

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Friday, January 14, 2011

Time

1:00 p.m. State Board Regular Meeting

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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 (SBE) convened at 1:10 p.m. Chair Postlewait called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Color Guard from A. C. Flora High School Army JROTC, Richland County School District One, led by LTC Dwayne Gatson, presented the colors.

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; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Marilyn (Lyn) Norton, EdD, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies was Josie Gaston, Sixth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Mick Zais, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Charmeka Bosket, Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Office of Policy and Legislation; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Wendy Cartledge, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Valerie Harrison, Deputy Superintendent, Division of

Standards and Learning; John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; and Cindy Clark, Recording Secretary.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE GAVEL/OATH OF OFFICE

Outgoing Chair Tim Moore presented the gavel and oath of office to incoming Chair Gerrita Postlewait.

III. RECOGNITION OF NEW STATE BOARD MEMBERS/OATH OF OFFICE

Chair Postlewait and Dr. Zais acknowledged and welcomed the new Board members. Chair Postlewait then administered the oath of office to new Board members Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit (replacing Libby Swad); Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit (replacing Cindy Clark); Barry Bolen, Eleventh Judicial Circuit (replacing Amelia Herlong); and John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (replacing Britt Blackwell).

Chair Postlewait stated that the SBE recently lost some talented Board members but have gained a new wealth of knowledge and experience with the new Board members.

IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2010

Chair Postlewait asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE minutes for December 8, 2010. Tim Moore moved to approve the minutes, and Britt Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JANUARY 14, 2011, AND REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW AN ITEM LISTED UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS" TO BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE BOARD WITHOUT FIRST BEING APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Chair Postlewait asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE agenda for January 14, 2011. Mike Brenan moved to approve the agenda as posted and Marilyn (Lyn) Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Postlewait welcomed all visitors including those from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) and the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA). There was no news media present.

Chair Postlewait welcomed Dr. Mick Zais, South Carolina's 17th State Superintendent of Education, and turned the meeting over to him.

VII. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

State Superintendent of Education Zais stated that he is looking forward to working with the Board and spoke briefly on his mission as State Superintendent.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for public comment.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

PH-01

Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-62 (Supp. 2009), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)—Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Jim Turner provided the Board with an overview of the Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-62 (Supp. 2009), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification. After discussion, Tim Moore moved that this item be tabled until next month's Board meeting. Neil Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PH-02

Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-64 (Supp. 2009), Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level (Second Reading)—Jim Turner, Director, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, and Mary Beth Copenhaver, PhD, Education Associate, Office of School Leadership, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Beth Copenhaver provided the Board with an overview of the proposed amendments. Chair Postlewait asked for the question. Phillip Bowers moved approval of this item including the changes presented by the SCDE. Dennis Thompson seconded the motion. After discussion, Chair Postlewait asked for a vote on the approval of the proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-64 (Supp. 2009), Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level. The motion carried.

PH-03

Proposed Amendments to 59 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-165.1 (Supp. 2009), Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (Second Reading)—Mary Beth Copenhaver, PhD, Education Associate, Office of School Leadership, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Beth Copenhaver provided the Board with an overview of the proposed amendments. Chair Postlewait asked for a motion on the matter. David Longshore moved that the Board approve the proposed amendments to 59 S.C. Code Ann. Regulations 43-165.1 (Supp. 2009), Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance. The motion was seconded. After discussion, Chair Postlewait called for the vote. The motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Recommendations for Appointments to the Instructional Materials Review Panels—Kris Stewart, Program Coordinator, Office of Standards and Support, Division of Standards and Learning*

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations for Appointments to the Instructional Materials Review Panel. The motion carried.

Overview of Proposed State Board Committee Structure—Gerrita Postlewait, Chair, State Board of Education

Chair Postlewait discussed the proposed committee structure which will include four committees: Policy and Legislative; Standards, Learning, and Accountability; Education Professions; and Educator Certification. Committee appointments will be made at the next Board meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:05 p.m.