

**MINUTES**

**State Board of Education Meeting**

**Date**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

**Time**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Location**

**Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina**

***Barry Bolen, Chair***

***Traci Young Cooper, EdD, 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 (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Bolen called the meeting to order. Dr. Cooper, Chair-elect, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Barry Bolen, Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee. Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit, participated via phone.

James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit was absent with apologies.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cindy Van Buren, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Joseph Tadlock, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of

School Effectiveness; Anna Burns, Program Coordinator, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2014**

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on May 14, 2014, and the SBE Retreat on May 14–15, 2014, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JUNE 11, 2014**

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on June 11, 2014.

Neil Willis moved to switch items SBE-01 and SBE-02 on the agenda. Jeff Kubu seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Chair Bolen welcomed visitors and media to the SBE meeting.

**V. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**School Visits**

Since the last Board meeting, Dr. Zais visited with students, parents, teachers, and school leaders at the following schools:

- Ruby Elementary and Chesterfield High in Chesterfield School District
- River Bluff High School in Lexington District One
- Lexington Technology Center
- Coosa Elementary School in Beaufort County

**Public Appearances**

Dr. Zais listed some recent public appearances:

- Recognized for advocacy of public charter schools at a banquet held by the South Carolina Public Charter School District
- Addressed a meeting of the South Carolina Teenage Republicans
- Attended premiere of the program, *The Rising Sun*, a documentary about South Carolinians in the Pacific Theater during World War II
- Attended a reception on behalf of the Children's Law Center at USC
- Addressed the Columbia Christian Chamber of Commerce
- Attended an event honoring South Carolina's two soldiers killed in Afghanistan this year
- Delivered the graduation address at Lewisville High School in Richburg

- Attended a reception for Goodwill Industries and a drop-in for Congressman Joe Wilson
- Named the winner of the Bronze Elephant Award at the South Carolina Republican Party's premiere dinner gala
- Attended the Governor's press conference at Langdon Elementary School
- Gave graduation remarks for the South Carolina Education Policy Fellowship Program
- Attended the Governor's signing for the "Read to Succeed" bill

### **Media Interviews**

Dr. Zais was interviewed by the following media this month:

- WTOC-TV
- Rocky D on WQSC radio
- Jonathon and Kelly radio show on WVOC
- Liz & Dave radio show on WRNN

Dr. Zais encouraged everyone to see his blog where he has posted about the importance of financial literacy; an interview with NASA Administrator and retired Marine Corps Major General Charles Bolden; about River Bluff High School; and how current seniority-based layoff policies hurt great teachers.

Dr. Zais thanked our Board members for the hard work they have put into reviewing the improvements the SCDE has proposed for the educator evaluation system. He said that it is vital that we engage in collaboration and develop the best system possible for teachers and students alike. He encouraged the Board's approval for second reading of our enhanced educator and principal evaluation system.

<b>VI. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
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The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting regarding the proposed educator evaluation system:

- Curtis Lemay, art teacher at Lewisville High School
- Dr. Jeff Venables, Palmetto State Teachers Association, past Honor Roll Teacher
- Bryan Coburn, 2010 State Teacher of the Year
- Dr. Beatrice Masick, educator
- Preston Thorne, teacher at Blythewood High School
- Randy Vaughn, Greenwood School District 50
- Betsy Carpentier, Ad-hoc Proposal Committee
- Diane Hartness, teacher at Newberry High School
- Jackie Hicks, SCEA
- Hope Lites, teacher
- Kelly McGuire, parent and former teacher

- Sarah McCain forfeited her time to Kelly McGuire.
- Glenda Day, teacher
- Peter Smyth, retired teacher
- Sarah Chad Johnson, parent
- Patrick Hayes, EdFirstSC
- Debbie Elmore, SCSBA

The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting regarding the science standards:

- Ed Emmer, elementary science curriculum specialist for Richland District 2
- Rob Dillon, professor at College of Charleston
- Jeremy Rutledge, Pastor in Charleston
- Mike Svez, parent
- Valerie Waits, science teacher at Gilbert High School
- Kelly Smith, professor at Clemson and USC

## **VII. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

### **EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

The EP committee heard two action items. They were both placed on the consent agenda.

#### **FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Teach For America (TFA) Expansion in Designated Geographic Areas**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness
02. **Proposed New Praxis Content Exams and Passing Scores in Education of Young Children, Elementary Education, Family and Consumer Science, Middle-Level Science, School Psychologist, Special Education: Mental Disabilities and Speech-Language Pathology**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

### **IF INNOVATION & FINANCE**

The IF Committee heard four action items and one information item. Items IF-01, IF-02, and IF-03 were placed on the consent agenda. Item IF-04 was tabled until next month. As a Point of Order, it was taken off of the consent agenda.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Colleton County School District**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support
02. **Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Marion County School District**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support
03. **Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support
04. **Determination of the Average Per Pupil Operating Cost of State-Owned Equipment Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-67-460 (2004)**—Tim Camp, Director, Office of Transportation, Division of Operations and Support

**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE**

The PL committee heard three action items. All were placed on the consent agenda.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Florence County School District Five Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (2011), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability
02. **Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (2011), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability
03. **Horry County School District Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (2011), Defined Program Grades 6–8**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

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**FOR APPROVAL**

02. **South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014: Standard H.B.5**—Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

A motion was made to accept the SCDE recommendation not to amend the standards to incorporate the changes proposed by the Education Oversight Committee. The motion carried. Mr. Willis voted against the motion and asked that his vote be recorded in the minutes.

**01. Expanded South Carolina Educator Evaluation System (Second Reading)**—Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Van Buren presented information on the proposed educator evaluation system. She told the Board that she would also like to start an implementation team.

Dr. Varat moved to accept the proposed system. Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion.

Dr. Cooper asked the Board to consider the ad-hoc option from the educator groups. Dr. Edwards said that she appreciated the educator input for the ad-hoc proposal and supported this option. Dr. Van Buren gave an overview of the workgroup that gave input to the proposal. She also passed out a document that gave a comparison of the ad-hoc proposal to the SCDE proposal.

Dr. Cooper moved to amend the motion to include the recommendations of the ad-hoc proposal. Dr. Edwards seconded the amendment.

Dr. Varat moved to table the amendment to the original motion. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-3.

Dr. Blackmon moved the question. The motion passed with nine in favor and five opposed as follows:

**In favor:** Brennan, Varat, Randolph, Harry, Griffith, Blackmon, Willis, Ewart, Rampey  
**Opposed:** Kobrovsky, Alston, Cooper, Kubu, Edwards

Dr. Edwards wanted to clarify that the ad-hoc committee was not meeting secretly and thanked them for their work on the proposal.

Chair Bolen asked Dr. Timmerman to prepare monthly updates on the educator evaluation system.

<b>VIII. CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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The following items were placed on the consent agenda:

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Jim Griffith moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

01. **Briefing Regarding H. 3893: Cyclical Review Timeline and Assessment Panel Update**—Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, and Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment

Liz Jones gave an update about state assessments. Dr. Briana Timmerman spoke about the cyclical review process and standards development timelines for new SC state standards.

**02. Legislative Update**—Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

Mr. Teppara listed bills that have passed the General Assembly, including the cursive writing and multiplication tables bill, a bill that provides an alternative to the GED test, H. 4061 which will create a sexual assault awareness unit appropriate for elementary children, and a charter schools bill that makes it easier to close failing charter schools and eliminates the Charter School Review Board.

Dr. Nancy Busbee provided information on Proviso 1.A.76, which brings about a prekindergarten and kindergarten assessment in place for the 2014–15 school year.

Mr. Bolen proposed changing the committee meeting times for future meetings. Mrs. Kelly said that she would work on a schedule to propose to the Board. She also asked the Board to consider having a conference call in place of an in-person meeting in July.

Mr. Varat moved to cancel all committee meetings and to waive the Board rules to allow any items to appear before the full Board in July. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

<b>X. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 4:18 p.m.