

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Wednesday, December 11, 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 1:02 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; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Raye O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Bishop Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Absent with apologies were Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

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; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Cindy Van Buren, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness; Cathy Jones Stork, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

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

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on November 13, 2013, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 11, 2013

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on December 11, 2013. Hearing none, Chair Blackmon stated that the amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Dr. Blackmon welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting. He also recognized PJ Randawa, WIS TV Reporter.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Dr. Blackmon wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy holiday season and thanked our teachers for their service during this time.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

School Visits

Dr. Zais stated that his school visits have slowed down with the start of the holiday season. Since the last SBE meeting, he visited with students, parents, teachers, and school leaders at the following schools:

- Hunter Street Elementary School and York Comprehensive High in York District One
- Oakridge Middle and Crowder's Creek Elementary in Clover School District (York 2)

Dr. Zais also met in the Rutledge Building with a group of about 15 superintendents who constitute an advisory group to the Department.

Public Appearances

Dr. Zais listed some recent public appearances.

- Columbia Regional Business Report's Power Breakfast
- The monthly Citadel Board of Visitors meeting
- The December Education Oversight Committee meeting
- Dr. Zais chaired the quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Financial Literacy Board.
- He also participated in the annual principals meeting of the South Carolina K-12 school IT Initiative, a multi-departmental group focused on providing IT resources and digital bandwidth to all our schools.

- Finally, Dr. Zais participated in the Transform SC Steering Committee meeting at SCASCA.

Media Interviews

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

- WIS-TV
- Hilton Head Island Packet
- Beaufort Gazette
- Rock Hill Herald
- CN2, a Charlotte-based television station

This concluded the State Superintendent's report.

Dr. Zais and Dr. Blackmon then recognized the retiring Board members: Dr. David Longshore, First Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Ray O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; and Bishop Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Bolen, Chair-Elect, came forward to recognize Chair Blackmon and present him with a gavel set.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one participated in the public comment portion of the meeting.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (R 43-62), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mrs. James moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (R 43-62) as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-209 (R 43-209), Support Personnel/Paraprofessional Personnel Positions, Qualifications and Duties (Second Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period:

- Betsy Carpentier, SCASA, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the regulation.
- Joani Lawson, SCEA, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the regulation.

Mr. Bolen moved to deny the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-209 (R 43-209) as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

03. **Proposed Addition of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-229 (R 43-229), Defined Program for the Palmetto Unified School District (PUSD) (Second Reading)**—Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

The following individual spoke during the public comment period:

- Randy Reagan, Superintendent of PUSD, recommended striking language in sections X.C.1. and XI.A.4.b.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the proposed addition of Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-229 (R 43-229) as recommended by the SCDE. Mrs. James seconded the motion.

Mrs. James moved to defer this item until the January meeting. Mr. Rampey seconded the motion. The motion to defer passed.

04. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulations 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-237.1 (R 43-237.1), Adult Education Program (Second Reading)**—David B. Stout, Jr., EdD, Director, Office of Adult Education & State GED Administrator, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Bolen moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-237.1 (R 43-237.1) as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

05. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-259 (R 43-259), Adult Education (Second Reading)**—David B. Stout, Jr., EdD, Director, Office of Adult Education & State GED Administrator, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Rampey moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-259 (R 43-259) as recommended by the SCDE. Mrs. Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

06. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-274 (R 43-274), Student Attendance (Absences and Excuses) (Second Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the SCDE's recommendation to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-274 (R 43-274). Mrs. James seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE

Committee Report—Dr. David Blackmon

FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the Ratification Agenda

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

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Committee Report—Dr. David Longshore, Chair

The Committee heard three action items.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Adopt New Praxis II Examination and Passing Score for Elementary Education**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-01 on the consent agenda.

02. **Recommendation to Amend the Standards, Policies, and Procedures for South Carolina Educator Preparation Units to Raise the Minimum Collegiate Grade Point Average to 2.60 for Admission to Educator Preparation Programs (First Reading)**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The motion was brought to the full Board for approval.

Dr. Zais recommended that language be added to not allow more than 10 percent of applicants be admitted with a waiver of the minimum grade point average. Mr. Griffith noted that he would prefer the percentage be changed to 5 percent.

Dr. Longshore moved to amend the initial motion to add language specifying that no more than 5 percent of applicants per institution be admitted with a waiver of the minimum grade point average. The amendment passed.

The motion as amended passed.

03. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Unit Accreditation Decisions of the Educator Preparation Units at Clemson University**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-03 on the consent agenda.

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

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee Report—Dr. Thomas Shortt, Chair

The Committee heard two information items about Common Core implementation and assessments and two action items that were placed on the consent agenda.

01. **Report of Recommendations from the 2013 Instructional Review Panels**—Kriss Stewart, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed SLA-01 on the consent agenda.

02. **Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee (IMAC)**—Kriss Stewart, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed SLA-02 on the consent agenda.

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve the report from the SLA Committee. The motion carried.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

Committee Report—Dr. David Blackmon, Chair

The PL Committee heard seven action items. These items were placed on the consent agenda.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Barnwell School District 19 Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt,

Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-01 was placed on the consent agenda.

02. **Clarendon School District One Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-02 was placed on the consent agenda.

03. **Florence County School District Four Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

04. **Latta School District (Dillon 3) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-04 was placed on the consent agenda.

05. **Newberry County School District Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-05 was placed on the consent agenda.

06. **South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (School for the Blind High School and School for the Blind Elementary/Middle School) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-06 was placed on the consent agenda.

07. **South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (School for the Deaf High School and School for the Deaf Elementary/Middle School) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

PL-07 was placed on the consent agenda.

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

N NOMINATIONS

Committee Report—Mrs. Dru James, Chair

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Nomination of Chair-Elect**—Mrs. Dru James, Chair

The Nominating Committee nominated Dr. Traci Young Cooper for Chair-Elect.

Dr. Blackmon opened the floor for other nominations. Hearing none, the Chair called for the vote on the nomination of Dr. Cooper as the Chair-Elect. The motion carried.

SB STATE BOARD ITEMS

FOR INFORMATION

01. **SC Public Charter School District Update**—Wayne Brazell, PhD, Superintendent, South Carolina Public Charter School District
02. **Education Oversight Committee Update**—Melanie Barton, Executive Director, Education Oversight Committee

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Chair Blackmon called for a vote to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Blackmon issued the oath of office to Mr. Bolen, 2014 SBE Chair, and Dr. Cooper, 2014 SBE Chair-Elect.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:17 p.m.