

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Meeting

#### Date

Wednesday, September 10, 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*

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## **I. WELCOME**

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Bolen called the meeting to order.

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; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth 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; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; and David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; were absent with apologies.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Scott English, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent; 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; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School

Effectiveness; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Duane Martin, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Joel Griggs, Investigator, Office of General Counsel; La'Tonia Halloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel; and Catherine Oates-Robinson, Law Clerk, Office of General Counsel.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR August 13, 2014**

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on August 13, 2014, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR September 10, 2014**

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on September 10, 2014. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Chair Bolen welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting, including Jackie Martin from the Riley Institute.

**VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**Public Appearances and Media Interviews**

Dr. Zais listed some public appearances in the last month, as well as media interviews:

- Press Conference at the State Museum, unveiling a new state-of-the-art planetarium, 4-D theater, and observatory.
- Guest Speaker at Greenville Rotary
- Participated in the TransformSC strategic planning session
- Attended a reception in Spartanburg hosted by the Palladian Group
- Presented to the Select Committee on Public School Teachers in the South Carolina Senate, joined by Dr. Briana Timmerman and Deputy General Counsel Shawn Eubanks
- Presented to the Education Oversight Committee on the state of education in South Carolina

Dr. Zais also encouraged everyone to review his blog where he posted about Military Pathways 101, a course put together by our Office of Career and Technology Education in partnership with the Army Recruiting Command and the S.C. School Counselors Association. This course provides high school teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators with a firsthand view of military career options, college opportunities, and benefits.

This concluded the superintendent's report.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

- Roger O'Sullivan, Parents Involved in Education, Greater Charleston: Objection to the new AP U.S. History Standards
- Debbie Jones, Parents Involved in Education: Objection to the new AP U.S. History Standards
- Susan Certo, Parents Involved in Education: Objection to the new AP U.S. History Standards
- Larry Byrd, Oak Institute, Rock Hill and Fort Mill: Objection to the new AP U.S. History Standards
- Sherri Timmerman, Parents Involved in Education: Objection to the new AP U.S. History Standards
- Gorden Cashwell, Walls Ministry: Objection to the new AP U.S. History Standards
- Betsy Carpentier, SCASA: Educator Evaluation Program
- Farren Smith, Ph.D in Physics, S.C. Science Education: Biology Standards

## **VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

### **EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Varat reported that the committee heard two action items and one information item. Item EP-01 was placed on the consent agenda. The information item was about Educator Evaluation Discussion on USED Delays in Measuring Student Growth.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

**02. 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 (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee made a motion for the approval of EP-02, the motion passed unanimously.

## **IF INNOVATION & FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair RAMpey reported that the Committee did not meet this month, however he provided the fiscal update. Mr. Rampey stated that the balance of the State Board account was \$58, 034 in August and this month, September the balance is \$49,798.99. Mr. Rampey also had information about Smart Snack Fundraisers distributed to the Board Members.

## **PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Bolin reported that the Committee heard two action items, both will presented to the Board. Darlene Prevatt gave a brief summary of each item to the Board.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

**01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R 43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

The committee made a motion to approve of first reading of item PL-01, there was a brief discussion about the effects of the proposed amendments. The motion passed in a vote of 12 in favor to 1 opposed, with Mr. Rampey opposed.

**02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R 43-232), Defined Programs 6–8 (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability *State Board of Education Agenda Page 3 September 10, 2014*

The committee made a motion to approve the first reading of item PL-02, there was brief discussion of the proposed amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Shortt reported that the Committee heard three action items and two information items. Item SLA-02 was tabled until next month by the committee. Item SLA-03 was placed on the consent agenda. SLA-01 was to be presented to the full board. The information items were an update on standards writing and an update on assessment.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

**01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (R 43-234), Defined Program, Grades 9–12 and Graduation Requirements (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

The Committee made a motion to approve first reading of item SLA-01. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ECC EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **01. Ratification Agenda**

The Committee made a motion to ratify actions of ECC. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **FOR APPROVAL**

#### **01. High School Biology Standard H.B.5 Approved by the Education Oversight Committee—**Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Cooper made a motion to approve the staff recommendation to dismiss the proposed H.B.5 Standard and return to the 2005 return standard. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. Mr. Willis made a motion to amend the motion as to return to the 2005 standard and establish a new standard by the department's review process, not to be effective until the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The Board discussed the effect of a new cyclical review. Chair Bolen called for a vote to approve Mr. Willis' amendment to Dr. Cooper's motion. The amendment failed with 13 opposed and 2 in favor, Mr. Willis and Dr. Varat were the votes in favor. Chair Bolen called for a vote to approve Dr. Cooper's motion as originally stated. The motion passed 13 in favor to 2 opposed, the votes opposed were Mr. Willis and Dr. Varat.

### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **02. Educator Evaluation—**Cindy Van Buren, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Van Buren provided an update of the education evaluation system to the State Board and answered Board member questions.

#### **03. Standards Writing Status Report—**Cindy Van Buren, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Van Buren provided an update of the standards writing process to the State Board and answered Board member questions.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS**

FOR APPROVAL

**01. Corrected Passing Score for School Psychologist Praxis II Exam**—Mary Hipp,  
Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

**SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

FOR APPROVAL

**03. South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Physical Education 2014**—Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Shortt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Bolen opened the floor to discuss the federal law regarding the smarter snack guidelines and how it affects fundraising within the schools. Janice Oates from the Office of School Nutrition will spoke on the Smart Snack Guidelines and possible fundraiser exceptions. Mr. Kubu moved that the federal guidelines be followed currently and draft regulation to stipulate the number of exemptions for school fundraises per year, including a provision to grandfather in any actions by the schools during the 2014-2015 school year, with the earliest possible approval the regulation being in December. Mr. Stroman seconded motion.

ChairBolen called for vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:30pm.