

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, July 10, 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 1:00 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; David Longshore, PhD, First 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; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Bishop Michael Blue, 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.

Absent with apologies was Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Jay W.

Ragley, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Paul Butler-Nalin, Director, Office of Research and Data Analysis; Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness; Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Lead, Instructional Standards and Practices, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support; 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 JUNE 12, 2013

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on June 12, 2013, as presented. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JULY 10, 2013

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on July 10, 2013, with all items referring to goals and objectives. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Dr. Blackmon introduced Dr. Rhonda Edwards, the new board member from the 14th judicial circuit. He also welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting, including Rosa Fulmore (SCPTA), Lorena Welch (SCPTA), SCASA representatives, Horry County Schools representatives, Scott Price (SCSBA), Ray Wilson (Western Piedmont Education Consortium), and Betsy Carpentier.

V. STATE CHAIR REMARKS

Dr. Blackmon shared that the goals being developed by each committee are still in progress and will be brought before the board at a later time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people participated in the public comment period:

- Clifford Fulmore, SCPTA: Spoke in favor of CCSS
- Ray Wilson, WPEC: Spoke in favor of CCSS
- Shawn Clark, Saluda County Schools: Spoke in favor of CCSS

- Diane Dasher, Fort Mill School District: Spoke in favor of CCSS
- Debbie Elmore, SCSBA: Spoke in favor of CCSS
- Alison Waymyers, StudentsFirst: Introduced the SC teachers that have been accepted into the Transformational Leaders training program.

VII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Promulgating Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 43-243 to Meet Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) (Second Reading)**—Cathy Boshamer, Director, Office of Exceptional Children, Division of Accountability

Mr. Griffith motioned for the SBE to approve PH-01. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Report—Dr. David Longshore, Chair

The committee heard two approval items. EP-01 was moved to the consent agenda after the committee recommended approval, while the committee wanted EP-02 to be discussed by the full board.

FOR APPROVAL

02. **Horry School District Request to Waive Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT) Requirements**—Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Lead, Instructional Standards and Practices, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

The waiver from Horry County requested in EP-02 was to waive the requirement for evaluators to write a rationale on the SAFE-T summary on each key element if the rating was “met.” Committee recommended approving the waiver with the stipulation that, if an educator receives a “met,” the evaluation should include one of the following:

1. The evaluation should note that the educator is “proficient.”
2. If the evaluator does not believe the educator is at a proficient level but still deserving of receiving a “met”, the evaluator should include his or her rationale.

Dr. Varat motioned to split the question. Dr. Shortt seconded the motion. Dr. Varat withdrew the request.

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve. The motion carried.

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE

Committee Report—Barry Bolen, Chair

The committee recommended that Pickens County’s request for property disposal be approved and moved to the consent agenda. The committee did not take a vote related to its goals and objectives in committee. The committee heard an informative “For Information” item from the Office of Virtual Education, which the full board will hear at a later time.

Dr. Blackmon called for a vote to approve the report. The motion carried.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee Report—Dr. Thomas Shortt, Chair

Dr. Shortt shared a summary of the goals discussion this morning.

The Chair called for a vote to approve the report. Motion carried.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

Committee Report—Dr. David Blackmon, Chair

The Chair reported that the committee heard a “For Information” item on the status of the Palmetto Priority Schools list. The committee had a discussion about goals and objectives but didn’t take action. The information will be presented at a later meeting.

The Chair called for a vote on the committee report. Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved in committee and placed on the Consent Agenda:

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

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

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE

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

Dr. Blackmon called for a vote on the consent agenda. The motion carried.

IX. LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND REQUESTS REGARDING REGULATIONS

Jay W. Ragley, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

Mr. Ragley shared a handout summarizing the bills from this legislative session that were enacted or passed one chamber.

Mr. Ragley shared an update on the budget and provisos:

- More schools are now eligible for the school nurse program grants.
- The General Assembly is requiring districts to use funding flexibility available to ensure schools are safe.
- The SCPCSD and the SCDE will be partnering on a student pupil count project to see if parents are being pressured to enroll their child in a virtual charter school instead of the student being expelled.
- School district activity buses: The General Assembly is allowing districts to sell advertising space (within limits) on those buses owned by school districts.
- Digital instructional materials: The General Assembly appropriated a separate pot of money to procure these materials and set a process for getting materials on an approved materials list.
- The General Assembly expanded the CDEPP program, with 17 new school districts eligible to participate this fall.

- The General assembly provided funding for Summer Reading Camps for those in the “Not Met 1” category on the PASS test in 2014.
- Education credit for exceptional needs children: Created scholarship-granting organizations to give tuition scholarships to students who have special needs to attend private schools. The tax credit pool statewide is \$8 million, to which businesses can donate funds and receive tax credits. The scholarships are limited to just students with disabilities, and each student is eligible to receive up to \$10,000, not to exceed the cost of tuition.
- Teacher Supplies: Teachers at private schools are eligible for a tax credit for supplies they purchased up to \$275, the same as public school teachers.
- Gifted/Talented instruction: Endorsement suspension has been lifted.
- GED/Adult Ed: The General Assembly would like to understand why students are re-enrolling in Adult Ed/GED. Similar to the charter school enrollment concerns, some believe that schools pressure students to enroll in adult education so that their drop-out rates aren’t affected.
- Teacher salary schedule for 2013–14 will be the same as this year. Every district must give every eligible teacher at least one step increase.
- EIA Money “Aid to Districts”: Districts must submit an updated school safety plan to the SCDE by September 1 to access these funds.
- The final allotment for the purchase of new school buses is \$23.5 million, but not all of those funds are guaranteed.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Blackmon administered the oath of office to new board member, Dr. Rhonda Edwards.

Dr. Blackmon thanked Mrs. Boyd for the refreshments and reminded the SBE members to turn in their travel forms.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:18 p.m.