

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

May 20, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 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, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. Sue Matheson, 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 the State Superintendent:

- Reported that Superintendent's Regional Meetings were held on the Coast, Meridian, and Hattiesburg and that Editorial Board meetings were conducted to inform the press on the Race to the Top application; and,
- Reported that the 18 to 20 % reduction in the MDE budget funding below the original FY 2010 budget would cause a difficult year for the Department.

Dr. Burnham left the Board meeting to attend a meeting at the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Dr. Larry Drawdy welcomed Mr. James Reeves, Conservator, and Ms. Suzanne Smith, Financial Consultant, for the Hazlehurst City School District. Ms. Smith gave a report on the district finances and Mr. Reeves gave a report on Hazlehurst City School District. Dr. Drawdy thanked Mr. Reeves for his work with the district since he will be leaving the Conservator position on June 30, 2010.

Dr. Drawdy welcomed Mr. Glenn Swan, Interim Conservator, for North Panola School District. He also welcomed Dr. Oscar Love, Jr. who is recommended to be the new Interim Conservator for North Panola School District starting June 15, 2010. Mr. Swan gave a report on North Panola School District. Dr. Drawdy thanked Mr. Swan for the work he has done in North Panola. Dr. Love was given an opportunity to address the Board. He thanked them for the opportunity to serve as Interim Conservator.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract with Mr. Robert Strebeck for the Conservator for Sunflower County School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the appointment of Mr. Glenn Swan as the Conservator for Hazlehurst City School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the contract modification for the appointed Conservator to be reassigned to Hazlehurst City School District from North Panola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed the appointment of Dr. Oscar Love, Jr. as the Interim Conservator for the North Panola 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. Lynn House discussed modifying the contract with the Regional Educational Service Agencies to facilitate Response to Intervention Tier 2 Training. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Burnham returned to the Board meeting.

Dr. House discussed the methodology to award grant funds in support of local improvement efforts authorized by Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Dr. House welcomed Ms. Rachel Hicks, Executive Director for Mississippi First, and thanked her for the help she has provided. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House discussed the contract with Rivers Educational Services to assist in the development of a cohesive and strategic plan that will increase productivity and efficiency in Federal Programs. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House welcomed Ms. Ann Moore, Ms. Ellen Burnham, and Dr. Alan Coulter to the Board meeting. Dr. Coulter presented the Annual Report on the Modified Mattie T. Consent Decree. The Board members thanked Dr. Coulter for this informative presentation.

Dr. House discussed the contract with Brenda J. Hankins/Applied Training to develop the Recertification Course for School Food Service Administrators and Program Managers. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. John Gilbert and Mr. Todd Ivey discussed the contract with Tann, Brown & Russ Co., PLLC to calculate Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, and 2014 Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) preliminary and revised estimated Base

Student Cost and the preliminary and revised total cost estimate. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Dr. Kris Kaase discussed recommendations of the Commission on School Accreditation that Quality of Distribution Index (QDI) cut scores and growth model constants and coefficients applied to 2009-2010 performance standards remain the same as the 2008-2009 cut scores. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Robin Silas discussed awarding the contract in support of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2010. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Toby Frazier discussed modifying the contract with CIBER for three additional months to provide technical support and training for Mississippi public school districts. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed changing the Licensure Guidelines for the Three – Year Interim Certification to extend the license for Speech/Language Clinicians (215 license) and Emotional Disability (206) for one additional year. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the 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.

Dr. Buckley discussed school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed awarding a grant with Teach For America/MS Delta (TFA) to recruit, train, and support recent college graduates who commit to teach in hard to staff schools for two years. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the contract with BFI Waste Services, LLC d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Jackson #823 to provide waste disposal services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Hal Gage made a motion that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss prospective litigation or issuance of an appealable order involving the Mississippi Department of Education in accordance Section 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 8 to 0.

On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted 8 to 0 to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing prospective litigation or issuance of an appealable order involving the Mississippi 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. Raina Lee, Dr. Daphne Buckley, Ms. Cindy Coon, and Mr. J. D. Woodcock.

Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing prospective litigation or issuance of an appealable order involving the Mississippi Department of Education in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(b) of the Mississippi Code.

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed prospective 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.

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

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

Dr. Burnham discussed the contract with Dr. Larry Drawdy to perform the administrative duties for the position of Deputy Superintendent in the Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery. 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)
- Renew competitive contracts with various distributors for distribution of bread and produce products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- Renew competitive contracts with various distributors for distribution of food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- Contract with Dr. Jeanne Lebow to provide instructional services in Literary Arts to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with Dorothy McClendon to provide part-time instructional services in Science to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with Tammy Stanford Williams to provide instructional services in Dance, Movement, and Theatre to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with Jennifer A. Jackson to provide services as the Coordinator of School Advancement at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with Employers Drug Program Management, Inc. to coordinate and administer the Mississippi Department of Education drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act (Cassandra Moore)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)


Dr. Burnham reported that the Mississippi State Personnel Board had approved the Mississippi Department of Education's Restructuring Plan and the Reduction in Force (RIF) Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the work session at 1:59 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

May 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 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, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. Sue Matheson, 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. Ms. Martha Murphy 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 voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 15-16, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. William H. Jones gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Noted that the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) 2010 Annual Conference would be held October 14-16, 2010 in Salt Lake City, Utah; and,
 - Noted that comments and complaints had been received regarding students who could not participate in graduation exercises for failing to pass a subject area test. He also noted that the standards have been in place since 1970, that the Board would not change their stand on the graduation process and that the Commission on School Accreditation would be asked to look at this standard and make a recommendation to be brought to the Board.
- VI. Other Action Items
 04. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract for a Conservator for Sunflower County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

05. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of a Conservator for Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
06. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract modification for appointed Conservator to be reassigned to Hazlehurst City School District from North Panola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
07. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Interim Conservator for the North Panola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
08. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the contract for appointed Interim Conservator for North Panola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
09. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved modifying the contract with the Regional Educational Service Agencies to facilitate Response to Intervention Tier 2 Training (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
10. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award grant funds in support of local improvement efforts authorized by Section 1003(g) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
11. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Rivers Educational Services to assist in the development of a cohesive and strategic plan that will increase productivity and efficiency in Federal Programs (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)
13. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Brenda J. Hankins/Applied Training to develop the Recertification Course for School Food Service Administrators and Program Managers (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

14. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Tann, Brown & Russ Co., PLLC to calculate Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, and 2014 Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) preliminary and revised estimated Base Student Cost and the preliminary and revised total cost estimate (copy attached).

(Office of Educational Accountability)

15. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board approved the recommendations of the Commission on School Accreditation that Quality of Distribution Index (QDI) cut scores and growth model constants and coefficients applied to 2009-2010 performance standards remain the same as the 2008-2009 cut scores (copy attached).

The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Mr. Hal Gage
 Mr. Charles McClelland
 Dr. Sue Matheson
 Ms. Kami Bumgarner
 Ms. Martha Murphy
 Dr. O. Wayne Gann
 Mr. Claude Hartley

Member voting nay: Ms. Rosetta Richard
(Office of Educational Accountability)

16. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to award a contract in support of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2010 (copy attached).

(Office of Educational Accountability)

17. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to award grants in support of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2010 (copy attached).

(Office of Educational Accountability)

18. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to award grants in support of Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2010 (copy attached).

(Office of Educational Accountability)

19. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with CIBER for three additional months, to provide technical support and training for Mississippi public school districts (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
20. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to change the Licensure Guidelines for the Three - Year Interim Certificate to extend the license for Speech/Language Clinicians (215 license) and Emotional Disability (206) for one additional year. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
21. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the 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. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (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 school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
23. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to award a grant with Teach For America/MS Delta (TFA) to recruit, train, and support recent college graduates who commit to teach in hard to staff schools for two years (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
24. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to contract with BFI Waste Services, LLC d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Jackson #823 to provide waste disposal services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

25. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to uphold the April 1, 2010 decision to revoke License No. 174094 rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

26. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Dr. Larry Drawdy to perform the administrative duties for the position of Deputy Superintendent in the Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent)

27. On a motion by Ms. Martha Murphy, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, 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 to renew competitive contracts with various distributors for distribution of bread and produce products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

 - C. Approval to renew competitive contracts with various distributors for distribution of food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program
(Office of Instructional Enhancement and Internal Operations)

 - D. Approval to contract with Dr. Jeanne Lebow to provide instructional services in Literary Arts to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - E. Approval to contract with Dorothy McClendon to provide part-time instructional services in Science to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

 - F. Approval to contract with Tammy Stanford Williams to provide instructional services in Dance, Movement, and Theatre to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts
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G. Approval to contract with Jennifer A. Jackson to provide services as the Coordinator of School Advancement at the Mississippi School of the Arts

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

H. Approval to contract with Employers Drug Program Management, Inc. to coordinate and administer the Mississippi Department of Education drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act

(Office of the State Superintendent)

VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

2010 Exemplary Inclusion Schools

Oak Park Elementary School (Ocean Springs School District)

DeSoto Central Middle School (DeSoto County School District)

2010 Title I Distinguished Schools

Central Elementary School (George County School District)

Watkins Elementary School (Jackson Public Schools)

May 2010 MDE Employee of the Month

Richard Andrew Royes

Information Technology Planner

Office of Communications

VIII. State Board of Education

01. There was no report on meetings attended.

02. It was noted that Mr. Claude Hartley and Ms. Rosetta Richard will attend the NASBE Conference in June, 2010.

It was noted that Dr. Sue Matheson and Ms. Kami Bumgarner will attend the new State Board Members Institute training in Washington, DC in July, 2010.

IX. There was no other business.

X. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

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Approved:



William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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