

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 19, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2010 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, Dr. Sue Matheson, and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

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

Dr. Burnham gave the following report from State Superintendent of Education:

- Stated that on August 9, 2010, the Disciplinary Policies & Procedures Review Committee chaired by Mr. Jim Keith and facilitated by Mr. Doug McQueen met to conduct a complete review of current board policies and state statutes that address educator misconduct and licensure revocation;
- Reported that Department leadership recently held a Strategic Planning Retreat facilitated by Mr. Doug McQueen to discuss how to best accomplish the State Board's three primary goals and that a follow-up meeting is scheduled for late September to appropriately implement the strategies/objectives generated during the retreat;
- Noted that the Board was provided with a copy of the summary from the Career & Technical Education Committee meeting that was held on August 13, 2010 (copy on file);
- Reported that the College & Career Readiness Task Force met August 18, 2010 to discuss appropriately preparing K-12 students for college and career opportunities and also noted that Ms. Rosetta Richard and Ms. Kami Bumgarner serve on this task force;
- Reported that the Mississippi Virtual Public School contract was reviewed and awarded to Connections Academy at the June meeting and that the contract would need to be brought back to the Board for modification to serve additional students in the 2010-2011 School Year;
- Stated the Department is committed to supporting the Blue Ribbon Administrator Redesign Task Force with funding from the Wallace Foundation Grant;
- Reported that the Department continues to work closely with the Governor's Office and key legislative leadership in hopes of Mississippi applying for and securing \$98 million in Federal Funds for school districts from the recent Education Jobs Bill passed by Congress to help schools districts hire and retain school level personnel;

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- Reported that the Department is working with state leadership to determine how the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) funding will affect K-12 education; and,
- Reported that U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, would visit Mississippi on August 27, 2010.

Dr. Larry Drawdy introduced and welcomed Dr. Oscar Love, Interim Conservator of North Panola School District. Dr. Love gave a report on the North Panola School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy introduced and welcomed Mr. Glenn Swan, Conservator of Hazlehurst City School District. Mr. Swan gave a report on the Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed the revision of State Board Policy 902 – GED Option Guidelines. The policy cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh discussed establishing State Board Policy 3106 – Educational Provisions for Students in Detention Centers. The policy cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Sonya Amis and Mr. James Hart discussed awarding additional grant dollars for the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations Program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Amis discussed the revision of State Board Policy 2500 – *Contracts*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Amis discussed the revision of State Board Policy 3900 – *Grants/Subgrants*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. Shane McNeill discussed the revision of State Board Policy 2001 – *Administrators*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed the revision of State Board Policy 2003 – *Family Day Care*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed the revision of State Board Policy 2004 – *Day Care Management Plans*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed the revision of State Board Policy 2006 – *Eligibility, Management, and Monitoring (Child Care Programs)*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed the revision of State Board Policy 4011 – Nutrition Regulations for the Child Nutrition School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed the revision of State Board Policy 4012 – *Physical Education/Comprehensive Health Education Rules and Regulations*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed awarding competitive grants for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. McNeill discussed the contract with Murle Kitchen to assist with management of the Statewide Purchasing Program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Trecina Green and Mr. Chauncey Spears discussed the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Green and Mr. Spears discussed the *Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects*. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Green and Mr. Spears discussed the revision of the *Mississippi Social Studies Framework*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Jean Massey discussed the revision of the *Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks*. Dr. House recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. House and Mr. Quentin Ransburg discussed modifying the contract with Brustein and Manasevit Attorneys at Law to provide technical assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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

Dr. House and Mr. Ransburg discussed removing Amanda Elzy High School from the list of awardees and adding Port Gibson High School to the list of awardees for grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the state as authorized under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Jan Kirkland discussed the Performance Level Descriptors for the *2010 Mississippi Science Curriculum Framework* for statewide assessments in grade 5, grade 8 and Biology I. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Kirkland discussed modifying the contract with Children's Progress to reduce the cost and scope of services as a result of a decrease in state funding. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed the revision of *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2009*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the establishment of State Board Policy 403 – Grading (Item 40). This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Toby Frazier discussed modifying contract with Ciber, Inc. for nine (9) additional months, to provide technical support and training for Mississippi public school districts. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the request by Mississippi State University to modify the Agricultural Information Science Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request by Mississippi State University to modify the Elementary Education Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request by William Carey University to offer Bachelor and Master Level Technical and Occupational Education Programs as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request by Mississippi College to modify the Education Specialist Degree Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request by Mississippi College to modify the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program to include a concentration in curriculum & instruction as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request by Belhaven University to modify the Elementary Education program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the request by Jackson State University to reinstate Secondary Teacher Education programs in Physics & Physical Science as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the new Five-Year Renewable License and Endorsement Code 216 for Speech/Language Teacher as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the five new Praxis Tests and Passing Scores as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley and Ms. Raina Lee discussed the new Praxis Test for Braille Competency and Passing Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the appointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed processing the payment to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) for deposit into the State Student Financial Aid Fund. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Burnham discussed the appointment of the Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of School Recovery. Dr. Burnham recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Burnham discussed the appointment of a hearing officer to hear appeals from school districts under conservatorship. Dr. Burnham recommended approval on Friday.

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

- Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Dr. O. Wayne Gann made a motion that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session for strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code, transaction of business and discussion regarding security plans and devices in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(c) and for discussion of investigative proceedings in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(d). The motion was seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 8 to 0.

On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted 8 to 0 to go into Executive Session for the purpose of strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Mississippi Board of Education and Department of Education in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code, transaction of business and discussion regarding reports, development of courses of action regarding security plans and devices in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(c) and for discussion of investigative proceedings in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(d). On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted 8 to 0 to amend the motion to go into Executive Session to include for the purpose of transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance and professional competence of persons holding specific positions pursuant to Section 25-41-7(4)(a).

Mr. McClelland stated the following were to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Lynn House, Ms. Kathy Boteler, and Mr. John Gilbert.

Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Mississippi Board of Education and Department of Education in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code, transaction of business and discussion regarding reports, development of courses of action regarding security plans and devices in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(c) and for discussion of investigative proceedings in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(d). Ms. Boteler informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session to include for the purpose of transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to

the job performance and professional competence of persons holding specific positions pursuant to Section 25-41-7(4)(a).

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy sessions with respect to litigation and prospective litigation involving the Mississippi Board of Education and Department of Education in accordance with Sections 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code, transaction of business and discussion regarding reports, development of courses of action regarding security plans and devices in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(c), for discussion of investigative proceedings in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(d), and for the purpose of transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance and professional competence of persons holding specific positions pursuant to Section 25-41-7(4)(a).

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to adjourn from Executive Session.


Upon returning to the regular session, Mr. Charles McClelland announced that no action was taken.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the work session at 3:25 p.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

August 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 20, 2010, 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Martha Murphy, Mr. Claude Hartley, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Mr. William H. Jones.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles McClelland, Chair. Mr. McClelland 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 Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting on July 15-16, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda by adding item 41: requesting approval to invalidate MAAECF (alternate assessment) scores based on questionable validity of results, while holding harmless those schools/districts negatively impacted.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented with the added item.

- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Chair's Report:
  - Welcomed Mr. Johnny Franklin from the Governor's Office, Mr. Henry Flowers and Dr. Limmie Flowers to the Board meeting;
  - Introduced and thanked his family for their support;
  - Thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to lead the Board and stated his passion for low performing schools;
  - Provided a list of Board members assigned to various Board subcommittees and requested that the list be reviewed and discussed at the September meeting;
  - Noted that the October 20-21, 2010 Board meeting would be held in Oxford, Mississippi and provided a schedule of the events to be held; and,
  - Stated that funds have been secured to purchase banners for Star Schools and Districts. Also mentioned the possibility of purchasing banners for Low Performing Schools making progress in recognition of the accomplishments of students in these school districts.

Dr. Sue Matheson made a recommendation that a letter be sent from the Board to each school district that improved by one performance classification.

VI. Approval of Action Items

*(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, August 19, 2010.)*

04. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to revise State Board Policy 902 – GED Option Guidelines. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment that was presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
05. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to establish State Board Policy 3106 – Educational Provisions for Students in Detention Centers. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
06. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award additional grant dollars for the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
07. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 2500 – Contracts (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
08. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 3900 – Grants/Subgrants (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
09. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 2001 – Administrators (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
10. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 2003 – Family Day Care (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**

11. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 2004 – Day Care Management Plans (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
12. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 2006 – Eligibility, Management, and Monitoring (Child Care Programs) (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
13. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 4011 – Nutrition Regulations for the Child Nutrition School Breakfast and Lunch Programs (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
14. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 4012 – Physical Education/Comprehensive Health Education Rules and Regulations (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
15. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
16. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Murle Kitchen to assist with management of the Statewide Purchasing Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
17. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
18. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved of the *Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects*. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**

19. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Social Studies Framework* (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
20. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks* (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
21. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Brustein and Manasevit Attorneys at Law to provide technical assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
22. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to remove Amanda Elzy High School from the list of awardees and add Port Gibson High School to the list of awardees for grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the state as authorized under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
23. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Performance Level Descriptors for the *2010 Mississippi Science Curriculum Framework* for statewide assessments in grade 5, grade 8, and Biology I. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
24. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Children's Progress to reduce the cost and scope of services as a result of a decrease in state funding (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
25. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2009* (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**

26. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Ciber, Inc. for nine (9) additional months to provide technical support and training for Mississippi public school districts (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
  
27. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by Mississippi State University to modify the Agricultural Information Science Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  
28. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by Mississippi State University to modify the Elementary Education Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  
29. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by William Carey University to offer Bachelor and Master Level Technical and Occupational Education Programs as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  
30. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by Mississippi College to modify the Education Specialist Degree Program in Educational Leadership as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  
31. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by Mississippi College to modify the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program to include a Concentration in Curriculum & Instruction as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

32. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by Belhaven University to modify the Elementary Education program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
33. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the request by Jackson State University to reinstate Secondary Teacher Education programs in Physics & Physical Science as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
34. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a new Five-Year Renewable License and Endorsement Code 216 for Speech/Language Teachers as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
35. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve five new Praxis Tests and Passing Scores as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
36. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a new Praxis Test for Braille Competency and Passing Score as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
37. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the appointments to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
38. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to process payment to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) for deposit into the State Student Financial Aid Fund (copy attached).  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

39. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Kim S. Benton to serve as Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of School Recovery at an annual salary of \$100,200.00 effective September 1, 2010 (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
40. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the Establishment of State Board Policy 403 – Grading. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Educational Accountability)**
41. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to invalidate MAAECF (alternate assessment) scores based on questionable validity of results, while holding harmless those schools/districts negatively impacted (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
42. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. John Gipson Compton to serve as a hearing officer to hear appeals from school districts under conservatorship (copy attached).  
**(Office of State Superintendent)**
43. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the following consent item (copy attached):
  - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)**
- VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

**Winning teams in the first annual Mississippi ProStart Invitational**

First Place Culinary Team  
Biloxi High School (Biloxi School District)

First Place Management Team  
Carl Keen Vocational Center (Clarksdale School District)

**August 2010 MDE Employee of the Month**

Tina Sellers  
Project Officer IV  
Office of Student Assessment

Dr. Tom Burnham took the opportunity to thank Mr. Quentin Ransburg for his years of service to the Department as Bureau Manager in the Office of Innovative Support. Mr. Ransburg will be working with the Jackson Public Schools.

VIII. State Board of Education

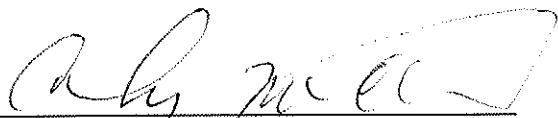
Dr. Sue Matheson and Ms. Kami Bumgarner reported that they attended the NASBE New School Board Member Orientation recently.

IX. There was no other business.

Dr. Tom Burnham noted that the Legislative Budget Hearings would be held on September 21, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Woolfolk Building and invited the Board to attend.

X. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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