Mr. Claude Hartley. Ms. Richard noted that she was elected to serve as the Southern Area Director for NASBE. Ms. Richard also attended the Milken Awards in Gulfport recently.
- 02. There were no requests to attend meetings.

- X. At 9:20 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, 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 Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing 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.

#### Minutes of the Executive Session

During the executive session, the Board 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.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn from executive session.

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. William H. Jones announced that no action was taken in executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.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