

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 18, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 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, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent: Ms. Martha Murphy.

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.

On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item 24 to read: Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add to the consent items, item E: Discussion of the Resolution for the 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act.

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

- Updated the Board on the latest House and Senate Education Bills;
- Stated that the Department was not able to move forward with the Teachers to Teachers.com contract due to procurement timelines associated with advertising the request for proposals and that the contract will be brought back to the Board at a later date;
- Updated the Board on the Governor's Budget Cuts through February 5, 2010;
- Noted that he had recently received a letter from State Auditor Stacey Pickering informing the Department that there were no findings as a result of audit procedures and compliance tests of the Department of Finance and Administration – Office of Insurance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009;
- Reported that Education Week recently released its Quality Counts report and that Mississippi was graded at a B-plus in its Standards, Assessment and Accountability category;
- Reported that Ms. Rosetta Richard had recently attended a meeting on the Common Core of Standards; and,
- Welcomed Dr. Lynn House to the Department.

Dr. Lynn House gave a brief overview of the Race to the Top Application, School Improvement Grants, and a review of the Literacy Programs (copy on file).

Dr. Burnham introduced and welcomed Dr. Dick Boyd to the Board meeting. Dr. Boyd gave a report on plans of the Mississippi Recovery School District Legislation (copy on file).

Mr. Robert Strebeck gave a report on North Panola School District (copy on file).

Mr. James Malone and Mr. Ronnie Watson gave a report on Tate County School District (copy on file).

Mr. Shane McNeill welcomed Mr. Don Arnette, Southeastern Director for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Mr. Arnette and his team are working in Mississippi to identify ways that USDA can best support Mississippi in their school health efforts.

Mr. McNeill welcomed Ms. Therese Hanna, Executive Director, Center for Mississippi Health Policy to the meeting. Mr. McNeill and Ms. Hanna gave a report on the Evaluation of the Mississippi Healthy Students Act (copy on file).

Ms. Jean Massey discussed an initial Accredited status for Millcreek of Ripley School. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Massey discussed an initial Accredited status for CARES School-Hattiesburg. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed the contract modification with Sara Maghan to perform duties related to the 2009-2010 Mississippi Coaches Academy. Ms. Vanderford recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Vanderford discussed the contract modification with Peggy Williams to perform duties related to the 2009-2010 Mississippi Coaches Academy. Ms. Vanderford recommended approval on Friday.

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

Mr. Hill discussed the contract modification with Ciber, Inc., for four (4) additional months to provide technical support and training for Mississippi public school districts. Mr. Hill recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kris Kaase discussed the contract modification with Dr. Kristin Johnson-Gros to develop materials for the Response to Intervention (RtI) training and conduct RtI trainings. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the textbook ratings, as recommended by the 2009 State Rating Textbook Adoption Committee. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract with textbook vendors recommended by the 2009 State Rating Textbook Adoption Committee contingent upon the execution of a textbook bond. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract modification with The Riverside Publishing Company to reduce the scope of technical services and products for the Elementary (Grade 5) and Middle (Grade 8) Grades Science Assessment Program as outlined in the Mississippi Science Tests – Scope Reduction. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed modifying the language in the methodology for awarding grants to Mississippi colleges, universities, and educational consortiums to support activities that recruit, retain, and enhance Mississippi educators to allow the awarding of grants on a discretionary basis. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed amending the Licensure Guidelines for Child Development PreK-K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Ms. Massey discussed the Report from the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the Commission's determination that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Okolona Municipal Separate 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 concerns regarding financial resources, serious violations of accreditation standards and a continued pattern of poor student performance.

Ms. Massey discussed the staff's concurrence with the Commission's finding and recommendation that the Board find that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Okolona Municipal Separate School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in the District and that this emergency situation is related to serious concerns regarding financial resources, serious violations of accreditation standards and a continued pattern of poor student performance. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Massey discussed a resolution to be presented for the Board's approval on Friday to officially abolish the Okolona Municipal Separate School District based on a finding that an extreme emergency exists in the school district.

Ms. Massey discussed the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Ms. Massey

recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Massey discussed the appointment of a Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Massey discussed the contract for the appointed Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Ms. Massey recommended approval on Friday.

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

- Fiscal Year 2010 contracts with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) retirees receiving retirement benefits (Martez Hill)
- New school site for Madison County School District (Martez Hill)
- Report of Fiscal Year 2010 contracts approved in January 2010 (Martez Hill)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)
- Resolution for the 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act (Martez Hill)

Dr. O. Wayne Gann made a motion that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 7 to 0.

On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted 7 to 0 to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters concerning the operation of the Department of Education, including the employment, reassignment and/or reorganization of staff in specific offices and positions within the Department of Education and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(a) of the Mississippi Code.

Mr. Jones stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Ms. Kathy Boteler, Ms. Cassandra Moore, and Mr. John Gilbert.

Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters concerning the operation of the Department of Education, including the employment, reassignment and/or reorganization of staff in specific offices and positions within the Department 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 concerning the operation of the Department of Education, including the employment, reassignment and/or reorganization of staff in specific offices and positions within the Department 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. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn from Executive Session.

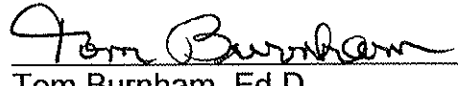
Upon returning to the regular session, Mr. William H. Jones announced that no action was taken.

On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted 7 to 0 to adjourn the work session at 3:55 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

February 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 19, 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, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Ms. Martha Murphy.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
- II. Ms. Kami Bumgarner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Rosetta Richard gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item 24 – Approval of the reorganization/restructuring plan and item E under the Consent Items – Approval of Resolution for the 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act.

On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Reminded Board members of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Reception in the North Atrium.
 - Reminded Board members that the March Board meeting has been scheduled for March 25-26, 2010.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, February 18, 2010.)
06. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved an initial Accredited status for Millcreek of Ripley School (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)

07. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved an initial Accredited status for CARES School-Hattiesburg (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
08. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Sara Maghan to perform duties related to the 2009-2010 Mississippi Coaches Academy (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
09. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Peggy Williams to perform duties related to the 2009-2010 Mississippi Coaches Academy (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
10. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved 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 Policy and Operations)
11. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Ciber, Inc., for four (4) additional months, to provide technical support and training for Mississippi public school districts (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
12. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Dr. Kristin Johnson-Gros to develop additional materials for the Response to Intervention (Rtl) training and conduct Rtl trainings (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
13. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved textbook ratings, as recommended by the 2009 State Rating Textbook Adoption Committee (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
14. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with textbook vendors recommended by the 2009 State Rating Textbook Adoption Committee contingent upon the execution of a textbook bond (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

15. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with The Riverside Publishing Company, to reduce the scope of technical services and products for the Elementary (Grade 5) and Middle (Grade 8) Grades Science Assessment Program as outlined in the Mississippi Science Tests – Scope Reduction (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
16. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to modify language in the methodology for awarding grants to Mississippi colleges, universities, and educational consortiums to support activities that recruit, retain, and enhance Mississippi educators to allow the awarding of grants on a discretionary basis (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
17. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To amend the Licensure Guideline for Child Development PreK-K as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
19. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously determined that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Okolona Municipal Separate School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools in the District and that this emergency situation is related to serious concerns regarding financial resources, serious violations of accreditation standards and a continued pattern of poor student performance (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
20. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously determined to officially abolish the Okolona Municipal Separate School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
21. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously approved the request to the Governor that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the Okolona Municipal Separate School District (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)

22. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously approved appointment of a Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)

23. On a motion by Ms. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously approved a contract for the appointed Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District contingent upon a declaration of a state of emergency in the District by the Governor (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)

24. On a motion by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the plan for the reassignment and reorganization of staff in specific Offices and positions within the Mississippi Department of Education presented in the Core Structure Organization Chart and the Reorganization/Restructuring Plan (Exhibits A and B) as presented in Executive Session (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent)

VII. Approval of Consent Items

A. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously approved Fiscal Year 2010 contracts with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) retirees receiving retirement benefits (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)

B. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously approved a new school site for Madison County School District (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)

E. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. Wayne O. Gann, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution for the 2009 Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

Marsha Hobbs, Mississippi Science PAEMST Finalist

Linda Parrott, Mississippi Science PAEMST Finalist

Laura Zarandona, Mississippi Mathematics PAEMST Finalist
Jennifer Wilson, Mississippi Mathematics PAEMST Finalist

Suzie Welch, Mississippi Mathematics PAEMST Finalist
Jeanette Simmons, National Science PAEMST Awardee
Amy Ellis, National Mathematics PAEMST Awardee

MDE Employee of the Month January 2010

Mr. Angelo Nuzzo, Branch Director
Office of Safe and Orderly

MDE Employee of the Month February 2010

Ms. Donna Stubbs, Accountant Auditor II
Office of Child Nutrition

IX. State Board of Education

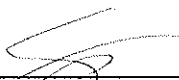
Ms. Rosetta Richard reported on the Common Core State Standards Initiative. She stated that Mississippi needs all of our students to be well prepared and ready to compete with not only their American peers, but with students from around the world.

X. Other Business

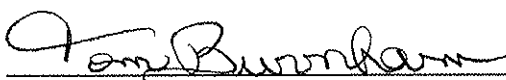
There was no other business.

XI. On a motion by Dr. Wayne O Gann, 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