

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 24, 2008

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2008 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Board members absent were: Mr. Hal Gage and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

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

Dr. Hank Bounds gave the following report from the State Superintendent of Education:

- Reported on the Board's Vision and Mission statements (copy on file)
- Reminded the Board of its determination to focus on three goals:
  - Goal 1: To reduce the dropout rate to 13% by 2013;
  - Goal 2: To reach the national average on national assessments by 2013;
  - Goal 3: To ensure that all students exit third grade reading on grade level by 2020.

Dr. Kris Kaase welcomed Ms. Betty Petty, Chairperson, Mississippi Special Education Advisory Panel, Ms. Patty Horton, and Mr. Mike Montgomery to the meeting. Ms. Ann Moore provided background on the purpose and work of the Advisory Panel. Ms. Petty gave a report on the Advisory Panel's annual recommendations for improving services to special education students (copy on file).

Mr. Todd Ivey introduced and welcomed Ms. Beverly Poe and Mr. Robert Alexander with Horne LLP to the meeting. Mr. Ivey discussed the preliminary estimate of the FY 2010 Mississippi Adequate Education Program Cost as determined by Horne LLP. Mr. Ivey noted that House Bill 513, Section 41, states that the State Department of Education shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocation, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components. The contractor is responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1, 2008, and the final estimates are due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2, 2009.

## Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

July 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2008, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Board members absent were: Mr. Hal Gage and Ms. Rosetta Richard.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Claude Hartley, Chair.
- II. Dr. O. Wayne Gann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of June 19-20, 2008.
- IV. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- V. There was no Chair's Report.
- VI. Other Action Items
03. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the FY 2010 Mississippi Adequate Education Program Cost as determined by Horne LLP (copy attached).  
**(Office of Legislation and Budget)**
04. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the preliminary estimate of the FY 2010 Base Student Cost as determined by Horne LLP (copy attached).  
**(Office of Legislation and Budget)**
05. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2010 Budget Request (copy attached).  
**(Office of Legislation and Budget)**

06. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the State Board of Education's 2009 Legislative Priorities (copy attached).  
**(Office of Legislation and Budget)**
07. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the Cut Scores for Student Performance Levels on the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) of Grades 3-8 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
08. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the Cut Scores for Student Performance Levels on the Algebra I and English II Subject Area Tests (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
09. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revisions of the Mississippi Foreign Language Framework. The revisions have cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
10. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the revisions of the Mississippi Science Framework. The revisions have cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
11. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Textbook Administration Handbook Rules and Regulations* (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
12. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved renewing the contract with Riverside Publishing Company for an additional three (3) years; to continue providing and efficient assessment system that yields valid results for preschool children with disabilities ages 3-5 as required by the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) (copy attached).  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

13. On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to establish the selection methodology for supplemental resource providers for conflict resolution and peer mediation materials, models and curricula (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
14. On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the supplemental resource providers for conflict resolution and peer mediation materials, models and curricula (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
15. On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved to accept procurement authorization from the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services for Ciber, Inc., professional services (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
16. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to renew subgrant awards in support of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
17. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the methodology for awarding discretionary grants to Schools At-Risk (formerly known as Priority Schools) to assist in the implementation of their School Improvement Plans (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
18. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved to award grants to the Priority Schools from the 2007-2008 school year to assist in the implementation of their Priority School Improvement Plans (copy attached).  
**(Office of Student Performance)**
19. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2008*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments.  
**(Office of Student Performance)**

20. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the Health Education Institute for Supplemental Endorsement and Approved Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The approved program cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments.  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
21. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the Licensure requirements for the eight new Vocational Redesign Career Pathways as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The requirements cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments.  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
22. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the new endorsement code for Secondary Vocational Special Populations Coordinator as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The revision cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments.  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
23. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Danita Munday to serve as the Director of Autism (Bureau Director II), Office of Special Education, at an annual salary of \$73,460.28 to become effective August 1, 2008 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
24. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Aubrey R. Davis to serve as the Director of Accountability Services (Bureau Director II), Office of Research and Statistics, at an annual salary of \$73,460.28 to become effective August 1, 2008 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
25. On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved the Five-Year Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014 (copy attached).  
**(Office of the State Superintendent)**

26. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James Sardin to serve as Interim Deputy Superintendent, Student Performance, at an annual salary of \$142,500.00 to become effective August 1, 2008 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
27. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Michael Mulvihill to serve as the Interim Associate Superintendent, Vocational Education and Workforce Development, at an annual salary of \$113,964.27 to become effective August 1, 2008 (copy attached).  
**(Office of Policy and Operations)**
- VII. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copies attached):
  - A. Approval to contract with Tammy Stanford Williams to provide instructional services in Dance, Movement, and Theatre to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  - B. Approval to contract with Dr. Jeanne Lebow to provide instructional services in Literary Arts to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  - C. Approval to contract with Dorothy McClendon to provide part-time instructional services in Science to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  - D. Approval to contract with James Randy Davis to provide part-time instructional services in Mathematics to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  - E. Approval to contract with Michael O. Norris and Michael C. Harvey to provide services as School Safety Officers at the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**
  - F. Approval to contract with JaniKing to provide janitorial cleaning services in occupied buildings on the campus of the Mississippi School of the Arts  
**(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)**

- G. Approval to contract with Deborah Pierce to provide consultative services relative to data analysis for the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) as required by IDEA  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- H. Approval to award contracts for seven Team Leaders for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- I. Approval to contract with The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc., to provide technical assistance and services related to the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of the Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF)  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**
- J. Approval to contract with Sandra Rushing to continue to provide consultative services relative to the *2006 Mississippi Language Arts Curriculum Framework – Revised* and statewide assessments in language arts  
**(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)**

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- **Natalie Saranga Omattage**  
Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award  
Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science
- **Cheryl Moore**  
Mississippi Association for Middle Level Education  
Principal of the Year- Amory Middle School Principal

IX. State Board of Education

01. On a motion by Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board voted to elect Mr. Bill Jones to serve as Chair and Mr. Charles McClelland to serve as Vice-Chair from July 2008 to July 2009.

The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Mr. Charles McClelland  
Dr. O. Wayne Gann  
Ms. Rebecca Harris  
Mr. Bill Jones  
Dr. David Sistrunk

Members voting nay: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet

Members abstaining: None

Members absent: Mr. Hal Gage  
Ms. Rosetta Richard

02. Mr. Bill Jones reported that he spoke at the Dixie Attendance Center in Hattiesburg regarding their summer program, and at the Mississippi Professional Educators Association meeting in Hattiesburg recently regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee on Redesigning Teacher Preparation.

Mr. Charles McClelland reported that he attended the Blue Ribbon Committee on Redesigning Teacher Preparation meeting held recently and that he expects final recommendations to be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann reported that he attended the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents conference held recently in Biloxi. He attended several conference sessions including the discussion on the establishment of new cut scores on Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT2).

03. There were no requests to attend meetings.

Dr. Bounds noted that Ms. Rebecca Harris is resigning from the Board and returning to the classroom as a kindergarten teacher. He expressed his gratitude for her commitment to education in Mississippi.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann read a resolution honoring Ms. Rebecca Harris for her commitment to education in Mississippi and her service and contributions to the Mississippi Board of Education (copy on file).

Dr. Bounds reminded the Board of the Press Conference to be held at 9:45 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson regarding the Board's Goals, new curriculum and assessment system.

- X. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Approved:

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William H. Jones, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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Hank M. Bounds  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education

Mr. Ivey discussed the preliminary estimate of the FY 2010 Base Student Cost as determined by Horne LLP. The FY 2010 Base Student Cost will be increased by an inflationary adjustment equal to 40% of the Base Student Cost for the previous fiscal year times the latest annual rate of inflation as determined by the State Economist. The rate of inflation for the current adjustment to the Base Student cost is 3.39%. The preliminary estimate of Base Student Cost for 2010 is \$4,753.00. Mr. Ivey recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Paul Sumrall, Ms. Gracie Sanders, and Mr. Adam Bunch discussed the Mississippi Department of Education's FY 2010 Budget Request (copy on file). Mr. Sumrall recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Sumrall, Ms. Sanders and Mr. Bunch discussed the State Board of Education's 2009 Legislative Priorities (copy on file). Mr. Sumrall recommended approval on Friday.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Kris Kaase discussed recommended Cut Scores for Student Performance Levels on the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) for Grades 3-8 (copy on file). Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed recommended Cut Scores for Student Performance Levels on the Algebra I and English II Subject Area Tests (copy on file). Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the revision of the Mississippi Foreign Language Framework. The revised framework cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with comments (copy on file). Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the revision of the Mississippi Science Framework. The revised framework cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with comments (copy on file). Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the request to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process to revise the *Textbook Administration Handbook Rules and Regulations* which deals with the administration and adoption process of textbooks based on Mississippi Code 37-43-1 (copy on file). Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract renewal with The Riverside Publishing Company for an additional three (3) years to continue providing an efficient assessment system that yields valid results for preschool children with disabilities ages 3-5 as required by the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). Dr. Kasse recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Shane McNeill discussed the selection methodology for supplemental resource providers for conflict resolution and peer mediation materials, models and curricula. Mr. McNeill recommended approval on Friday.

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Mr. McNeill discussed the procurement authorization from the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) for Ciber, Inc., professional services. Mr. McNeill recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Quentin Ransburg discussed renewal of subgrant awards in support of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers. These subgrants provide funds for grantees to develop/adopt and implement community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools, to meet State and local student standards in core academic subjects, to offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs, and to offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. Mr. Ransburg recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Laura Jones discussed the methodology for awarding discretionary grants, Schools At-Risk (formerly known as Priority Schools), to assist in the implementation of their School Improvement Plans. Available funds will be equally distributed to the schools in accordance with Mississippi Code 37-18-5(3). Ms. Jones recommended approval on Friday.

Ms. Jones discussed awarding grants to the Priority Schools from the 2007-2008 school year to assist in the implementation of their Priority School Improvement Plans. This is a follow-up effort with Priority Schools in order to provide technical assistance and resources to help the schools build the capacity to become independent once they are removed from Priority School status. Ms. Jones recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kris Kaase and Ms. Susan Andrews discussed revisions to the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2008*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the Health Education Institute for Supplemental Endorsement and Approved Program as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. In the 2007 session, the Mississippi Legislature passed the MS Healthy Students Act to support the relationship between the health of students and academic achievement by requiring increased amount of physical activity and health education instruction for K-12 students. The recommended program cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed Licensure Requirements for the Eight New Vocational Redesign Career Pathways as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The proposed requirements cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no comments. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Buckley discussed the New Endorsement Code for Secondary Vocational Special Populations Coordinator as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The proposed endorsement cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments (copy on file). Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Hartley asked that the Board skip to item 25 and consider discussing items 23, 24, 26, and 27 (personnel items) in Executive Session.

Dr. Bounds discussed the Mississippi Department of Education's Five-Year Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 – 2014 scheduled for submission to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration's Office of Budget and Fund Management on August 1, 2008 (copy on file). It was noted that the State Board will continue to review and revise the plan as necessary. Dr. Bounds recommended approval on Friday.

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

- Contract with Tammy Stanford Williams to provide instructional services in Dance, Movement, and Theatre to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with Dr. Jeanne Lebow to provide instructional services in Literary Arts to students at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
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- Contract with Michael O. Norris and Michael C. Harvey to provide services as School Safety Officers at the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with JaniKing to provide janitorial cleaning services in occupied buildings on the campus of the Mississippi School of the Arts (Daphne Buckley)

- Contract with Deborah Pierce to provide consultative services relative to data analysis for the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) as required by IDEA (Kris Kaase)
- Awarding contracts for seven Team Leaders for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process (Kris Kaase)
- Contract with The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc., to provide technical assistance and services related to the Mississippi Alternate Assessment of the Extended Curriculum Frameworks (MAAECF) (Kris Kaase)
- Contract with Sandra Rushing to continue to provide consultative services relative to the *2006 Mississippi Language Arts Curriculum Framework – Revised* and statewide assessments in language arts (Kris Kaase)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Ethel Cain Carson)

Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved to consider going into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann then moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters concerning the operation of the Department of Education including, but not limited to, the appointment of personnel for specific offices and positions and the setting of salaries for these personnel pursuant to the reorganization of the Department of Education as approved by the Board at its May meeting, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7(4)(a). The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0.

#### Minutes of Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed discrete personnel matters relating to the operation of the Department of Education including, but not limited to, the appointment of personnel for specific offices and positions and the setting of salaries for these personnel pursuant to the reorganization of the Department of Education as approved by the Board at its May meeting, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7(4)(a).

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Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. Ms. Rebecca Harris seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6 to 0. The Board took no action during the Executive Session.

The Board meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved:

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William H. Jones, Chair  
Mississippi Board of Education

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Hank M. Bounds  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Board of Education