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State Board of Education Meeting and Retreat

Date

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Time

9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location

**Blythewood High School
10901 Wilson Boulevard
Blythewood, South Carolina**

Al Simpson, Chair

Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect

Jim Rex, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

I. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEAM BUILDING

II. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance for the meeting: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Tim Moore, Second Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Fred "Trip" DuBard, III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Gerrita Postlewait, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Britt Blackwell, OD, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Absent with apologies was Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins,

Minute Taker; Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; David Rawlinson, Director, Palmetto Priority Schools; Cleo Richardson, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educational Services; Sabrina Moore, PhD, Director, Office of Regional Services, Division of Educational Services; Don Lawrimore, Director, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Educational Services; David Chadwell, Education Associate, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Educational Services; Virginia Riga, EdD, Education Associate, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Educational Services; Julie Anna Hartwell, Education Associate, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Educational Services; Aveene Coleman, Education Associate, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Educational Services; Paula Harris, Education Associate, Palmetto Priority Schools, Superintendent's Office; Joel Medley, Education Associate, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Educational Services; Miriam Chitiga, EdD, Palmetto Priority Schools, Superintendent's Office; Beth Howard, EdD, Education Associate, Palmetto Priority Schools, Superintendent's Office; Valerie Harrison, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Teri Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Elizabeth Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; and John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations.

Also in attendance were Decosta Muckenfuss, SC Association of School Administrators, and Rebekah Steen, Pincus Loomis.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF MAY 13 and 14, 2008, MEETINGS

Tim Moore moved to approve the minutes for the May 13 and 14, 2008, meetings of the State Board of Education. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JUNE 11 & 12, 2008

Kristin Maguire moved to approve the agenda for June 11 and 12, 2008. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Simpson recognized visitors present. No news media were present.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Dr. Rex. Dr. Rex introduced Nick Metrakos, Youth Learning Coordinator for Richland School District Two. Nick is the co-chair of the Richland School District Two Youth Action Council. The Youth Action Council wrote and received a \$100,000 grant from State Farm Insurance Company. The Youth Action Council is going to provide grants to schools in Richland Two through Youth Philanthropic. Mr. Metrakos thanked Dr. Rex for allowing him to address the SBE meeting on such short notice to talk about service learning.

VII. STATE BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. 2008–09 Policy Overview Dr. Jim Rex

Dr. Rex discussed the initiatives that he would be involved in as far as legislation for the next legislative session. The issues are (1) expanding four-year-old kindergarten, (2) expanding Public School Choice, and (3) revising the way public education is funded.

- B. Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Dr. Cleo Richardson
Dr. Sabrina Moore

Cleo Richardson, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educational Services, introduced Sabrina Moore, PhD, Director, Office of Regional Services, Division of Educational Services, to the SBE members. Dr. Moore presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to minutes) on the EEDA and discussed what has happened over the last few years. She explained the primary purpose of the EEDA and answered questions from SBE members.

Mrs. Maguire asked what the SBE's role was in meeting the goals of the EEDA. Dr. Moore, Dr. Rex, and Dr. Richardson responded to Mrs. Maguire's question.

Mr. Hubbard asked if there was a problem with students taking career courses for credit instead of AP classes because they want to take courses they can pass. Dr. Moore responded that this was an issue that needed to be addressed.

Dr. Postlewait asked (in high school rankings) if dual credit courses are weighted the same as AP courses. Dr. Moore responded yes. Dr. Postlewait asked if this was SBE policy. Dr. Moore again responded yes. Dr. Postlewait asked if Dr. Moore saw a potential tension

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regarding this. Dr. Moore responded yes. Further discussion on this issue was held by Dr. Rex, Mrs. Maguire, and Ms. Disney.

C. Palmetto Priority Schools

Dr. Janice Poda
David Rawlinson

Dr. Poda gave a brief overview of the Palmetto Priority Schools and what has been done over the past year. She introduced Mr. David Rawlinson who presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to minutes) titled "Palmetto Priority School Update." As he presented the PowerPoint, he answered questions from SBE members.

D. Public School Choice

Dr. Cleo Richardson
Don Lawrimore
David Chadwell
Dr. Virginia Riga
Julie Anna Hartwell
Aveene Coleman

Dr. Richardson gave a brief overview of Public School Choice. He introduced Don Lawrimore, Director, Office of Public School Choice; Division of Educational Services. Mr. Lawrimore presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached to minutes) titled "Office of Public School Choice, Public Schools: Choices that Work." As he presented the PowerPoint, he answered questions from SBE members.

VIII. RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

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Thursday, June 12, 2008

Time

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location

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Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect

Jim Rex, PhD

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IX. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Simpson reconvened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Valerie Harrison, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Teri Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Elizabeth Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations; and Jim Foster, Director, Office of Communications.

Also in attendance were Decosta Muckenfuss, SC Association of School Administrators, and Rebekah Steen, Pincus Loomis.

Mrs. Maguire moved to amend the agenda to take up the Resolution thanking Keith Price, Principal, for allowing the SBE to use the Band Room at Blythewood High School for their State Board Retreat.

Chair Simpson introduced Dr. Stephen Hefner, District Superintendent, Richland School District Two. He thanked Dr. Hefner for attending the SBE meeting.

Dr. Rex asked Dr. Hefner to discuss school choice and what Richland School District Two offers.

X. STATE BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS CONTINUED

- A. Setting Standards Dr. Valerie Harrison

Dr. Harrison presented a PowerPoint titled "Setting Standards, Framing Success" (copy attached with minutes). She handed out a copy of the *Procedures for the Cyclical Review of Current South Carolina K-12 Academic Standards and for the Development of New Academic Standards*, developed by the staffs of the SCDE and the Education Oversight Committee (EOC). She answered questions from the SBE members.

- B. Accountability Update Dr. Teri Siskind

Dr. Siskind presented a handout titled "Education Accountability Act, H.4662" and answered questions. The chart showed a side-by-side of the current EAA practice and H.4662 as ratified. She answered questions from the SBE members.

- C. Education Accountability Act: Roles of the SBE and the EOC Sandy Smith

Ms. Smith presented a chart showing the South Carolina Education Accountability Act, as ratified on May 29, 2008, Roles and Responsibilities. She answered questions from the SBE members.

Keith Price, Principal, Blythewood High School, stopped by the meeting and met members of the SBE.

- D. Improving Graduation Rates Dr. Cleo Richardson

This item was moved to the July SBE meeting.

Rick Adkins moved to go into Executive Session. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session

- E. Process for Viewing Teacher Cases Online Shelly Kelly, Esquire
Wendy Cartledge, Esquire

Britt Blackwell moved to come out of Executive Session. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- F. Meeting Logistics Dr. Janice Poda

Dr. Poda went over the current SBE Committee meeting schedule. She stated that the SBE had voted to have no designated meeting date. She asked the SBE members if they wish to continue meeting this way or to discuss other possibilities.

Chair Simpson asked SBE members about meeting for two days. Mr. Blackwell recommended time limits on presentations. Mr. Bowers suggested that the members wait until they see how the educator cases hearing committee works before a decision is made. Mr. Dubard suggested, and Mr. Moore agreed, that the committees should meet on Tuesday afternoon with the exception of the Policy Committee, which will meet for breakfast on Wednesday morning before the full board meeting.

It was agreed that all items acted on by the committees on Tuesday afternoon would go to the full Board on Wednesday for consideration. It was also agreed that because of the short turn around time that all minutes would be approved at the next month's SBE meeting.

Teacher cases will be heard at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday before the Wednesday SBE meeting. The committees will begin meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Dubard asked that the following statement be included in the minutes.

The suggested schedule for committee meetings on Tuesday before the SBE meeting on Wednesday are as follows: The Hearing Committee meeting will start at 1:00 p.m., and the regular committee meetings at 3:00 p.m. The Policy Committee will meet Wednesday morning prior to the full board meeting.

As a Board, our focus will be on "raising graduation rates," and we will look to Dr. Richardson to develop possible initiatives to be adopted by the SBE.

The SBE has agreed to become an advocate for public education. The SBE would like a briefing on funding, 4K, and school choice, before taking a position.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The State Board of Education Retreat adjourned at 3:25 p.m.