

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

February 17, 2011

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011 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, Ms. Martha Murphy, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent was: Dr. Sue Matheson.

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 the State Superintendent of Education:

- Summary of Education Related Bills;
- Noted that he would like the Board to consider amending Friday's agenda by adding an item for approval of guidelines for school districts submitting waivers based on inclement weather during school year 2010-2011 (noting that guidelines are contingent on final passage of House Bill 1156);
- Recognized Ms. Gracie Sanders who presented an update on the Appropriations Bill that passed recently (copy on file); and,
- Reported that parents of seniors and school district officials would be notified by letter if students had failed to pass subject area tests required for graduation.

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

Dr. Drawdy, Mr. Glen Swan, Conservator, and Ms. Suzanne Smith, Financial Consultant, gave a report on Hazlehurst City School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Kim Benton 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. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Hal Gage left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Lynn House gave an update on submission of the State Literacy Plan to the United States Department of Education (copy on file).

Dr. House, Ms. Jean Massey, and Dr. Johnny L. Allen, President of Northeast Mississippi Community College, gave a report on recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education in Mississippi (copy on file).

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Dr. House gave an update on Common Core State Standards and Assessments (copy on file).

Mr. Hal Gage returned to the meeting.

Dr. House and Mr. Ken Thompson gave a presentation on the Mississippi Accountability Model Growth Component (copy on file).

Dr. House and Ms. Massey discussed renewing the agreement with Blackboard, Incorporated, to provide and host an on-line instructional software solution for Vocational Education and Workforce Development. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the approval of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. This item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed approving an amendment of the initial contract and the contingent contract of employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendents, Principals, and Licensed Employees. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. John Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed the revision of State Board Policy 401. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the revision of State Board Policy 1000. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed removing State Board Policy 5600. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Robin Silas discussed awarding grants in support of Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2011. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed establishing a State Board Policy for the Office of Educational Accountability. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Toby Frazier discussed the contract with DLT Solutions, LLC to provide services to upgrade Oracle forms and reports. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.


Dr. Burnham noted that item 19 on the agenda was pulled.

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

- A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- B. Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 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 February 18, 2011 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, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board members absent were: Mr. Hal Gage and Dr. Sue Matheson.

- 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 Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, 2011.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda by adding item 21: Approval of guidelines for school districts submitting waivers based on inclement weather during school year 2010-2011 (guidelines are contingent on final passage of House Bill 1156). Mr. McClelland noted that item 19 was pulled from the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda as presented.

- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Stated that the Board recently approved State Board Examination System and that he would like to name the following Board members to serve on a subcommittee to work with the Department: Mr. Claude Hartley, Ms. Kami Bumgarner, and Dr. O. Wayne Gann;
 - Reminded the Board of the April 14-15 Board meeting to be held in Cleveland and the Board Retreat to be held on April 13; and,
 - Reported that he would like to have the Board visit Hazlehurst City School District prior to the May Board meeting.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, February 17, 2011.)

04. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award grant funds in support of

of local improvement efforts authorized by Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (copy attached).

(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)

09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to renew agreement with Blackboard, Incorporated, to provide and host an on-line instructional software solution for Vocational Education and Workforce Development (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
10. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, 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)
11. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
12. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve an amendment of the initial contract and the contingent contract of employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendents, Principals, and Licensed Employees (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
13. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to revise State Board Policy 401 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
14. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to revise State Board Policy 1000 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
15. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to remove State Board Policy 5600 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
16. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to award grants in support of Enhancing Education Through Technology for Fiscal Year 2011 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

17. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to establish a State Board Policy for the Office of Educational Accountability (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

18. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to contract with DLT Solutions, LLC to provide services to upgrade Oracle forms and reports (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

20. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the following consent item (copy attached):
 - A. Approval of monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

21. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the guidelines for school districts submitting waivers based on inclement weather during school year 2010-2011 (guidelines are contingent on final passage of House Bill 1156) (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

Mr. Claude Hartley left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

VII. Recognition Ceremony

2010 Presidential State Finalist for Science

Kristen Wheat, Teacher
South Side Elementary School
Picayune School District

2010 Presidential State Finalist for Mathematics

Elizabeth Flynn Evans, Teacher
Germantown Middle School
Madison County School District

2009 National Presidential Awardee for Mathematics

Suzie Welch , Teacher
Oak Grove High School
Lamar County School District

2009 National Presidential Awardee for Science

Linda Parrott, Teacher
Ocean Springs High School
Ocean Springs School District

2010 Mississippi State Champion of the Poetry Out Loud Program

John Uzodinma, Student
Madison Central High School
Madison County School District

February 2011 MDE Employee of the Month

Kenya Gardner
Property Officer IV
Office of Accounting

VIII. State Board of Education

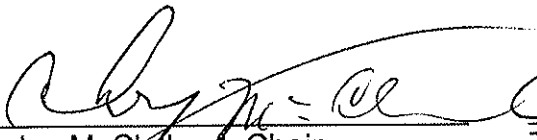
01. Ms. Rosetta Richard gave a report on the NASBE meeting that she recently attended in Washington, D.C.

02. There was no request for approval to attend meetings.

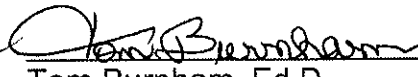
IX. There was no other business.

X. On a motion by Mr. William H. Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



Tom Burnham, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
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