

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Friday, March 11, 2011

Time

1:00 p.m. State Board Regular Meeting

Location

Salon D

Clarion Hotel Downtown

1615 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Dennis Thompson, Chair-elect

Mick Zais, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The State Board of Education meeting convened at 1:15 p.m. Chair Postlewait called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: Gerrita Postlewait, Chair, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Chair-elect, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Tim Moore, Esq., Second Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Josie Gaston, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Marilyn (Lyn) Norton, EdD, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies were Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; and Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Mick Zais, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Scott English, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Charmeka Bosket, Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Office of Policy; Jay W. Ragley, Deputy Superintendent for Legislative and Public Affairs, Office of Legislation; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Wendy Cartledge, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Valerie Harrison, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support;

Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Todd Bedenbaugh, Director, Office of Health and Nutrition, Division of Innovation and Support; Paul Bozard, Investigator, Office of General Counsel; and Cindy Clark, Recording Secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES AND WORKING SESSION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Chair Postlewait asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE minutes and Working Session minutes for February 10, 2011. Rose Sheheen moved to approve the minutes, and Marilyn (Lyn) Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR MARCH 11, 2011

Chair Postlewait asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE agenda for March 11, 2011. John Rampey moved to approve the agenda. David Blackmon, PhD, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Postlewait welcomed all visitors. There was no news media present.

V. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

State Superintendent of Education Zais reported that he has visited several schools and attended the education finance committee meetings. He stated that a waiver was submitted for 2009–10, and the SCDE requested funds be redirected. He also said that there is an accumulative gap, and there is a need to specify funds for individuals with disabilities. The General Assembly was given a letter with details concerning these issues. Dr. Zais also commented on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

Dr. Zais also thanked Charmeka Bosket for organizing the SBE Retreat and expressed his appreciation to the Board members for giving up their time to attend the retreat.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Grant, Managing Director for New Site Development, Teach For America (TFA), gave a status report concerning the TFA program.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

PH-01

Promulgation of New Regulation 43-169, Food Service Management Company Contracts (Second Reading)—Todd Bedenbaugh, Director, Office of Health and Nutrition, Division of Innovation and Support

Todd Bedenbaugh was available for any questions from the Board concerning the Promulgation of New Regulation 43-169, Food Service Management Company Contracts. There being none, Tim Moore moved that the Board approve the item. David Longshore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

SB STATE BOARD

BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW-UP

Board goals and annual agenda

Committee goals and annual agenda

The Board decided to organize thoughts around goals from Dr. Zais, and Chair Postlewait summarized those goals. The Board also discussed the annual agenda.

ECC EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES

Committee Report—Mike Brenan, Chair

Mr. Brenan moved that the State Board ratify the Educator Certification Cases (ECC) presented during the ECC Committee meeting. David Blackmon, PhD, seconded the motion. The motion carried

Dr. Postlewait recused herself from voting.

FOR APPROVAL

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Committee Report—David Longshore, Chair

Dr. Longshore provided the Board with an overview of the Committee meeting and stated there was one item for approval and one item for information as follows:

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Request from a Citizen for the State Board of Education to Promulgate a Regulation**—Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Dr. Longshore reported, on behalf of the EP Committee, that the Request from a Citizen for the State Board of Education to Promulgate a Regulation was denied.

FOR INFORMATION

02. **Annual Report on Individuals Who Have Applied for Certification in South Carolina Based on Qualifying for the Passport to Teaching Certificate through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence(ABCTE)**—Falicia Harvey, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Dr. Harvey gave a summary of the Annual Report on Individuals Who Have Applied for Certification in South Carolina Based on Qualifying for the Passport to Teaching Certificate through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE).

IX. LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REGARDING REGULATIONS, IF NECESSARY

Jay W. Ragley, Deputy Superintendent, Legislative and Public Affairs, reported that the education budget fared well and the base student cost has increased. He also reported on charter schools and the proviso suspending the Education and Oversight Committee, which would move those functions to the State Department of Education. He provided information on education funding reform and the Constitutional Amendment that will allow the Governor to appoint the State Superintendent of Education.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Postlewait thanked Cindy Clark, Recording Secretary, for the extra time and effort put forth in preparing for the SBE Retreat.

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:20 p.m.