

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 24, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 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: Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Dr. Sue Matheson. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Ms. Martha Murphy, Mr. Hal Gage, and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

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

- Noted the Friday Board meeting would be held at Ridgeland High School in Ridgeland, Miss., due to the water emergency situation in the City of Jackson;
- Stated that the budget would be released to department staff soon and there would be a 25 percent reduction from FY 2010;
- Stated that a work group would be brought together including local superintendents, the Attorney General's office, and other professional organizations to work on strengthening the current laws and policies on educator misconduct and revoking teacher licenses, with recommendations for policy and statute changes to be brought to the Board; and,
- Advised the Board that a draft copy of the Five Year Strategic Plan for FY 2010 – 2016 will be mailed to them and requested they review and provide feedback so the Plan can be included on the July agenda for discussion and approval.

Dr. Lynn House gave an update on the Race to the Top application and noted that on June 1, 2010 the Race to the Top application was delivered to the U. S. Department of Education. Dr. House thanked and recognized staff for their hard work and long hours in preparing the application.

Dr. Burnham welcomed Dr. Doris Smith, Educational Leadership Masters Program Coordinator, Mississippi College and the Mississippi College Cohort II group to the meeting.

Dr. Larry Drawdy noted due to the water emergency situation in the City of Jackson, there would be no report on the Indianola School District and the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Copies of the reports were provided.

Dr. Drawdy and Mr. Robert Strebeck gave a report on the Sunflower County School District (copy attached). Dr. Drawdy also welcomed Mr. Conwell Duke, Community

Liaison, and Mr. Paul Baggett, Financial Consultant, from the Sunflower County School District to the meeting.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed modifying the contract with American Council on Education, General Educational Development (GED) Testing Service for the GED Option Program. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh discussed the revision of State Board Policy 902 – GED Option Guidelines. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh discussed piloting the Alternative Education Guidebook for one year statewide. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh discussed piloting the revised Mississippi Comprehensive Counseling Curriculum for one year statewide. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Lynn House and Ms. Trecina Green discussed a temporary and proposed rule to adopt the *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*. Dr. House recommended approval for a temporary and proposed rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

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Dr. House discussed awarding 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.

Mr. John Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed an Accredited status for Dynamic Dyslexia Design; the 3-D School. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Todd Ivey discussed the Transportation Density Rate Table to be used in the calculation of the FY 2010 Mississippi Adequate Education Program Allocation. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ivey discussed the \$550,000 loan from the School District Emergency Assistance Fund to the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the reports which contain student, fiscal and personnel data subject to State Board of Education policy on withholding Mississippi Adequate Education Program Funds for the 2010-2011 school year (SBP – 4904). Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the contract with Dr. Stephen Walter Hebbler to assist with the Annual Yearly Progress calculations and Accountability Reporting. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert, Dr. House, and Dr. Kris Kaase discussed awarding the contract for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the contract with MMI Dining Systems, L.L.C. to provide food service on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed awarding a continuation grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program (subject to availability of funds). Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Buckley discussed the Educator Preparation Program Accreditation for the Institutions that met the 2009 Process and Performance Standards as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Licensure and Certification and Development. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the contract with K & I Services to perform housekeeping duties on the campus of Mississippi School of the Arts. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Jones gave the Board a brief recess at 11:06 am and reconvened at 11:12 am.

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

- Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- Statewide Child Nutrition Purchasing Program's Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Statement and Fiscal Year 2011 Fee Structure (Lynn House)
- Contract with the Department of Finance and Administration, Capitol Police, for the provision of security services at the Mississippi Department of Education, Central High School Building (Paul Sumrall)
- Grant awards for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, House Bills 1622 and 1059 (subject to the availability of funds) (Paul Sumrall)
- New school site for the Clinton Public School District (Larry Drawdy)
- Modification of the 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB (Larry Drawdy)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

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On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the work session at 11:17 a.m.

Approved:



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William H. Jones, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 25, 2010, in the Media Center at Ridgeland High School, 586 Sunnybrook Road, Ridgeland, MS due to water problems in the City of Jackson. Board members present were: Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Dr. Sue Matheson, and Mr. Charles McClelland. Board members absent were: Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

- 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 Dr. O. Wayne Gann gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 20-21, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
  - Noted that a taskforce to review misconduct between teachers and students will be established.
- VI. Other Action Items
  05. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with American Council on Education, General Educational Development (GED) Testing Service for the GED Option Program (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
  06. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 902 – GED Option Guidelines (copy attached).  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**

07. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to pilot the Alternative Education Guidebook for one year statewide (copy attached).  
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08. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved to pilot the revised Mississippi Comprehensive Counseling Curriculum for one year statewide (copy attached).  
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09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics as a temporary rule to become effective immediately based on finding of imminent peril to public welfare in the loss of substantial federal funds from the Race to the Top Grant and that the Board begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to adopt the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)**
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- E. Approval of new school site for the Clinton Public School District  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
- F. Approval of modification of the 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB  
**(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)**
- VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

**Congressional District Finalists for Administrator of the Year**

Mitchell Shears (Alternate Administrator of the Year)  
Principal, Clause Elementary School, Jackson, MS  
Jackson Public School District (Congressional District 2)

Christy Carroll  
Principal, Lawhon Elementary School, Tupelo, MS  
Tupelo Public School District (Congressional District 1)

Norman Session  
Principal, Pisgah High School, Sandhill, MS  
Rankin County School District (Congressional District 3)

**2010 Administrator of the Year**

Billy Ray Jones Jr.  
Principal, Wayne County High School, Waynesboro, MS  
Wayne County School District

**June 2010 MDE Employee of the Month**

Patricia Dalton  
Information Technology Planner  
Office of Management Information Systems

- VIII. State Board of Education

Mr. Claude Hartley provided an update on Project PASS (Partnership for All Students' Success). He represented the Mississippi State Board of Education at a meeting for Project PASS in Chicago. This is a partnership between NASBE and the U.S. Army.

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Commander Michael Curry noted that the Jackson Public School District has applied to be one of the pilot sites for this program and that the pilot program may be funded by 21st Century funds.

Mr. William Jones reported that he recently spoke at a meeting in Hattiesburg, Miss. for candidates in the Administrator Alternate Route program.

Mr. Claude Hartley reported that he had also recently spoken at a similar meeting in Tupelo, Miss. for Administrator Alternate Route candidates.

Mr. Jones reminded the Board that the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Summer Conference will be held in Biloxi, Miss. at the Beau Rivage Resort on July 11-16, 2010.

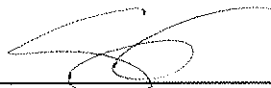
On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2011 (copy attached).

IX. There was no other business.

Mr. Jones thanked the staff at the Ridgeland High School for their hospitality and hard work in preparing for the Board meeting.

X. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Approved:



William H. Jones, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education



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