

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

September 9, 2010

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, 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, Mr. Charles McClelland, Dr. Sue Matheson, Ms. Martha Murphy, 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:

- Reported that the Governor and legislative leadership has made a decision to move the \$127 million Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) Funds forward to FY 2012;
- Reported that the Governor's Office is submitting an application to the United States Department of Education for the \$98 million Education Job Funding Bill;
- Reminded the Board that the Department's Budget Hearing would be held at the State Capitol on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and invited Board members to attend;
- Noted that the Early Childhood Task Force, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant, is scheduled to hold their first meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2010;
- Reported that he had visited in the Meridian School District, Lauderdale County School District, and the Enterprise School District recently;
- Noted that the Teacher Recruitment Task Force, directed by Chairman Cecil Brown, is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 28, 2010;
- Reported that he was invited by United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, to participate at an event at Jackson State University and travel with Secretary Duncan on the bus tour to another scheduled event held at Hattiesburg High School; and,
- Stated that the Commission on Education Restructuring had completed their final report and a copy would be provided to the Board.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Dr. George Gilreath, Conservator for Indianola School District, gave a report on Indianola School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy, Mr. Bob Strebeck, Conservator for Sunflower County School District, Mr. Conwell Duke, Community Liaison, and Mr. Paul Baggett, Financial Advisor, gave a report on the Sunflower County School District (copy attached).

Mr. John Gilbert, Mr. Ken Thompson, and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed the report on action of the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the assignment of District Accreditation Statuses, School Performance Classifications, and Adequate Yearly Progress results under *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Laura Jones gave a report on Student Performance in Conservator Districts and Failing Schools (copy attached).

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Lynn House and Ms. Trecina Green discussed the textbook ratings as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks/materials in the area of early childhood for Pre-Kindergarten programs. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House discussed the contract with vendors as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks/materials in the area of early childhood for Pre-Kindergarten programs. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Karen Austin, and Mr. Tollie Thigpen discussed issuing an approved list of Supplemental Educational Service Providers for the 2010-2011 School Year. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Austin, and Mr. Thigpen discussed awarding competitive grants for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House, Ms. Austin, and Mr. Thigpen discussed awarding competitive grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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

Dr. House discussed modifying the contract for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Ann Moore discussed the contract with Assessing Educational Competencies, LLC to provide consultative services to the Mississippi Department of Education relative to the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. House discussed the appointment of the Director (Education Bureau Director II) of the Office of Child Nutrition. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House discussed the appointment of Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of Federal Programs. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Paul Sumrall discussed the appointment of the Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of Legislation and Communication. Mr. Sumrall recommended approval on Friday.

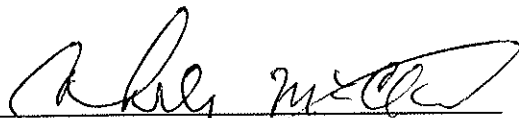
Mr. John Gilbert and Mr. Toby Frazier discussed extending the contract with Contact Network, Inc., d/b/a InLine, for nine (9) months to provide hardware maintenance services, troubleshooting and repair services for all desktop computers, laptops, printers and scanners located at Central High School, Greymont Street, Foley Street, and the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf, Blind and the Arts. 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 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc. (JMG) (Larry Drawdy)
- Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids (Larry Drawdy)
- Contract with Discovery Education Assessment to provide online leadership assessments to Mississippi principals (John Gilbert)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the work session at 1:41 p.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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

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The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 10, 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, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Mr. Hal Gage.

- 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. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of August 19-20, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, 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 after item 4 was presented:
 - Reminded Board members of the MDE Legislative Budget Hearing to be held on September 21, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and invited them to join him along with Dr. Tom Burnham, Mr. Claude Harley, and MDE staff in presenting the budget; and,
 - Reported that about two months ago, Dr. Sue Matheson requested that Star districts and schools be presented with a banner to be displayed at the districts and schools in recognition of their accomplishments.
- VI. Other Action Items
 04. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board unanimously approved the action of the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the assignment of District Accreditation Statuses, School Performance Classifications, and Adequate Yearly Progress results under *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

Mr. McClelland presented the new banner that would be displayed at the three Star Districts and fifty-three Star Schools to the Board.

06. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the textbook ratings as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks/materials in the area of early childhood for Pre-Kindergarten programs (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
07. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the contract with vendors as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks/materials in the area of early childhood for Pre-Kindergarten programs (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
08. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to issue an approved list of Supplemental Educational Service Providers for the 2010-2011 School Year (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
09. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
10. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive grants for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
11. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, 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)
12. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract for operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
13. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Assessing Educational Competencies, LLC to provide consultative services to the Mississippi Department of Education relative to the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

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14. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Scott Clements to serve as Director (Education Bureau Director II) of the Office of Child Nutrition at an annual salary of \$73,460.28 to become effective October 1, 2010 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
15. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Kami Bumgarner, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Debra Ray Murphy to serve as the Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of Federal Programs at an annual salary of \$100,000.00 to become effective October 1, 2010 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
16. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Wendy M. Polk to serve as Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of Legislation and Communication at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective October 1, 2010 (copy attached).
(Office of State Superintendent)
18. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to extend the contract with Contact Network, Inc., d/b/a InLine, for nine (9) months to provide hardware maintenance services, troubleshooting and repair services for all desktop computers, laptops, printers and scanners located at Central High School, Greymont Street, Foley Street, and the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf, Blind and the Arts (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
19. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, 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 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc. (JMG)
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
 - C. Approval of Pupil Transportation Equipment Bids
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

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- D. Approval to contract with Discovery Education Assessment to provide online leadership assessments to Mississippi principals
(Office of Educational Accountability)

At 8:40 a.m., Dr. O. Wayne Gann left the Board meeting.

- VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

Mississippi Scholars Program
Lincoln County

September 2010 MDE Employee of the Month
Johnathan Sanders
Senior Communications Analyst
Office of Management Information Systems

- VIII. State Board of Education

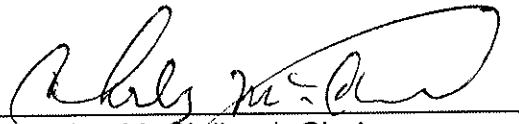
Ms. Rosetta Richard reported on the Hattie Mae & Pals Foundation program on the Gulf Coast.

Mr. Claude Hartley reported that he recently visited the Okolona School District.

- IX. There was no other business.

- X. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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