

Minutes of Mississippi Board of Education Meeting

September 18, 2008

The members of the Mississippi Board of Education met in a work session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 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, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Jones, Chair. Mr. Jones 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:

- Welcomed Senators Videt Carmichael, Merle Flowers, and Tom King to the meeting;
- Welcomed Ms. Martha Murphy, newly appointed State Board member replacing Ms. Rebecca Harris;
- Welcomed Mr. Bob Strebeck who gave a report on the North Panola School District;
- Reported on the Hazlehurst School District; and,
- Reminded the Board of the MDE Budget Hearings that will be held on September 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Woolfolk Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Jones noted that the report on the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation would be presented at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Bounds discussed the Five-Year Strategic Plan (copy on file). Dr. Bounds will work with Caron Blanton to draft a revision of Strategy 1 and will distribute the revised version to the Board members for review.

Dr. Kris Kaase discussed the revisions of the *2008 Textbook Administration Handbook Rules and Regulations*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Kaase discussed the methodology to award competitive one-year grants for the MVPS and AT&T Wireless Labs to be located in three middle school or high school locations. The purpose of the grant is to allow student access to online learning and to establish three wireless labs in schools whose student population is digitally challenged. Dr. Kaase recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Quentin Ransburg discussed issuing an approved list of Supplemental Educational Service Providers. Under Title I, Part A, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, low-achieving, disadvantaged students attending schools that do not make adequate yearly progress for three consecutive years may receive supplemental educational services. States are responsible for

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The regular meeting of the Mississippi Board of Education was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 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, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, Mr. Claude Hartley, Mr. William H. Jones, Mr. Charles McClelland, Ms. Martha Murphy, Ms. Rosetta Richard, and Dr. David Sistrunk. Board member absent: Mr. Hal Gage.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. William H. Jones, Chair.
 - 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 Dr. David Sistrunk, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of August 14-15, 2008.
 - IV. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
 - V. There was no Chair's Report.
 - VI. Approval of Action Items
(Items below are numbered to correspond to the items as discussed on Thursday, September 18, 2008.)
04. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the revisions of the *2008 Textbook Administration Handbook Rules and Regulations*. The revisions cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with public comments that were presented to the Board (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)
 05. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award competitive one-year grants for the MVPS and AT&T Wireless Labs to be located in three middle school or high school locations (copy attached).
(Office of Instructional Programs and Services)

06. On a motion by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved to issue an approved list of Supplemental Educational Service Providers (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
07. On a motion by, Dr. O. Wayne Gann, seconded by Ms. Rosetta Richard, the Board unanimously approved the methodology to award Homeless Education grant dollars in support of local efforts of providing supplemental services to homeless children and youth in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (copy attached).
(Office of Student Performance)
08. On a motion by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Janice Nicholson, to serve on the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development in Congressional District 1 (copy attached).
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
09. Dr. David Sistrunk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Charles McClelland, that based upon review of the hearing record, the hearing officer's recommendation, and the oral arguments from the student and his or her parents, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to modify the decision to expel made by the Executive Director of the Mississippi School of the Arts to expulsion from the Mississippi School of the Arts for the Fall 2008 semester as the final decision of the Board in the appeal of Mississippi School of the Arts Students 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, and 06.
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)
10. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Jana Perry to serve as the Principal (Education Bureau Director II) for the Mississippi School of the Arts at an annual salary of \$73,460.28 to become effective October 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)
11. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Linda C. Reeves to serve as the Director (Education Bureau Director II) of the Office of Procurement at an annual salary of \$84,000.00 to become effective October 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)

12. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Laura Jones to serve as the Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of School Improvement at an annual salary of \$100,200.00 to become effective October 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)
13. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved to increase the salary of Jean Fitzhugh Massey, the Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of Accreditation to an annual salary of \$113,964.00 to become effective October 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)
14. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved to increase the salary of Gracie Sanders, Director (Education Bureau Director II) of the Office of Budget and Planning to an annual salary of \$100,200.00 to become effective October 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)
15. On a motion by Ms. Rosetta Richard, seconded by Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet, the Board unanimously approved to increase the salary of Todd Ivey, Director (Education Bureau Manager) of the Office of Policy and School Financial Services to an annual salary of \$100,200.00 to become effective October 1, 2008 (copy attached).
(Office of the State Superintendent of Education)
- VII. On a motion by Mr. Claude Hartley, seconded by Dr. O. Wayne Gann, the Board unanimously approved the following consent items (copies attached):
 - A. Approval of school transportation equipment bids
(Office of Policy and Operations)
 - B. Approval of grant awards for two (2) additional local school districts participating in the School Nurse Intervention Program
(Office of Policy and Operations)
 - C. Approval of contract with Cline Tours for the provision of providing charter bus service for Mississippi School for the Deaf students and staff for athletic and academic activities
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)

- D. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To approve a change to the Licensure Guidelines for Supplemental Endorsements added by Middle Grade Institutes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development
(Office of Quality Professionals and Special Schools)
- E. Approval of contract with The Finance Project to provide sustainability training to 21st Century Community Learning Centers grantees
(Office of Student Performance)
- F. Approval of contract with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to coordinate/facilitate the second year of a partnership between the MDE, local school districts, and universities for development of preparation programs that prepares effective school leaders
(Office of Student Performance)

VIII. Recognition Ceremony was held as follows:

- **State of Mississippi
2008 American Mathematics Contest**

Manoj Maddali
Mississippi School for Math and Science
Qiong (Alex) Wang
Mississippi School for Math and Science
- **Presentation of grant check to MDE from AT&T**
(Mayo Flynt, President of AT & T, Mississippi)

IX. State Board of Education

01. Ms. Rosetta Richard reported that she recently attended a meeting on poverty with Mississippi Representatives from the Coastal area interested in helping promote education.

Mr. Claude Hartley also attended a meeting recently in Tupelo regarding poverty and early childhood education in the State.

Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet along with Mr. Charles McClelland attended the Blue Ribbon Committee for the High School Redesign of Teacher Preparation meeting recently. The meeting focused on Evaluation on design, 21st Century Career Centers, Tech Prep Coordinators, and partnership with Media Centers.

Mr. McClelland noted that the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation plans to present recommendations to the Board in January 2009.

Mr. Charles McClelland made a motion that the Board agree to accept the report from the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation (BRC) and full recommendations of this committee as presented to the Board by Dr. Lynn House, BRC Chair. Ms. Sondra Parker Caillavet seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

02. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Dr. David Sistrunk, the Board approved that Mr. Claude Hartley would travel with Dr. Hank Bounds to Washington, D.C., to visit with Mississippi's Congressional Delegation.

X. On a motion by Mr. Charles McClelland, seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

identifying eligible supplemental education service providers for districts. Mr. Ransburg recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Ransburg discussed the methodology to award Homeless Education grant dollars in support of local efforts of providing supplemental services to homeless children and youth in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Funds would be provided to LEAs to ensure that homeless children, including preschoolers and youth, receive a free and appropriate public education and enable their success by eliminating barriers through providing supplemental instruction, transportation, free school meals, enriched educational services, social services, and medical services. Mr. Ransburg recommended approval on Friday.

Dr. Daphne Buckley discussed the appointment of Dr. Janice Nicholson, Chair of Teacher Education at Blue Mountain College to fill the MAIC representative vacancy on the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. This vacancy is in Congressional District 1. Dr. Buckley recommended approval on Friday.

Mr. Jones recommended that the Board skip to the consent items and consider discussing items 09 (Mississippi School of the Arts item), 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 (personnel items) in Executive Session.

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

- School transportation equipment bids (Shane McNeill)
- Grant awards for two (2) additional local school districts participating in the School Nurse Intervention Program (Shane McNeill)
- Contract with Cline Tours for the provision of providing charter bus service for Mississippi School for the Deaf students and staff for athletic and academic activities (Daphne Buckley)
- Change to the Licensure Guidelines for Supplemental Endorsements added by Middle Grade Institutes as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (Daphne Buckley)
- Contract with The Finance Project to provide sustainability training to 21st Century Community Learning Centers grantees (Quentin Ransburg)
- Contract with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to coordinate/facilitate the second year of a partnership between the MDE, local school districts, and universities for development of preparation programs that prepares effective school leaders (Paula Means)
- Report of Personnel Actions (Ethel Cain Carson)

At 10:35 a.m., Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved to consider the need for going into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing discrete personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0.

Minutes of Executive Session

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed personnel matters relating to the job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Department, in accordance with Mississippi Code Section 25-41-7(4)(a).

Ms. Rosetta Richard made a motion that the Board come out of the Executive Session. Mr. Claude Hartley seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 8 to 0. The Board took no action during the Executive Session.

The meeting recessed for lunch 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Hal Gage was not present during the afternoon session.

Dr. Bounds welcomed Dr. Lynn House, Assistant Commissioner for Student and Academic Affairs, State Institutions of Higher Learning, to the meeting. Dr. House gave a report on the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation (copy on file).

At 1:40 p.m. Dr. O. Wayne Gann moved to consider the need for going into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Claude Hartley, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. O. Wayne Gann then moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding students from the Mississippi School of the Arts relative to student issues in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(h).

Minutes of the Executive Session

During the Executive Session the Board heard the appeals of the students from the Mississippi School of the Arts regarding student disciplinary issues in accordance with Section 25-41-7(4)(h).

Mr. Claude Hartley made a motion that the Board come out of the Executive Session. Ms. Rosetta Richard seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a vote of 7 to 0. The Board took no action during the Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

William H. Jones, Chair
Mississippi Board of Education

Hank M. Bounds
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Board of Education

