

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

January 20, 2011

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 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, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy. Board members absent were: Mr. William H. Jones 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 the State Superintendent of Education:

- Reported that the Legislature began with a very fast pace this year and that as soon as action is taken on bills in full committees, the Department will begin preparing and forwarding bill summaries to Board members;
- Requested permission to change the order of the following two items on the agenda: item 16 (Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct) would be presented at 11:30 a.m. due to a Press Conference to be held at 11:45 a.m. to announce the proposed Code of Ethics & Standards of Conduct and proposed legislation related to teacher misconduct and immediately following lunch, item 17 (Report on the Task Force to Study Strategies for Solving the Current Teacher Shortage in Mississippi) would be discussed; and,
- Reported that department staff continues the advancement of locating efficiencies within the Department and that items that are currently located in different storage locations would be centralized at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and made available to our staff, resulting in savings for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Dr. Burnham recognized Mr. Hal Gage who made a presentation on the work of the Mississippi Ed Net Institute Board.

Dr. Larry Drawdy and Mr. James Malone, Interim Conservator for Tate County School District, gave a report on Tate County School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Dr. Mike Vinson, Conservator for Okolona Separate School District, gave a report on Okolona Separate School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy and Ms. Toni Kersh discussed the revision of State Board Policy 3102 – Reporting of Unexcused Absence. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. Drawdy recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. Lynn House and Mr. Ken Thompson discussed the pilot implementation of the State Board Examination System. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley, Mr. Jim Keith, Dr. Anna Hurt, and Ms. Cindy Coon discussed approval of the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct and overview of proposed legislation (copy on file). Dr. Buckley recommended approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on Friday.

The Board recessed for a press conference and lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Buckley gave a report from the Task Force to Study Strategies for Solving the Current Teacher Shortage in Mississippi (copy on file).

Dr. House and Mr. Ken Thompson discussed approval of a methodology for updating the Accountability Model based on the four proposals presented. Dr. House and Mr. Thompson also discussed approval to revise the Accountability Model to reflect the two recommendations made by the Commission of School Accreditation. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Dr. Burnham recommended that the presentation on the Mississippi Accountability Model Growth Component be moved to the February Board agenda.

Dr. House and Ms. Jean Massey gave an update on the Career Pathway Diploma (copy on file).

Dr. House and Ms. Sonya Amis discussed changing the funding source for sub-grants to Save the Children, Teach for America, and K12 Inc. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Trecina Green discussed textbook ratings, as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Social Studies United States History: Post-Reconstruction to Present 9-12 and United States History, Advanced Placement 9-12. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Green discussed contracts with vendors as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Social Studies United States History: Post-Reconstruction to Present 9-12 and United States History, Advanced Placement 9-12. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Green discussed the methodology to reimburse International Baccalaureate schools for test fees for low-income students. 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*. 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 modifying the FFY 2009 Even Start grant awards. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House and Ms. Debbie Murphy discussed modifying the contract with Brustein and Manasevit Attorneys at Law to provide technical assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the contract with IMPACT Mississippi Education Consulting, LLC to develop a Performance Based Compensation System for Teacher Incentive Fund Grant Districts. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the contract with American Institutes for Research (AIR) to Streamline and Redesign the MS Teacher Appraisal Instrument. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the Teacher Education Program Accreditation for the Institutions that met the 2010 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 amending the Licensure Guideline for Guidance & Counseling K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. John Gilbert and Mr. Todd Ivey discussed removing State Board Policy 3500 – Equity Funding. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ivey discussed removing State Board Policy 7402 – Contracts. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ivey discussed removing State Board Policy 9600 – Withholding Mississippi Adequate Education Program Funds. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Ivey discussed the contract with Suzanne E. Smith to serve as the financial advisor for the Greenville Public School District for FY 2011 (copy on file).

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

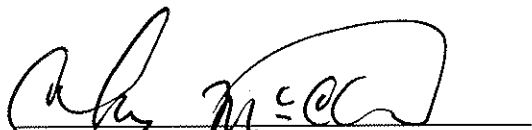
Dr. House and Ms. Murphy discussed the appointment of Mr. Washington Cole to serve as Director (Education Bureau Director II), Office of Federal Programs-District Support Services. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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

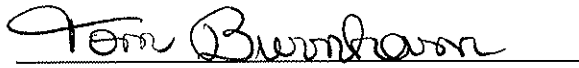
- Monthly contracts with former State Employees receiving retirement benefits (Lynn House)
- Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 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, January 21, 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, Dr. Sue Matheson, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Martha Murphy. Board members absent were: Mr. William H. Jones 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. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence was observed in memory of the Tucson tragedy.
- III. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2010.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to add item 6-A (Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve a methodology for updating the Accountability Model based on the four proposals presented) to the agenda.

On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Claude Harley, the Board voted unanimously to add item 6-B (Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise the Statewide Accountability model to reflect the two recommendations made by the Commission on School Accreditation) to the agenda.

- V. Mr. Charles McClelland gave the following Chair's Report:
 - Thanked the Board, Dr. Burnham, and staff with collecting over \$1,700.00 for the Salvation Army angel tree and 30 teens at the Baptist Children's Village;
 - Stated that he would like to suggest that the April 14-15 Board meeting be held in Cleveland, Mississippi so that the Board could visit in the Sunflower and Indianola School Districts. He also suggested that the Board members have their Board Retreat on Wednesday before the Board meeting; and,
 - Stated that he would like to add a report to the agenda next month from the Chair of the Board Subcommittees.

- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, January 20, 2011.)
04. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to revise of State Board Policy 3102 – Reporting of Unexcused Absence. The item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment (copy attached).
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
05. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the pilot implementation of the State Board Examination System (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
- 06-A. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the Option III methodology for updating the Accountability Model of the four proposals presented (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
- 06-B. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the Statewide Accountability Model to reflect the two recommendations made by the Commission on School Accreditation (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
09. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to change the funding source for sub-grants to Save the Children, Teach for America, and K12 Inc. (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
10. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the textbook ratings, as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Social Studies United States History: Post-Reconstruction to Present 9-12 and United States History, Advanced Placement 9-12 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
11. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the contract with vendors as recommended by the 2010 State Textbook Rating Committee for the adoption of textbooks in the area of Social Studies United States History: Post-Reconstruction to Present 9-12 and United States History, Advanced Placement 9-12 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

12. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to reimburse International Baccalaureate schools for test fees for low-income students (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

13. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to revise the *Mississippi Cumulative Folders and Permanent Records Manual of Directions*. 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)

14. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to modify the FFY 2009 Even Start grant awards (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

15. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Brustein and Manasevit Attorneys at Law to provide technical assistance to the Mississippi Department of Education (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

16. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to approve the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

18. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with IMPACT Mississippi Education Consulting, LLC to develop a Performance Based Compensation System for Teacher Incentive Fund Grant Districts (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

19. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with American Institutes for Research (AIR) to Streamline and Redesign the MS Teacher Appraisal Instrument (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

20. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the Teacher Education Program Accreditation for the Institutions that met the 2010 Process and Performance Standards as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Licensure and Certification and Development (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
21. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to amend the Licensure Guideline for Guidance & Counseling K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure. This 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 Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to remove State Board Policy 3500 – Equity Funding (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
23. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to remove State Board Policy 7402 – Contracts (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
24. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved to remove State Board Policy 9600 – Withholding Mississippi Adequate Education Program Funds (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
25. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations on exceptions to pupil-teacher ratio requirements for grades 1-4 (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
27. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Washington Cole to serve as Director (Education Bureau Director II), Office of Federal Programs-District Support Services at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

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28. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, 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)
- VII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:
- Fusion Robotics Team**
Walton Elementary School
Jackson Public Schools
- December 2010 MDE Employee of the Month**
Limeul Eubanks
Education Specialist Senior
Office of Curriculum and Instruction
- January 2011 MDE Employee of the Month**
Brenda Shelby
Projects Officer III, Special
Office of Accreditation
- VIII. State Board of Education
- There was no report on meetings attended.
- There was no request for approval to attend meeting.
- IX. There was no other business.
- X. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Approved:



Charles McClelland, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education



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