

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, November 12, 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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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

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; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit, Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; David W. Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit, James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth 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; and John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee, and Dr. Traci Young-Cooper, Fifth 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; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, 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; and La'Tonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on October 8, 2014, as presented. Dr. David Blackmon stated that his name was omitted from the minutes, which was incorrect. Dr. Blackmon was present and asked that the minutes be corrected to record his attendance. Chair made a motion that the minutes be approved with the necessary corrections. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Chair Bolen recognized Dr. David Blackmon who moved that the agenda be amended and that Public Hearing items PH-01 (R 43-62), PH-03(R 43-232), and PH-04(R 43-234) be removed from the November agenda and placed on the January 21, 2015, agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith. Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as amended for the SBE meeting on November 12, 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. Chair Bolen recognized Ms. Jamie Self with the *State* newspaper.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Bolen stated that he did not have a report; however, he wanted to publically acknowledge that Mr. Mike Brenan, who was absent due to a scheduling conflict, was recognized by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce last month as Business Leader of the Year. Dr. Varat also noted that Mr. Brenan is the Chairman of the Study Committee reviewing First Steps.

Chair Bolen stated for information purposes that the January State Board meeting, which would ordinarily be scheduled on January 14, 2014, which is Inauguration Day, will be moved to January 21, 2014, to allow members to participate in the inauguration activities for our state officers. Secondly, the December meeting time will be changed from 1 p.m. to 12 noon. This ended his report.

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:

- Participated in a meeting of the Education Oversight Committee
- Testified before the Senate Select Committee on Teachers
- Participated as one of six members of the P-20 Task Force along with other participants from the Commission on Higher Education, the State Technical College System, First Steps, the Education Oversight Committee, and the Department of Employment and Workforce
- Attended a seminar at the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business
- Participated in a Board of Trustees meeting at the University of South Carolina
- Participated in a meeting of Transform South Carolina
- Spoke to the English and Math Standards Task Force regarding their role in reviewing the new standards
- Participated in a retreat hosted by the University of South Carolina
- Attended an additional meeting of the Senate Select Committee
- Attended USC Kennedy Pharmacy Awards Dinner
- Interviewed during the morning commute on WRNN Radio in Myrtle Beach, SC

Dr. Zais also encouraged everyone to review his blog where he discussed National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, Safety Tips for Halloween for Trick-or-Treaters, and highlighted Mr. Bradley Mitchell, Director of the Office of Virtual Education, who won the IT Making It Happen Award.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- Tracey Todd
- Dawn Lisk
- Joy Goodwin
- Genelle Thompson
- Tenjcia Jeffcoat

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- Daijah Amaker
- David Smith
- Tim Shipley
- Cynthia Welborn
- Amanda Moneta
- Jade Puch
- Sarah Anne McKenzie
- Sasha Daster
- Jerry Mitchell
- Matt Rose
- Sheri Few
- Roger O'Sullivan
- Christina Jeffery
- Gordon Cashwell
- Chanda Robinson
- Debbie Elmore
- Linda Ensor
- Debbie Jones
- Bernadette Hampton
- Moses Washington
- Andrew Felker
- Patricia Milley
- Jane Eason
- Joanna Watkins
- Alice Brite
- James Bryan
- Dr. Martha Edwards
- Liz Duda
- Brian Madden
- Anne Marie Green

- Mary Tester
- Melissa C. Latham
- Kelle Corvin
- Bill Bates

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Bolen recognized Dr. Nancy Busbee who discussed the proposed amendments to item PH-02 (R-205).

- 02. 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 (Second Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Dr. Busbee stated that the SCDE requested feedback regarding this proposal from SCASA and SCSBA and that it received public input from educators and educator organizations. After receiving this feedback the SCDE recommends that the regulation not be amended and that districts continue to utilize the waiver process, as needed. Therefore, Dr. Busbee asked that the State Board vote to not amend the regulation for second reading. Dr. Edwards made a motion to approve the recommendations of the SCDE not to amend Regulation 43-205; Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Varat stated that the Committee did not meet, and there was no report.

IF INNOVATION & FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Rampey stated that the Committee did not meet; however, he reported that the balance of the State Board account was approximately \$42,000 as of the month of November.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Bolen reported that the Committee had seven action items, all of which were approved in committee and all items have been placed on the consent agenda.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Shortt, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee heard five action items and one information item. Dr. Timmerman gave an update on the committee standards writing. There were no items placed on the Consent Agenda. Dr. Busbee was recognized to address the action items.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100 (R.43-100), Test Security (First Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 02. Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-260 (R.43-260), Use and Dissemination of Test Results (First Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 03. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-262 (R.43-262), Assessment Program (First Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 04. Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-262.4 (R.43-262.4), End-of-Course Tests (First Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 05. Conduct, Effort, and/or Punctuality Grade as a Required Component of All Student Report Cards**—Nancy W. Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability

Dr. Busbee stated that the Committee did not make a motion regarding this item; therefore, this matter did not move forward. Mr. Kobrovsky moved that the rules be suspended so

that item SLA-05 could be placed on the SBE agenda as an action item. Mr. Stroman seconded the motion. Motion was defeated by a vote of 4 approved to 6 opposed.

ECC EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

01. Ratification Agenda

Mr. Stroman reported to the Board that a motion to ratify actions of ECC was made during the meeting of the Full Board ECC . The motion passed unanimously.

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FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Recommendation for Approval of High School Equivalency Tests for Use in South Carolina (Second Reading)**—David Stout, Director, Office of Adult Education, Division of Accountability

Dr. Blackmon made a motion to approve the second reading of the Recommendation for Approval of High School Equivalency Tests for Use in South Carolina, and Mr. Rampey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. AP History Discussion**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Chair Bolen recognized Cindy Van Buren to introduce teachers Leslie Carter, President of South Carolina Council for Social Studies; Jeffrey Eargle, AP U.S. History Teacher, Spring Hill High School; Keirstan Harris, AP U.S. History Teacher, Ashley Ridge High School; and Jennifer Dukes, AP U.S. History Teacher, Columbia High School, who gave a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the matter regarding the AP History Standards.

Chair Bolen recognized Mr. Larry Krieger, former North Carolina teacher who spoke about the AP History framework.

Jon Williamson, Executive Director of AP Course Development, College Board, gave a PowerPoint presentation that offered some clarification to questions regarding the intent of the AP U.S. History Framework created by the College Board. He stated that the framework does offer instruction flexibility to the teachers who teach this course, emphasizing that it would continue to allow teachers to integrate SC History Standards within the new APUSH framework.

Mr. Kobrovsky commented that no one called into question the South Carolina Standards but instead questions how this framework is a game changer to how students will learn US History. Mr. Kobrovsky made a motion to suspend the rules for the Board to take action and send a message to the College Board that we challenge the new AP U.S. History framework; Mr. Griffith seconded. After discussion and comments by Board members, the motion to suspend the rules failed by a vote of 3 approved and 6 opposed.

03. **Readiness Assessment Update**—Nancy W. Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability; and Kevin Fatica, Education Associate, Office of Assessment; Division of Accountability

Chair Bolen recognized Dr. Busbee to provide an update regarding the Readiness Update. Dr. Varat thanked the SCDE staff for providing the update and asked if the information would be accessible on the website for later.

04. **Briefing on ACT 284 Read to Succeed**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Office of School Transformation, Division of School Effectiveness

Chair Bolen recognized Dr. Van Buren to provide an update regarding the ACT 284 Read to Succeed Act. Jennifer Morrison began a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the main eight components for Read to Succeed. Chair Bolen asked if Ms. Morrison would reschedule and continue her same presentation at the December meeting and then asked Shelly Kelly, General Counsel, to place this information on the December agenda.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Berkeley County School District Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 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
02. **Charleston County School District Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 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

03. **The School District of Chester County Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 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
04. **Chesterfield County School District Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 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
05. **Dillon School District Four Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 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
06. **Lexington County School District One Waiver Request of the State Board of Education's (SBE) Uniform Grading Policy as Mandated by S. C. Code Ann. Section 59-5-68 (2004)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability
07. **Spartanburg School District Seven Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 43-261 (R.43-261), District Strategic and School Renewal Planning (2011)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Dr. Blackmon made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Dr. Varat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bolen appointed Dr. David Blackmon, Dr. Samuel Alston, and Dr. Thomas Shortt to the Chair-Elect Nomination Committee with Dr. Blackmon serving as Chair. He asked that this committee provide him with a name of the selected individual at the December meeting. Dr. Blackmon requested that SCDE staff forward the names of the persons who are eligible to serve as chair-elect.

Chair Bolen recognized Dr. Varat who requested that Chair Bolen ask SCDE staff to come back to the December meeting with information about what it would take to break up the history course into two courses. He asked that they bring back information regarding what the legal requirements would be, what the process for standards would be like, and present that information to the SLA committee.

Chair Bolen reminded members that the December meeting will begin at 12 p.m. instead of the regular time and that Rosewood Elementary School Chorus will be providing entertainment to the Board. Chair Bolen stated that some members had expressed interest in getting together on December 9, 2014, for a Christmas dinner. He asked that all persons interested in participating send him an e-mail, and he would make the reservations.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 4:55 p.m.