

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

March 17, 2008

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 17, 2008, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, and Ms. Rosetta Richards. Mr. Charles McClelland joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Dr. David Sistrunk, Board member, was absent.

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:

- Noted that House Education Chairman Cecil Brown and Senate Education Chairman Videt Carmichael would address the Board at 11:00 a.m.; regarding SB 2149, and followed by a press conference on this issue
- Reported that the Office of Academic Education will ask for an RFP for an additional 10-year contract for Subject Area Testing and will bring a contract proposal this summer to the Board for approval; and,
- Noted that Mr. Doug McQueen of the University of Mississippi will address the Board concerning his analysis of the Board's current strategic five-year plan.

Mr. Hal Gage and Ms. Rosetta Richard expressed their appreciation to the MDE staff responsible for coordinating the Destination Graduation: Adult Summit held February 28, 2008, in Jackson.

Dr. Hank Bounds recognized Dr. Sheril Smith, Ms. Caron Blanton, Mr. Paul Sumrall, Mr. Martez Hill and Ms. Joy Milam for their coordination of the Destination Graduation: Adult Summit event.

Mr. Steve Williams and Ms. Joy Milam gave the 2008 Legislative Update.

Mr. Williams discussed the contract with Billy R. Watson to serve as the financial advisor for the Tate County School District. Mr. Williams recommended approval on Tuesday.

Ms. Jean Massey gave a Report on North Panola School District.

Dr. Sheril Smith and Ms. Toni Kersh presented the annual report of the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement for the school year 2006-2007.

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March 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central High School Building, 359 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Board member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk.

- I. 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.
- II. Mr. Charles McClelland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet gave the invocation.
- III. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 14-15, 2008.
- IV. Mr. Claude Hartley introduced Miss Mississippi Kimberly Morgan, and welcomed her to the meeting.
- V. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add Item XI, Other Business, to the agenda, at which time the Board will discuss the need to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.
- VI. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.
- VII. In the Chair's Report, Mr. Claude Hartley expressed the Board's support for legislation in Senate Bill 2149 and their appreciation to Dr. Bounds, Steve Williams, and other MDE staff for their work with the 2008 legislative session.
- VIII. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Monday, March 17, 2008.)
03. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Billy R. Watson to serve as the financial advisor for the Tate County School District (copy attached).
(Office of Educational Accountability)

07. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James Hart to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Accounting at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).

(Office of Business and Support Services)

08. Mr. Bill Jones suggested that the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in grades 1-4 be voted on by school districts:

- On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board approved the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in Grade 1 for Holmes County School District for a waiver for one class of 28 students at Lexington Elementary School.

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

- On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in Grade 1 for the Jackson Public School District for a waiver for one class of 28 students at North Jackson Elementary School.

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

- On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board approved the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in Grade 2 for Jefferson Davis County School District for a waiver for two classes of 29 students per class at J. E. Johnson Elementary School.

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Mr. Bill Jones
Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

- On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board approved the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in Grades 4 for Leake County School District for a waiver for one class of 28 students at Carthage Elementary School.

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

- On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, the Board denied the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in Grade 1 for Marshall County School District for a waiver for two classes of 29 students per class and one class of 28 students at Byhalia Elementary School.

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was denied on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

- On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved the recommendation on exceptions to student enrollment in Grade 2 for Yazoo City Municipal School District for a waiver for two classes of 28 students per class at McCoy Elementary School.

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

09. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the contract modification with NCS Pearson, Inc., for the Subject Area Testing Program (SATP) (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

10. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the contract modification with NCS Pearson, Inc., for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2) (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

11. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to distribute federal funds for the Hurricane Educator Assistance Program (HEAP) (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

12. On a motion by Mr. Bill Jones, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved to award federal grant funds for the Hurricane Educator Assistance Program (HEAP) (copy attached).

(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

14. On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved to change to the Licensure Guidelines for all Endorsement codes for Foreign Languages from Secondary grades 7-12 to Special Subjects grades K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The guidelines cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments (copy attached).

(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Charles McClelland

Members voting nay: Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

15. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the contract between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Mississippi State Department of Health to fulfill the requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coordinated Approach to School Health Grant (copy attached).
(Office of Business and Support Services)
16. On a motion by Ms. Rebecca Harris, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Victoria Campbell-Morris to serve as Director (Bureau Director I) of the Office of Purchasing and Accounts Receivable in the Office of Accounting at an annual salary of \$65,640.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of Business and Support Services)
17. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the request to increase the salary of Ms. Melba Beasley, Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Federal Financial Management to an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of Business and Support Services)
18. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the request to increase the salary of Mr. Quentin Ransburg, Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Innovative Support to an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of Business and Support Services)
19. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Lea Ann McElroy as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Health Services in the Office of Healthy Schools at an annual salary of \$73,460.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of Business and Support Services)
20. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Shane McNeill as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Coordinated

School Health in the Office of Healthy Schools at an annual salary of \$73,460.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).

(Office of Business and Support Services)

21. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Tanya Bradley as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Program Evaluation and Technical Assistance in the Office of Special Education at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).

(Office of Business and Support Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members voting nay: Mr. Charles McClelland

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

22. On a motion by Mr. Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Ellen Burnham as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Fiscal and Data Management in the Office of Special Education at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).

(Office of Business and Support Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members voting nay: Mr. Charles McClelland

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

23. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Mr. Hal Gage, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Armerita Tell as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Policy and Parent Outreach in the Office of Special Education at an annual salary of \$73,460.00 to become effective March 1, 2008 (copy attached).

(Office of Business and Support Services)

Mr. Claude Hartley called for the vote. The motion was approved on the following vote:

Members voting aye: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet
Mr. Hal Gage
Dr. O. Wayne Gann
Ms. Rebecca Harris
Mr. Bill Jones
Ms. Rosetta Richard

Members voting nay: Mr. Charles McClelland

Members abstaining: None

Member absent: Dr. David Sistrunk

- VII. On a motion by Mr. Hal Gage, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items:

A. Approval of a new school site for the Madison County School District
(Office of Business and Support Services)

B. Approval to contract with the Mississippi State Department of Health to perform Health Inspections of selected Summer Food Service Program Sites for Program Year 2008
(Office of Business and Support Services)

C. Approval of contract modification with Caroline Coston to provide consultative services relative to serving as team leader for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

- D. Approval of contract modification with Bruce Mortenson to provide consultative services relative to serving as team leader for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
- E. Approval of contract modification with Staffers, Inc., to provide a temporary employee as a receptionist and to perform clerical duties
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
- F. Approval of contract with Mike Willoughby Painting, Inc., to paint the interior of six (6) dormitories on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- G. Approval of the contract with S & S Enclosures to construct a walkway cover and a canopy on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- H. Approval to modify the contract with NURSEstat, Inc., for the provision of Registered Nursing (RN) services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:
- Fulbright-Hayes Group Project Abroad Study to India honoring Angie Lawrence of Kossuth High School
 - Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program honoring Valerie Morgan of Water Valley High School
 - 2008 National Civic Star Award for the State of Mississippi honoring the Petal School District
- IX. State Board of Education
01. Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that she attended the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) conference in Washington, D. C. recently.
- Mr. Claude Hartley expressed the Board's appreciation to Ms. Richard for her contributions to the NASBE organization.
- Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet reported that she attended the Destination Graduation: Adult Summit held in Jackson in February and expressed appreciation for the presenters for their contribution to this event. Ms. Caillavet

recognized MDE staff that participated in the coordination of the summit and mentioned that this event is the first of its kind to be held in the nation.

02. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Rebecca Harris, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet to represent Dr. Hank Bounds at the Milken Family Foundation meeting scheduled for March 29-31, 2008, in Los Angeles, CA.

- X. Mr. Bill Jones moved to consider going into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. O Wayne Gann and was approved on a vote of 8 to 0. Mr. Jones then moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a confidential legal matter in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Mississippi Code. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hal Gage and approved on a vote of 8 to 0. Board members present were: Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, Mr. Hal Gage, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Ms. Rebecca Harris, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, and Ms. Rosetta Richard. Dr. Hank Bounds, Mr. Martez Hill and Mr. Paul Sumrall were also present.

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The Board discussed a confidential legal matter in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Mississippi Code. No action was taken.

Mr. Hal Gage made a motion to return to regular session. Mr. Bill Jones seconded the motion. The Board voted 8 to 0 to return to regular session.

Upon returning to regular session, Mr. Claude Hartley stated that the Board discussed a confidential legal matter in accordance with Section 25-41-7 (4)(a) of the Mississippi Code and that no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Approved:

Claude Hartley, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

The report is published each year by the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement in accordance with MS Code 37-13-85 and is submitted to the State Board of Education and the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. Major areas addressed in the report are: Compulsory School Attendance Data History, Home School Data, and Private School Data.

Mr. Charles McClelland, Board member, joined the meeting at the conclusion of the Report from the Office of Compulsory School Attendance.

Ms. Regina Ginn and Ms. Sheila Thompson discussed the proposed policy regarding the expenditure of funds received from school-based Medicaid programs. The intent of the programs is to reimburse school districts for direct medical-related services to allow them to have more money for health-related programs. Ms. Ginn advised that no action is required on this issue on Tuesday. A recommendation will be brought to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process in April.

House Education Chairman Cecil Brown and Senate Education Chairman Videt Carmichael addressed the Board concerning SB 2149, 2008 Regular Legislative Session. If passed, Senate Bill 2149 would require the removal of an elected or appointed superintendent in districts identified as underperforming for two or more consecutive full school years or that have 50 percent of schools identified as underperforming for two consecutive full school years and the district was under the administration of the same superintendent during those two consecutive full school years. If an elected superintendent is removed from office, the method of selection of that superintendent's position would become an appointed position and be named by the school board. Mississippi is one of only three states in the country that has any elected school superintendents.

Mr. Hartley welcomed Mr. Blake Wilson, President and CEO of the Mississippi Economic Council, to the meeting. Mr. Wilson was given an opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation in SB 2149.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hartley asked that the Board suspend the agenda and begin with the next speaker.

Mr. Hartley recognized Dr. Doug McQueen of the University of Mississippi who reported on his analysis of the State Board's current 5-year strategic plan. The Board agreed to study the current plan individually and meet at a predetermined date following the 2008 Legislative Session to discuss the plan. Dr. McQueen offered his assistance to the Board.

The meeting recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Ms. Ethel Cain Carson discussed the appointment of James Hart to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Accounting at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective March 1, 2008. Ms. Carson recommended approval on Tuesday.

Dr. Kris Kaase discussed the recommendations on exceptions to student enrollment in grades 1-4. The State Board of Education is authorized by Mississippi Code 37-151-77 and State Board Policy 2100 to waive the pupil-teacher requirements for districts with exceptions to the enrollment ratio of 27:1 in grades 1-4. Six districts were not able to reduce the classroom ratio in grades 1-4 to 27:1 in a total of 10 classrooms and are requesting a waiver. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Tuesday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract modification with NCS Pearson, Inc. for the Subject Area Testing Program (SATP). This contract is being modified to reflect a change in the original scope of services. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Tuesday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the contract modification with NCS Pearson, Inc. for the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2). This contract is being modified to reflect a change in the original scope of services and to move some of the funds from federal funds to state funds. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Tuesday.

Mr. James Hart discussed the methodology for distributing federal funds for the Hurricane Educator Assistance Program (HEAP). This program authorizes funding, to remain available until expended, for the purposes of recruiting, retaining, and compensating new and current teachers, school principals, assistant principals, principal resident directors, assistant directors, and other educators, who commit to work for at least three years in school-based positions in public elementary and secondary schools located in an area with respect to which a major disaster was declared by reason of Hurricanes Katrina or Rita. The U.S. Department approved this methodology. Mr. Hart recommended approval on Tuesday.

Mr. Hart discussed the request to award federal grant funds to eleven (11) Mississippi public school districts for the Hurricane Educator Assistance Program (HEAP). Mr. Hart recommended approval on Tuesday.

Mr. Hartley asked that the presentation of Item 13 (Project CLEAR Voice report) be delayed until later in the meeting.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the revisions to the Licensure Guidelines for all Endorsement codes for Foreign Languages from Secondary grades 7-12 to Special Subjects grades K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development. The

policy had cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comments. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Tuesday.

Ms. Regina Ginn and Mr. Shane McNeill discussed the contract between the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mississippi Department of Education to fulfill the requirements of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coordinated Approach to School Health Grant. Ms. Ginn recommended approval on Tuesday.

Ms. Ethel Cain Carson discussed the appointment of Victoria Campbell-Morris to serve as Director (Bureau Director I) of the Office of Purchasing and Accounts Receivable in the Office of Accounting at an annual salary of \$65,640.00 to become effective March 1, 2008. Ms. Carson recommended approval on Tuesday.

Ms. Carson discussed Items 17-23 requesting approval to make salary adjustments or adjustments in PIN types for the following employees:

- Approval to increase the annual salary of Melba Beasley, Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Federal Financial Management to \$84,000.00, effective March 1, 2008;
- Approval to increase the annual salary of Quentin Ransburg, Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Innovative Support to \$84,000.00, effective March 1, 2008;
- Approval of the appointment of Lea Ann McElroy to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Health Services in the Office of Healthy Schools at an annual salary of \$73,460.00, effective March 1, 2008.
- Approval of the appointment of Shane McNeill to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Coordinated School Health in the Office of Healthy Schools at an annual salary of \$73,460.00, effective March 1, 2008;
- Approval of the appointment of Tanya Bradley to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Program Evaluation and Technical Assistance in the Office of Special Education at an annual salary of \$84,000.00, effective March 1, 2008;
- Approval of the appointment of Ellen Burnham to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Fiscal and Data Management in the Office of Special Education at an annual salary of \$84,000.00, effective March 1, 2008; and
- Approval of the appointment of Armerita Tell to serve as Director (Educ-Bureau Director II) of the Office of Policy and Parent Outreach in the Office of Special Education at an annual salary of \$73,460.00, effective March 1, 2008.

Ms. Carson recommended approval on Tuesday.

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

- A. New school site for the Madison County School District (Regina Ginn)
- B. Contract with the Mississippi State Department of Health to perform Health Inspections of selected Summer Food Service Program Sites for Program Year 2008 (Regina Ginn)
- C. Contract modification with Caroline Coston to provide consultative services relative to serving as team leader for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process (Ann Moore)
- D. Contract modification with Bruce Mortenson to provide consultative services relative to serving as team leader for the Program Improvement Monitoring Process (Ann Moore)
- E. Contract modification with Staffers, Inc. to provide a temporary employee as a receptionist and to perform clerical duties (Ann Moore)
- F. Contract with Mike Willoughby Painting, Inc. to paint the interior of six (6) dormitories on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Daphne Buckley)
- G. Contract with S & S Enclosures to construct a walkway cover and a canopy on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Daphne Buckley)
- H. Contract modification with NURSEstat, Inc. for the provision of Registered Nursing (RN) services on the campus of the Mississippi Schools for the Blind and the Deaf (Daphne Buckley)
- I. Report of Personnel Actions (Ethel Cain Carson)

Dr. Bounds left the meeting at 3:10 p.m. to attend an evening meeting of the North Panola School District Board of Education.

Dr. Daphne Buckley and Ms. Cecily McNair discussed major findings from the final report of the working conditions survey, Project CLEAR Voice. Dr. Buckley introduced Dr. Barnett Berry, President and CEO of the Center for Teaching Quality, who presented detailed results of the survey in Mississippi.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

Claude Hartley, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

