

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 17, 2011

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 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, 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 the State Superintendent of Education:

- Provided a summary of Education related bills;
- Recognized Ms. Gracie Sanders who presented an update on the FY 2012 budget;
- Noted that MDE is hosting a press conference on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Capitol to announce the Choice Bus tour;
- Reported on the Common Core Teacher Administrator Training Sessions that were held across the state in March;
- Reported that he held meetings with Superintendents in Tupelo and Oxford regarding make-up days for inclement weather;
- Reported that he attended the Teacher of the Year Luncheon held recently in Jackson recognizing Ms. Birdette Hughey, Algebra teacher at Greenwood High School, as the 2011 Mississippi Teacher of the Year;
- Stated that Mississippi was selected to host the annual Navy Week celebration with the kick off to be held on March 19-20 at Kessler Air Force Base in Biloxi and on March 26-27 at the Naval Air Station in Meridian;
- Recognized John Gilbert who gave a report on the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS); and
- Recognized Dr. Lynn House who gave a report on the USDE Grant Application for Literacy and focus group meeting to seek teacher input.

Dr. Burnham recognized and welcomed Dr. Margie Pulley, Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District to the meeting.

Dr. Larry Drawdy recognized Mr. James Malone, Interim Conservator and Ms. Bonnie Granger, Financial Consultant, Tate County School District. Mr. Malone and Ms. Granger gave a report on Tate County School District (copy attached).

Dr. Drawdy recognized Dr. Michael Vinson, Conservator, who gave a report on Okolona Municipal School District (copy attached).

Dr. Lynn House discussed the contract with the International Center for Leadership in Education to coordinate regional trainings on the Common Core State Standards for school leadership teams. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. House discussed modifying the contract with Rivers Educational Services to assist the state in providing technical assistance to schools and districts in improvement and ensuring program compliance at the state, district, and school level. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday.

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Dr. House and Ms. Jan Kirkland discussed the revision of *Student Performance Level Descriptors for the Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks in U.S. History*. Dr. House recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

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Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed an amendment of the Initial Contract and the Contingent Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendents, Principals, and Licensed Employees. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed removing State Board Policies 1702, 1712, 1713, and 7409 which are duplications of State Board Policy 800 (*Administrative Process and Performance Review*). Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. John Gilbert and Ms. Paula Vanderford discussed an Accredited Status for St. Anthony Catholic School. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed establishing State Board Policy 404 – First Operational Administration of a Statewide Assessment in the State Accountability Model. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the revision of Appendix H – Consequences for Non-Compliance with Financial Accountability Requirements in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the revision of Footnote 4 of Appendix A – Graduation Requirements in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed adding Standard 23.9 – Gifted Education to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the revision of Appendix C – Requirements for Admission to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Public Universities in Mississippi in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010*. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Vanderford discussed the revisions to the Mississippi Accountability Model for 2011. The item has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Mr. Gilbert recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Gilbert discussed establishing a State Board Policy for the Accountability Subcommittee of the State Board of Education. 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)
- Borrowing funds with which to purchase school transportation equipment (Larry Drawdy)
- Report on Personnel Actions (Cassandra Moore)

Mr. William H. Jones moved that the Board consider making a closed determination of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a), and (k) of the Mississippi Code. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sue Matheson, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. William H. Jones then moved in open session that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion personnel matters related to the appointment of an Associate Superintendent in the Office of Innovation and School Improvement and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) of the Mississippi Code. Mr. Claude Hartley 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. Lynn House, Mr. John Gilbert, and Ms. Kathy Boteler.

Minutes of the Executive Session

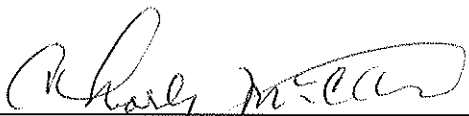
During the Executive Session, the Board discussed personnel matters related to the appointment of an Associate Superintendent in the Office of Innovation and School Improvement and transacting business related thereto in accordance with Sections 25-41-7 (4)(a) and (k) of the Mississippi Code.

Dr. O Wayne Gann moved that the Board adjourn from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard 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.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.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

March 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday March 18, 2011 in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: 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. Board member absent was: Ms. Kami Bumgarner.

- 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 Mr. William H. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 17-18, 2011.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, 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:
 - Thanked Ms. Carol Paola, Executive Director, Mississippi Association for Gifted Children for the refreshments prepared for the Board on Thursday;
 - Noted that additional comments had been received regarding Item 14 that were presented to the Board;
 - Reminded Board members that the April Board meeting would be held in Cleveland on April 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. and April 15, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. and that the Board would visit the Sunflower County and Indianola School Districts on the morning of Thursday, April 14, 2011. He also reminded the Board of the Board retreat on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. and stated that he and Dr. Burnham plan to visit the Cleveland schools Wednesday morning ;
 - Stated that he would like Board Subcommittees to report to the Board at the April Board meeting; and,
 - Reminded the Board that in May they would visit the Hazlehurst City School District.

(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, March 17, 2011.)

04. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the contract with the International Center for Leadership

in Education to coordinate regional trainings on the Common Core State Standards for school leadership teams (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

05. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Rivers Educational Services to assist the state in providing technical assistance to schools and districts in improvement and ensuring program compliance at the state, district, and school level (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

06. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to award competitive contract to C. F. Sauer to provide portion control mayonnaise products to local organizations in the State Food Purchasing Program (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

07. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to contract with Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation to provide training, equipment and curricula required for the Building Healthy Families for the Future Grant (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

08. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise *Student Performance Level Descriptors for the Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks in U.S. History* (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

09. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise *Testing Students with Disabilities Regulations* (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)

10. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) as outlined in the MCT2 Program 2010-2011 Scope Modification (copy attached).

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11. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc., to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program, Second Edition (SATP2) as outlined in the SATP2 Scope Increase (copy attached).
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12. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Riverside Publishing to increase the scope of technical services and products for the Elementary (Grade 5) and Middle (Grade 8) Grades Science Assessment Program for 2010-2011 as outlined in the Mississippi Science Test Scope Increase (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Enhancement & Internal Operations)
13. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to modify the contract with Children's Progress to enable Mississippi School Districts to participate in the Spring 2011 Children's Progress Academic Assessment for students enrolled in Kindergarten through the third grade (copy attached).
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14. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to revise the *Mississippi Secondary Curriculum Frameworks*. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
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17. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board unanimously approved an amendment of the Initial Contract and the Contingent Contract of Employment with Mississippi Public School Districts for Assistant Superintendents, Principals, and Licensed Employees. This item cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

18. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Martha Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to remove State Board Policies 1702, 1712, 1713, and 7409 which are duplications of State Board Policy 800 (*Administrative Process and Performance Review*) (copy attached).
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19. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved an Accredited Status for St. Anthony Catholic School (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)
20. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to establish a State Board Policy 404 – First Operational Administration of a Statewide Assessment in the State Accountability Model (copy attached).
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21. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise Appendix H – Consequences for Non-Compliance with Financial Accountability Requirements in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2010* (copy attached).
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26. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved to establish a State Board Policy for the Accountability Subcommittee of the State Board of Education (copy attached).
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27. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, 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 borrow funds with which to purchase school transportation
(Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery)
- VII. The Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

2010-2011 Mississippi FFA State President
Meagan Lee

March 2011 MDE Employee of the Month
Darla G. Hammons
Projects Officer IV, Special
Office of School Improvement, Oversight and Recovery
- VIII. State Board of Education
 01. Dr. O. Wayne Gann reported that he recently attended a State Board Examination System meeting where Dr. Lynn House made a presentation to district superintendents. Dr. Gann noted that Ms. Kami Bumgarner also attended this meeting.

Mr. Claude Hartley reported that he attended a meeting with Dr. Burnham and local superintendents in North Mississippi regarding make-up days for inclement weather.

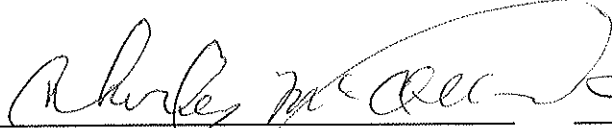

Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that Mr. Claude Hartley, Dr. Sue Matheson and she plan to attend the National Association of State Board of Education (NASBE) meeting in Washington, D. C. during the week of March 27 – 31, 2011.

02. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the attendance for any Board members who would like to attend the State Board Examination System meetings.

IX. There was no other business.

X. On a motion by Dr. Sue Matheson, seconded by Mr. William H. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Approved:

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