

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

*David Blackmon, PhD, Chair*

*Barry Bolen, 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 1:04 p.m. Chair Blackmon 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: David Blackmon, PhD, Chair, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Chair-elect, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Raye O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Thomas Shortt, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies were David Longshore, Ph.D., First Judicial Circuit, and Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Mick Zais, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Jay W. Ragley, Director, Office of Legislative and Public

Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations; Michelle Bishop, Education Associate, Office of Exceptional Children; Laura Bayne, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Fritz Mason, Public Information Coordinator, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; and Rachel Kerley, Public Information Specialist, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2013**

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on March 13, 2013, as presented. He called for a vote and the motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR MAY 8, 2013**

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on May 8, 2013, as presented. He called for a vote and the motion carried.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Dr. Blackmon welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting.

- Harriet Jaworowski (York 3)
- Christopher M. Odon (York 3)
- Toni Chewing, Palmetto State Teachers Association
- Kathy Maness, Palmetto State Teachers Association
- Jackie Hicks, SCEA
- Mike Fanning, Olde English Consortium
- Betsy Carpentier, SCASA

**V. STATE CHAIR REMARKS**

Dr. Blackmon reminded everyone that May is Teacher Appreciation Month and thanked South Carolina's educators. He recognized Darleen Sutton as the new Teacher of the Year and thanked Trip DuBard of SC Future Minds and Dr. Zais for their contributions to the recognition event. Dr. Blackmon introduced Dr. Juanita Bowens-Seabrook, the new director for the Office of Health and Nutrition. Dr. Blackmon introduced Dr. Traci Young Cooper (Richland) and Mr. Jeff Kubu (Anderson) as the newest members of the State Board of Education. Dr. Blackmon mentioned the Innovation Summit that was held on May 1, sponsored by the state Chamber of Commerce and New Carolina. He and Mr. Bolen also attended a meeting with Governor Haley and district superintendents on May 2.

**VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Dr. Zais visited with students, teachers, principals, and superintendents at the following schools:

- In Hampton School District 1, Dr. Zais visited Ben Hazel Primary and Brunson Elementary. Later that day, in Hampton School District 2, Dr. Zais visited Estill Elementary and Estill High School. Mr. Dennis Thompson accompanied him on these visits.
- In Edgefield County, Dr. Zais visited Merriwether Middle, W.E. Parker Elementary, Johnston Elementary, and Strom Thurmond High School.
- In Anderson School District 4, Dr. Zais visited La France Elementary, Pendleton High School, and Townville Elementary School.
- In Sumter County, Dr. Zais visited High Hills Elementary, Cherryvale Elementary, Mayewood Middle, and Crestwood High School. State Board member Mrs. Lonzena Harry accompanied him during his school visits in Sumter.
- In Anderson School District 3, Dr. Zais visited Iva Elementary and Crescent High School. Then in Abbeville County, Dr. Zais visited Westwood Elementary and Wright Middle School.
- Finally, Dr. Zais visited Charleston Charter for Math and Science and John de la Howe School.
- Next week, Dr. Zais will visit schools in Anderson 1 and Anderson 2 School Districts. One of these visits will be his 200th school visit since beginning public service as State Superintendent of Education.

Dr. Zais met with school leaders on an individual basis or in small groups.

- In April, Dr. Zais addressed a meeting of the deans of the colleges and schools of education in South Carolina.
- Also in April, Dr. Zais addressed and met with school leaders who are participating in the beta test of the educator evaluation system.
- Finally, Dr. Zais spoke with and answered questions from two groups of principals and two groups of assistant principals.

Finally, Dr. Zais made a number of public appearances during the past two months. This is not an all-inclusive list.

- In March, Dr. Zais addressed the participants at an education reform summit hosted by South Carolina State University.
- Also in March, Dr. Zais addressed members of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and took questions.
- In April, Dr. Zais participated in an Innovation Initiative Meeting held by New Carolina. Later in April, he addressed an Education Summit hosted by New Carolina.
- In April, Dr. Zais addressed the participants at the annual conference sponsored by the Public Charter School Association of South Carolina.
- On May 1, Dr. Zais attended and participated in the annual Teacher of the Year recognition banquet. Darleen Sutton, a teacher at Pickens Elementary School in Pickens County, was named the 2013 Teacher of the Year.

- Dr. Zais also participated in several board meetings that he regularly attends: the Education Oversight Committee, the Board of Trustees at the University of South Carolina, and the Board of Visitors at the Citadel.
- Dr. Zais was invited to deliver the graduation address to the students in the Citadel's graduate and evening programs.

## **VII. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS**

For the year 2012, the Chapin NJROTC Eagle Battalion finished in first place in the national competition of NJROTC units. Out of 600+ units country-wide, the Chapin Eagles finished at the top and brought Chapin its third national title. They also won their ninth state championship in 2012. In attendance today are Master Chief Petty Officer Morris, Chief Pacatang, Senior Chief Petty Officer Walker, Master Chief Petty Officer Reynolds, and Senior Chief Charles Cook. They are represented on the State Board of Education by Mr. Barry Bolen.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one signed up for public comment.

## **IX. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

### **EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

**Committee Report**—Mr. Griffith, Substitute Chair

The Committee heard one approval item, which was placed on the consent agenda. Chair Blackmon motioned for the SBE to approve the EP Committee report. Motion carried.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Two New Educator Preparation Programs**—Cindy Van Buren, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Recruitment, and Preparation, Division of School Effectiveness

**IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE**

**Committee Report**—Barry Bolen, Chair

The Committee heard one approval item, which was placed on the consent agenda. The Committee also received a financial update by Len Richardson. Chair Blackmon motioned for the SBE to approve the IF Committee report. Motion carried.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Marion County School District**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support

**SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Committee Report**—Thomas Shortt, PhD, Chair

The Committee heard six approval items and placed five on the consent agenda. Dr. Timmerman provided extra information regarding SLA-04 and also confirmed that the new testing dates do fall in the norming period. Ms. Bishop gave an overview of the changes to IDEA, SBE Regulation 43-243 (SLA-06).

The Committee discussed SLA-05, which was not included on the consent agenda. Dr. Varat moved that the SBE consider this matter as a request to add materials under SC Code Section 59-31-45 and moved the addition of the materials pursuant to that section with the stipulation that the requesting school districts submit a formal request from their Boards of Trustees within 15 days. The motion did not require a second. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

South Carolina is still utilizing the 2005 science standards. The review panel looked at these materials to determine if they aligned with the standards. The current standards will be in effect for the 2013–14 school year, and then we will be implementing new science standards. When new standards are approved, instructional materials review will occur. In order for materials to receiving funding, the subject has to be moved to the top of the priority list. The committee did not recommend moving science to the top of the priority list.

Chair Blackmon motioned for the SBE to approve the SLA committee report. Motion carried.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Draft of the 2013 Academic Standard for World Language (WL) Proficiency**—Dr. Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation, Division of School Effectiveness
02. **Selection of State Textbook Depository**—Bruce Shealy, Fiscal Manager for Instructional Materials, Office of Finance
03. **Recommendations for Appointments to the 2013 Review Panels for Instructional Materials**—Catherine Jones-Stork, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation, Division of School Effectiveness
04. **Report of Review Panel Recommendation for Instructional Materials Requested by School District**—Dr. Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation, Division of School Effectiveness
05. **Instructional Materials Waiver Request—Rock Hill (York 3), Greenwood 51, Lexington 1, and Richland Lexington 5 School Districts**—Dr. Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation, Division of School Effectiveness
06. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 43-243 to Meet Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA)**—Michelle Bishop, Team Leader, Office of Exceptional Children, Division of Accountability

<b>X. CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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The following items were approved in committee and placed on the Consent Agenda:

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Mr. Griffith motioned that the SBE approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rampey seconded. The motion carried.

**XI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND REQUESTS REGARDING REGULATIONS**

Jay W. Ragley, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs  
Laura J. Bayne, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

The Senate Finance Committee has not posted the budget yet although they did meet extensively last week on the House-passed budget. The Senate is said to have held the base student cost at the House level, provided some additional funds for school bus procurement, and also put in money to expand the CDEPP program to districts that have poverty rating of 75 percent or greater. It is likely that the budget will be taken up by the full Senate next week.

The regulations submitted by the SBE have all either been approved by the regular process or are about to be approved. Barring some unforeseen circumstance, they will go into effect for next school year.

The bill to eliminate the high school exit exam passed the House, and the Senate has it now. Three charter school bills are awaiting debate in the Senate. The Read to Succeed Act is being debated in the Senate Education Committee. We are now past the May 1 crossover deadline.

The budget does not contain anything pertaining to Common Core. The House does have a bill to add General Assembly approval to the standards adoption process, but it has not passed at this time.

Between 7 and 8 percent of each cohort have passed all their high school courses but are unable to pass the HSAP. Parents have voiced a lot of concern that a single test should not determine a child's future. There were also concerns that the testing wasn't valuable for students. The task force created in the bill would examine the entire assessment program to see if there might be better assessments to use.

The House-passed budget had 10.5 million in the capital reserve fund for school bus purchases. Those funds become available in September 2014. The SCDE received 12.1 million in the current fiscal year.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Brennan gave an overview of the Innovation Summit held last week. Dr. Zais and Board members shared what they learned from the speakers.

Dr. Blackmon referenced the common reading, titled *Making of Americans*, and said that it will be discussed beginning at the June Board meeting.

Dr. Blackmon thanked Mr. Kobrovsky for providing the refreshments.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 1:58 p.m.