

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 15, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010 in the 4th 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, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board members absent were: Mr. Hal Gage and Dr. Sue Matheson.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair. Mr. Jones noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during Board meetings.

Dr. Tom Burnham stated that the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation met on April 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. for a special called meeting to determine whether an extreme emergency situation exists in the Sunflower County School District, which jeopardizes the safety, security and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in that district and that a recommendation would be brought before the Board later in the meeting.

Dr. Burnham gave the following Report from the State Superintendent:

- Updated the Board on the latest House and Senate Education Bills;
- Reported that House Bill 1170 allows school districts to furlough employees if a local school board determines that a serious financial condition exists and that resources are insufficient to meet district obligations;
- Noted that the Legislature stands in recess until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, when they will convene to continue discussions on the FY2011 budget;
- Reported that during the legislative session many amendments, which all failed, were presented in bills to mandate that districts develop a uniform grading policy. Dr. Burnham also noted that there is discussion to examine this issue and determine if it can be addressed through State Board policy and/or guidance to districts;

- Reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Commission on Mississippi Educational Structure will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 216 at the State Capitol;
- Reported that he plans to meet with Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) to discuss the idea of utilizing RESAs to perform certain shared services for local school districts as a means to develop ideas on how to implement cost-sharing plans for the greatest benefit to the instructional process and the greatest cost savings to our school districts;
- Recognized Dr. Lynn House, who gave a report on the Race to the Top Application (copy on file); and,
- Welcomed Ms. Carol Paola, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children. Ms. Paola gave an update on the Mississippi Association for Gifted Children and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Dr. Larry Drawdy welcomed Dr. Mike Vinson, Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Dr. Vinson gave a report on Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Dr. Vinson thanked Dr. Gregory Stephens for his service and hard work in the school district.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract for the Conservator for Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract for the Interim Conservator for North Panola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract for the Interim Conservator for Tate County School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract for the Interim Conservator for Indianola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert and Dr. Kris Kaase discussed the contract with SERVE, Inc., to provide assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education in support of the 2010 E2T2 Summer Institute as regulated by Title II, Part D of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Lynn House and Dr. Terrie Johnson discussed modifying the contract with MGT of America to reduce the cost and scope of services as a result of a

decrease in federal funding and to extend the contract end date to allow time for the final evaluation report to be issued. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Dr. Johnson discussed distributing the Reading First grant awards to the Mississippi Reading First schools in support of districts' implementation of Reading First programs and practices. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Dr. Johnson discussed awarding competitive grants for the Even Start Family Literacy Program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. House and Ms. Simmons discussed modifying the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., (Pearson) to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) as outlined in the MCT2 Program 2010-2011 Budget Summary. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. House introduced and welcomed Mr. Earl McPeek, a representative with NCS Pearson, Inc. to the meeting.

Dr. House and Ms. Simmons discussed modifying the contract with Children's Progress to reduce the FY10 costs as a result of state budget cuts for the K-3 Assessment Program as outlined in the Children's Progress Academic Assessment Proposal dated March 25, 2010. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. Shane McNeill discussed awarding years three through five of a grant to the Mississippi State Department of Health to fulfill the requirements of a five-year cooperative agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the United States Department of Health and Human Services-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. Mike Mulvihill discussed the contract renewal with the Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to continue to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Second Edition (MS-CPAS2). Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed amending the Licensure Guidelines for Child Development PreK-K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed approving Licensure Requirements and Endorsement Codes for the four new 2010 Vocational Redesign Career Pathways as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Dr. Buckley discussed modifying the contract with C & B Enterprise, Inc. to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Mr. Robert Campbell discussed modification of the 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Burnham discussed amending State Board Policy No. 2601 (Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendent, Principal and Licensed Employee) and State Board Policy No.

2602 (Contingent Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts) as a result of HB 1170. Dr. Burnham recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Jones gave the Board an opportunity to discuss the following consent items:

- Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf 2010-2011 School Occupational Safety and Crisis Response Plan (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2010-2011 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School for the Deaf 2010-2011 Staff Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
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- Mississippi School of the Arts 2010-2011 Student Handbook (Daphne Buckley)
- Mississippi School of the Arts 2010-2011 Crisis Management Plan (Daphne Buckley)

- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Burnham noted that item 26, Consideration of Executive Session would be taken up after item 32.

Dr. Burnham welcomed Representative Sarah Thomas to the meeting.

Mr. John Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford gave a report from the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the Commission's determination that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Sunflower County School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in this District and that this emergency situation is related to serious violations of accreditation standards, state law and federal law (copy on file).

Ms. Vanderford discussed staff's concurrence with the Commission's finding and recommendation that the Board find that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Sunflower County School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in this District and that this emergency situation is related to serious violations of accreditation standards, state law and federal law. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed a resolution to be presented for the Board's approval on Friday to officially abolish the Sunflower County School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Sunflower County School District. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the appointment of a Conservator for the Sunflower County School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the contract for the appointed Conservator for the Sunflower County School District. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Jones gave Mr. Peirce McIntosh, Superintendent of Sunflower County School District, and others in the community or school district an opportunity to make remarks to the Board regarding this situation. Mr. McIntosh, Ms. Clara Phillips,

and Ms. Cordina Barber made remarks to the Board regarding Sunflower County School District.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann made a motion that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and litigation in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4)(a), (k) and (b) of the Mississippi Code. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted 6 to 0 to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to job performance, character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of persons holding specific positions in the Department and discussion of employment of persons in specific positions and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4) (a) and (k) of the Mississippi Code and for the purpose of strategy sessions with respect to litigation or issuance of an appealable order involving the Department of Education in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code.

Mr. Jones stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Ms. Cassandra Moore, and Mr. John Gilbert. Dr. Daphne Buckley remained in Executive Session for discussion with respect to litigation or issuance of an appealable order involving the Department.

Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to job performance, character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of persons holding specific positions in the Department and discussion of employment of persons in specific positions and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4)(a) and (k) of the Mississippi Code and for the purpose of strategy sessions with respect to litigation or issuance of an appealable order involving the Department of Education in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code.

Minutes of the Executive Session

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On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn from Executive Session.

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

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted 6 to 0 to adjourn the work session at 4:20 p.m.

Approved:



William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

April 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Martha Murphy, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, and Dr. Sue Matheson.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair. Mr. Jones noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during the Board meeting.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Rosetta Richard gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to make a correction to Ms. Richard's title on the minutes of the March 25-26, 2010 meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended minutes of the meeting of March 25-26, 2010.

- IV. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:

- Noted that a Board Retreat is planned for May 19, 2010 at Lockett Lodge;
- Stated that the information prepared by MDE staff on Charter School Legislation with talking points for the Board members was very helpful;
- Stated that information will be given to Board members about the maximum gaming taxes from other states; and,
- Stated that a request was received to change the June 17-18, 2010 Board meeting dates to June 24-25, 2010.

On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to change the June Board dates from June 17-18, 2010 to June 24-25, 2010.

VI. Other Action Items

03. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract for a Conservator for Okolona Municipal Separate School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
04. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract for an Interim Conservator for North Panola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
05. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract for an Interim Conservator for Tate County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
06. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract for an Interim Conservator for Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
07. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with SERVE, Inc., to provide assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education in support of the 2010 E2T2 Summer Institute as regulated by Title II, Part D of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
08. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with MGT of America to reduce the cost and scope of services as a result of a decrease in federal funding and to extend the contract end date to allow time for the final evaluation report to be issued (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the Even Start Family Literacy Program (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

10. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, 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 Enhancement and Internal Operations)

11. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award a grant to North Mississippi Regional Education Consortium to provide intense professional development institutes for literacy teams and technical assistance for Reading First schools (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award a grant to North Mississippi Regional Education Consortium to provide intense professional development institutes for literacy teams and technical assistance for Reading First Schools (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

13. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Riverside Publishing to provide technical services and products for the Elementary (Grade 5) and Middle (Grade 8) Grades Science Assessment Program for 2010-2011 as outlined in the Mississippi Science Tests Statement of Work (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

14. 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., (Pearson) to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) as outlined in the MCT2 Program 2010-2011 Budget Summary (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

15. 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., (Pearson) to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Writing Assessment Program (MWAP) as outlined in the MWAP 2010-2011 Budget Narrative (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

16. 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., (Pearson) to modify the scope of technical services

and products for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2) as outlined in the SATP2 2010-2011 Cost Narrative (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

17. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Children's Progress to reduce the FY10 costs as a result of state budget cuts for the K-3 Assessment Program as outlined in the Children's Progress Academic Assessment Proposal dated March 25, 2010 (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

18. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award years three through five of a grant to the Mississippi State Department of Health to fulfill the requirements of a five-year cooperative agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education and the United States Department of Health and Human Services-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

19. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract renewal with the Mississippi Assessment Center at the Research and Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to continue to provide technical services and products for the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System, Second Edition (MS-CPAS2) (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

20. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to amend the Licensure Guidelines for Child Development PreK-K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. The plan cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

21. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve Licensure Requirements and Endorsement Codes for the four new 2010 Vocational Redesign Career Pathways as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

22. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with C & B Enterprise, Inc. to provide security services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

23. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the modification of the 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

24. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved amending State Board Policy No. 2601 (Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendent, Principal and Licensed Employee) and State Board Policy No. 2602 (Contingent Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts) as a result of HB 1170 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)

25. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copy attached).
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

 - B. Approval of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf 2010-2011 School Occupational Safety and Crisis Response Plan
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - C. Approval of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science 2010-2011 Student Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - D. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2010-2011 Staff Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - E. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf 2010-2011 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

- F. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Deaf School Wellness Policy
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - G. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2010-2011 Staff Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - H. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind 2010-2011 Student Handbook and Academic Calendar
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - I. Approval of the Mississippi School for the Blind School Wellness Policy
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - J. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts School Wellness Policy
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - K. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2010-2011 Staff Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - L. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2010-2011 Student Handbook
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
 - M. Approval of the Mississippi School of the Arts 2010-2011 Crisis Management Plan
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
28. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously determined that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Sunflower County School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in this District and that this emergency situation is related to serious violations of accreditation standards, state law and federal law (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

29. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously determined to officially abolish the Sunflower County School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
30. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Sunflower County School District (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
31. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Robert Andrew Strebeck to serve as a Conservator for the Sunflower County School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
32. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract for Robert Andrew Strebeck, appointed Conservator for the Sunflower County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
33. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Oliver "Toby" Frazier to serve as an Education Bureau Manager in the Office of Management Information Systems at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective May 1, 2010 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
34. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Charles W. Evers to serve as an Education Bureau Director II in the Office of Educational Accountability at an annual salary of \$73,460.00 to become effective April 19, 2010 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)

VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

2009-2010 ATEF SCHOOLS

Leake County Career & Technical Center (Carthage, MS)

Glenda Holleyman, Director

Timmy Fanguy, Instructor

Leland Vocational-Technical Center (Leland, MS)

Deloris Wilson, Director
Jarvis Jernigan, Instructor
James Sample, Instructor

McKellar Technical Center (Columbus, MS)

Cathy Kemp, Director
Mike McCullough, Instructor
Randall Andrews, Instructor

Tippah Career & Technology Center (Ripley, MS)

Lane Bell, Director
Steve McKee, Instructor

Wayne County Vocational Complex (Waynesboro, MS)

Bobby Jones, Director
Lamon Brashier, Instructor
Matt Trisler, Instructor

April 2010 MDE Employee of the Month

Dannie White, Special Education Program Coordinator
Office of Special Education

VIII. State Board of Education


Mr. Claude Hartley reported that he spoke at a Science and Engineering Fair at Mississippi State University.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann reported that he and Ms. Kami Bumgarner attended the Interagency Health Taskforce Meeting.

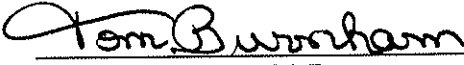
IX. There was no other business.

X. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Approved:



William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education