

## MINUTES

### **State Board of Education**

### **Policy and Legislative Committee Meeting**

#### Date

**March 8, 2016**

#### Time

**9:00 a.m.**

#### Location

**Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

*Michael Brenan, Chair*

*Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs and  
Staff Liaison to the Committee*

### **I. Welcome and Determination of Quorum**

Chair Michael Brenan, Governor's Appointee, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Chair Brenan welcomed everyone to the meeting and addressed the members present. State Board of Education (SBE) Policy & Legislative Committee (Committee) members attending were Dr. Samuel Alston, First Judicial Circuit; Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; and Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Dr. Ivan Randolph, Chair-Elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit, attended via conference call.

Additional members present were Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Janice M. Murray, Third Judicial Circuit; David F. Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Rhonda Edwards, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and arriving late, Jeff Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Noelle Redd, Minutes Taker; Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education; Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs/Parliamentarian; Barbara A. Drayton, Staff Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Dr. Sheila Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness; Jennifer Morrison,

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Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness; Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College & Career Readiness; and Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support.

**II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media**

Visitors present were

- Andre Boyd, Superintendent, Florence School District Four
- Linda Allen, Transformation Coach
- Mary Brayboy, Principal, Brockington Elementary
- Langston Brown, Principal, Johnson Middle School
- Dock L. Smith, Vice Chairperson, Florence Four Board of Trustees
- Derrick Echols, Florence Four Board of Trustees
- Deidra R. Thomas, Secretary, Florence Four Board of Trustees
- Ken Davis, Esquire, Boykin, Davis & Smiley Law Firm, representing the Florence Four School District/Board of Trustees

**III. Approval of Committee Minutes for February 10, 2016**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the February 10, 2016, minutes. There being none, Chair Brenan stated that the minutes were unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for March 8, 2016**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the March 8, 2016, agenda. There being none, Chair Brenan stated that the agenda was unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

**V. Public Comment Period**

No one signed up for public comment.

**VI. Board Item(s)**

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **School District (District) Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann § 59-39-160(C)(1)(b) For A Student Participating In Interscholastic Activities**—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs

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Ms. Hazelwood presented the proposed waiver request of § 59-39-160(C)(1)(b) for a student participating in an interscholastic activity.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. Motion carried, item passed. Item 01 will be placed on the Consent Agenda

**02. Florence School District Four's (Florence Four) Accreditation Classification Based on State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R.43-300), Accreditation Criteria—Betsy Carpentier, Chief of Staff/COO**

Ms. Carpentier presented the final accreditation classification for Florence Four district office, Brockington Elementary, and Johnson Middle Schools.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. Motion carried, item passed. Item 02 will be presented to the Full Board.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

**03. Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to the placement of Action Item 01 on the Consent Agenda and presentation of Item 02 to the Full Board at the 1:00 p.m. meeting. There being none, Chair Brenan stated that both items were approved by consensus. Motion carried, item passed.

**VIII. Other Business**

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Brenan adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.