

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting
(Regular Meeting)
December 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Board members absent were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage and Ms. Martha Murphy.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
- II. Dr. David Sistrunk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Rosetta Richard gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the amended minutes of the meeting of October 23-24, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of November 20-21, 2008.
- IV. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.
- V. In the Chair's Report, Mr. Jones expressed concern for the loss of industry in Mississippi, citing the closing of the Air Vent plant in Clarke County, Mississippi, in December 2008. Mr. Jones reflected on reasons industries are choosing to leave the state and whether it is because of the State's educational system.
- VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed during the work session on Thursday, December 18, 2008.)
02. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF) Student Performance Level Descriptors for Science. The document cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting
(Work Session)
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The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Board members absent were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, and Ms. Martha Murphy.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair. Mr. Jones noted the statement on the agenda that cellular telephones and pagers are not permitted during Board meetings.

There was no report from the State Superintendent.

Ms. Cindy Simmons discussed the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF) Student Performance Level Descriptors for Science. The document cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments. Ms. Simmons recommended approval of the item.

Mr. Todd Ivey discussed the methodology for determining the FY 2010 Adjusted Base Student Cost and the process by which this calculation is used in determining the cost of the FY 2010 Mississippi Adequate Education Program. Mr. Ivey recommended approval of the item.

Ms. Jean Massey discussed the nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2008-2009. Accreditation statuses are based on compliance with the process standards as outlined in *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2004*. Ms. Massey recommended approval of the item.

Mr. Quentin Ransburg discussed competitive grants for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program. Grants are awarded to local education agencies to provide services for homeless children and youth (including preschool-age children) that enable them to enroll, attend, and succeed in school. Mr. Ransburg recommended approval of the item.

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

- Contract modification with Barbara Kastner to provide consultative services relative to the Educable Child Program process (Kris Kaase)
- Contract with Art Cernosia for the following services: Keynote Speaker for “Conference for Parents of Children with Disabilities” (2 days), Training of Hearing Officers and Mediators (3 days), Summer Conference (1 day) (Kris Kaase)

- Contract with the University of Memphis Research Foundation to provide services to conduct an outside independent evaluation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School to determine its effectiveness in achieving its stated goals and to plan for future success (Kris Kaase)
- Contract modification with Ventures for Excellence to provide additional services in support of the Mississippi Virtual Public School (MVPS) (Kris Kaase)
- Contract modification with Joy Connor to provide training and technical assistance to districts in need of improvement (Kris Kaase)
- Contract modification with Joy E. Milam to provide consulting services (Paul Sumrall)
- Contract with the Research Foundation of State University of New York (ESCORT) to assist in addressing administrative requirements for the Migrant Education Program (MEP) as regulated by Title I, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (Quentin Ransburg)
- Adding Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers to the existing list of state approved SES providers (Quentin Ransburg)
- Contract modification with Bonnie T. Pitts to provide assistance with special projects (Hank Bounds)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Ethel Cain Carson)

At 4:15 p.m., Mr. Charles McClelland moved to adjourn the Board's work session. Mr. Claude Hartley seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 5 to 0.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

03. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for determining the FY 2010 Adjusted Base Student Cost and the process by which this calculation is used in determining the cost of the FY 2010 Mississippi Adequate Education Program (copy attached).
(Office of Policy and Operations)
04. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2008-2009 (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
05. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the award of competitive grants for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
- VII. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copies attached):
 - A. Approval to modify the contract with Barbara Kastner to provide consultative services relative to the Educable Child Program process
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - B. Approval to contract with Art Cernosia for the following services: Keynote Speaker for “Conference for Parents of Children with Disabilities” (2 days), Training of Hearing Officers and Mediators (3 days), Summer Conference (1 day)
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - C. Approval to contract with the University of Memphis Research Foundation to provide services to conduct an outside independent evaluation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School to determine its effectiveness in achieving its stated goals and to plan for future success
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 - D. Approval to modify the contract with Ventures for Excellence to provide additional services in support of the Mississippi Virtual Public School (MVPS)
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

- E. Approval to modify the contract with Joy Connor to provide training and technical assistance to districts in need of improvement
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
- F. Approval to modify the contract with Joy E. Milam to provide consulting services
(Office of Legislation and Budget)
- G. Approval to contract with the Research Foundation of State University of New York (ESCORT) to assist in addressing administrative requirements for the Migrant Education Program (MEP) as regulated by Title I, Part C of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
(Office of Student Performance)
- H. Approval to add Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers to the existing state approved list
(Office of Student Performance)
- I. Approval to modify the contract with Bonnie T. Pitts to provide assistance with special projects
(Office of the State Superintendent)

VIII. State Board of Education

- 01. Ms. Richard reported that she attended the Mississippi Economic Council's Early Childhood Education Forum on Monday, December 15, 2008. A copy of the report from this meeting was distributed to Board members.

Mr. Jones reported that he and Dr. Bounds attended the Mississippi Economic Council's Fall Marathon Tour recently in Hattiesburg and that Dr. Bounds addressed the group.

Mr. McClelland, Mr. Hartley and Dr. Bounds attended the Children First meeting held at the State Capitol in November. Mr. Jones requested talking points on the Children First legislation.

- IX. No other business was reported during the Board meeting.
- X. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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William H. Jones, Chair
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