

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 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, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

The work session 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 work session.

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

- Reported that he recently attended the Petal School District, Pass Christian School District, and Enterprise School District presentations for being named Star School Districts;
- Reported that he recently attended a meeting with local school districts and university personnel to continue work on the development of a teacher evaluation instrument;
- Reported that he attended the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television (MAET) Board meeting this month and would continue to attend until a new MAET executive director is hired;
- Noted that he visited the Vicksburg-Warren School District along with Mr. Hal Gage and Mr. Paul Sumrall;
- Stated that Governor Haley Barbour had released his Executive Budget Recommendation this week and that the Department would develop a comparison of the Governor's recommendation and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee budget recommendation after receiving the two budgets;
- Noted that he and Dr. Lynn House met with seven school districts and that information will be provided to the Board as the Department looks at Assessment and High School Redesign;
- Reported that he met with Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. Mike Walters on developing a study regarding failing schools and school districts and that a Board Subcommittee may be appointed to become involved with the study; and,
- Stated that Dr. House would give a report on the United States Department of Education site monitoring visit for Federal Programs and that he was very proud of Department staff and the response from the United States Department of Education.

Dr. Lynn House gave a report on the United States Department of Education monitoring visit for Federal Programs.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. Oscar Love, Jr., Interim Conservator for North Panola School District, gave a report on North Panola School District (copy attached).

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

Dr. Drawdy discussed modifying the contract with Glenn A. Swan to serve as Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed modifying the contract with Dr. Michael B. Vinson to serve as Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed modifying the contract with Robert A. Strebeck to serve as Conservator for the Sunflower County School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Drawdy discussed modifying the contract with James A. Malone to serve as Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy discussed modifying the contract with Dr. George Gilreath to serve as Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed the revision of State Board Policy 3102 – Reporting of Unexcused Absences. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh gave a report from the Office of Dropout Prevention – Annual Performance Report (copy on file).

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Kersh gave a report from the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement – Annual Performance Report (copy on file).

Dr. House and Ms. Trecina Green discussed revision of the *Mississippi Social Studies Framework*. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Green discussed the revision of the *Mississippi Cumulative Folders and Permanent Records Manual of Directions*. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Dr. House and Mr. Shane McNeill discussed modifying the contract with Business Computers of Memphis, Inc. for system support. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Ann Moore, and Ms. Ellen Burnham discussed modifying the Interagency Agreement with Information Technology Services and extending the time on the Ciber contract. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Burnham discussed the contract with Information Technology Services to develop and implement an online application system for School Districts, University-Based Programs, State Schools, and State Agencies to utilize when completing the required annual *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* applications and subsequent amendments for Part B and Pre-School allocations. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House introduced Mr. James Mason and welcomed him to the Department.

Dr. House, Mr. Mason, and Ms. Jan Kirkland discussed the contract with Measured Progress to provide scoring, technical services and products for the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed the action of the Commission on School Accreditation regarding Graduation Standard 20.4 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. House, Dr. Steve Ferrara, and Dr. Gary Williamson gave a report from the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Assessment and Accountability (copy on file).

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the appointments to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

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. Buckley discussed the revision to the Licensure Guidelines for K-12 Guidance & Counseling 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.

Mr. McClelland noted that the item regarding the September 16, 2010, Licensure decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development would be discussed after the consent items.

Dr. Buckley discussed the Mississippi Special State School's Bullying Policy for consideration of adoption as the schools' official policy on preventing, investigating, and acting on bullying situations. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Hal Gage left the Board meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Robin Silas discussed the methodology to award Enhancing Education Through Technology grant dollars under the *No Child Left Behind Act 2001* to local educational Agencies. Mr. Gilbert 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)
- Award competitive contracts to various manufacturers to provide food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- Reject bids for food items as solicited under the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
- Modification of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application for 2010 to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB (Larry Drawdy)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved 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 in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(b) of the Mississippi Code. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation or issuance of an

appealable order in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(b). Mr. William H. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Charles McClelland stated the following to remain in the Executive Session: Dr. Tom Burnham, Dr. Daphne Buckley, Ms. Kathy Boteler, and Ms. Cindy Coon.

Mr. Claude Hartley informed the public of the Board's decision to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy session with respect to prospective litigation or issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed prospective litigation or issuance of an appealable order in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(b).

Ms. Rosetta Richard moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

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

On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted to adjourn the work session at 2:15 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

November 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 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, Ms. Martha Murphy and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

- 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. Ms. Martha Murphy 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 unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of October 21-22, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Requested that the Board review the list of Board Subcommittees provided and that the members notify him of any necessary changes or additions;
 - Stated that the Board will meet via teleconference on December 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. for the December Work Session and Board meeting; and,
 - Suggested that the Board join together in making a donation to a special needs child, a class, or a family, to help make a special Christmas for them this year.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, November 18, 2010.)
 04. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Glenn A. Swan to serve as Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
 05. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Dr. Michael B. Vinson to serve as Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

06. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Robert A. Strebeck to serve as Conservator for the Sunflower County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
07. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Dr. Oscar Love, Jr. to serve as 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 Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with James A. Malone to serve as Interim Conservator for the Tate County School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
09. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Dr. George Gilreath to serve as Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
10. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise State Board Policy 3102 – Reporting of Unexcused Absences (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
14. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to revise the *Mississippi Social Studies Framework*. 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)
15. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Mississippi Cumulative Folders and Permanent Records Manual of Directions* (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
16. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Business Computers of Memphis, Inc., for system support (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
17. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to modify the Interagency Agreement with Information Technology Services and extend the time on the Ciber contract (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

18. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Information Technology Services to develop and implement an online application system for School Districts, University-Based Programs, State Schools, and State Agencies to utilize when completing the required annual *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* applications and subsequent amendments for Part B and Pre-School allocations (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
19. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Measured Progress to provide scoring, technical services and products for the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
20. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the action of the Commission on School Accreditation regarding Graduation Standard 20.4 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
22. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointments to the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
23. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, 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)
24. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve a revision to the Licensure Guideline for Guidance & Counseling K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
25. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson the Board affirmed the September 16, 2010, decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development to deny License Application No. 162593.

The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Kami Bumgarner
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Dr. Sue Matheson
Ms. Martha Murphy
Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members voting nay: Mr. Claude Hartley
Mr. William H. Jones

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

26. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Special State Schools' Bullying Policy as the schools' official policy on preventing, investigating, and acting on bullying situations (copy attached).

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

29. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award Enhancing Education Through Technology grant dollars under the *No Child Left Behind Act 2001* to local educational agencies (copy attached).

(Office of Educational Accountability)

30. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, 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 & Internal Operations)

- B. Approval to award competitive contracts to various manufacturers to provide food and non-food products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

- C. Approval to reject bids for food items as solicited under the State Food Purchasing Program

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

- D. Approval of modification of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application for 2010 to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB

(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

VIII. Recognition Ceremony

November 2010 MDE Employee of the Month

Rachel Reagan
Regional Service Officer
Office of School Improvement

2010 Star School Districts

Enterprise School District
Pass Christian School District
Petal School District

IX. State Board of Education

Mr. Claude Hartley reported that he recently visited Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to observe the military education leadership training program for critical thinking and lifelong gaining of knowledge through the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Mr. Hal Gage thanked Dr. Tom Burnham and Mr. Paul Sumrall for their recent visit to the Vicksburg-Warren School District.

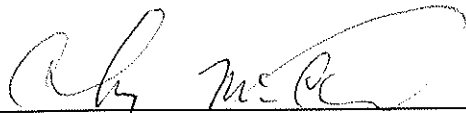
Ms. Rosetta Richard reported on attending the Star School District Award celebration for the Pass Christian School District on November 1, 2010. She also reported on attending a College and Career Readiness meeting and attending the Accreditation Policy Committee meeting at the Department in November.

Ms. Richard requested to attend the upcoming National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) meetings in January, March and June, 2011. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved for Ms. Richard to attend the 2011 NASBE meetings.

X. No other business.

XI. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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

Mississippi Board of Education
November 18, 2010
10:00 A.M.
4th Floor Boardroom
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359 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Agenda

01. Report of the State Superintendent (Tom Burnham)
02. Report on North Panola School District (Larry Drawdy)
03. Report on Hazlehurst City School District (Larry Drawdy)
04. Discussion of modifying contract with Glenn A. Swan to serve as Conservator for the Hazlehurst City School District (Larry Drawdy)
05. Discussion of modifying contract with Dr. Michael B. Vinson to serve as Conservator for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District (Larry Drawdy)
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09. Discussion of modifying contract with Dr. George Gilreath to serve as Interim Conservator for the Indianola School District (Larry Drawdy)
10. Discussion of revision of State Board Policy 3102 – Reporting of Unexcused Absences (Larry Drawdy)
11. Report from the Office of Dropout Prevention – Annual Performance Report (Larry Drawdy)

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12. Report from the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement - Annual Performance Report (Larry Drawdy)
13. Report on the United States Department of Education monitoring visit for Federal Programs (Lynn House)
14. Discussion of revision of the *Mississippi Social Studies Framework* (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments) (Lynn House)
15. Discussion of revision of the *Mississippi Cumulative Folders and Permanent Records Manual of Directions* (Lynn House)
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20. Discussion of the action of the Commission on School Accreditation regarding Graduation Standard 20.4 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards* (John Gilbert)
21. [PULLED]
22. Discussion of appointment of Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Advisory Board appointments (Daphne Buckley)
23. Discussion of 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 (Daphne Buckley)
24. Discussion of revision to the Licensure Guideline for Guidance & Counseling K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (Daphne Buckley)

25. Consideration of appeal to the State Board of Education regarding the September 16, 2010, licensure decision rendered by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (Daphne Buckley)
26. Discussion of the Mississippi Special State Schools' Bullying Policy for consideration of adoption as the school's official policy on preventing, investigating, and acting on bullying situations (Daphne Buckley)
27. Report from the Mississippi Technical Advisory Committee for Assessment and Accountability (Lynn House)
28. [PULLED] to be presented at the January meeting
29. Discussion of methodology to award Enhancing Education Through Technology grant dollars under the *No Child Left Behind Act 2001* to local educational agencies (John Gilbert)
30. Discussion of Consent Items
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 - C. Reject bids for food items as solicited under the State Food Purchasing Program (Lynn House)
 - D. Modification of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application for 2010 to extend the deadline for issuance of the QSCB (Larry Drawdy)
 - E. Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)
31. Consideration of Executive Session