

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair

Michael Brenan, Chair-elect

Molly M. Spearman

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 Cooper called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit, was present via telephone conference; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh 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; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

SBE member Jeffery Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit, was absent with apologies. .

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Angela H. Bain, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Effectiveness; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Public Affairs;

Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division of Legal Affairs; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Carter Mitchell, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs; and LáTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2015

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on January 21, 2015. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on February 11, 2015. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Cooper welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Cooper reminded Board members that the SBE Spring Retreat would be held May 13 and 14, 2015, in Columbia. She stated that additional information was forthcoming and that more definitive details would be shared at the March SBE meeting. Chair Cooper introduced and swore in the newest Board member Dr. Sharon Wall, who is the representative for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

This ended her report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Dr. Cooper recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman stated that both she and her staff have been very active since the last Board meeting speaking with the stakeholders across the state. Mrs. Spearman stated that she released a letter on January 22, 2015, to all superintendents that addressed granting a waiver that allows schools to hold a limited number of fundraisers on school campuses to sell items such as Chick-fil-A biscuits and maybe baked goods. She stated further that she encouraged the school districts to work with the community to build initiatives to promote a balanced diet and more physical activities for students.

Mrs. Spearman stated that the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education Committee, and the Senate Education Committee allowed her to share with them her vision and goals as well as the SCDE's budget request. The budget request included the request of adding \$100 to the base student cost, additional resources for reading coaches, technology infrastructure, school buses, etc.

Mrs. Spearman stated that she continues to be impressed with the spirit of excitement and commitment as she meets with various groups across the state. She stated further that there is a renewed spirit and pride in our public education system, and people are ready to dedicate themselves to support what the SCDE is doing for the teachers and the students in the classroom. She stated that we must channel this energy in a collaborative effort so that our resources are used efficiently. Mrs. Spearman stated further that later in the month she would be meeting with leaders who are involved in afterschool and summer programs.

Mrs. Spearman recognized and presented Certificates of Recognition to Maj. Carl Howard and Sergeant First Class Kenneth Tyler, Allendale High School JROTC instructors, and Tom Ezell, Principal, Chesnee High School of Spartanburg County School District Two. Mr. Ezell presented some information regarding the history of his school and new initiatives his school is using, and how they operate, to better educate their students.

Mrs. Spearman thanked Mr. Ezell for sharing his information with the Board and stated that she hasn't had an opportunity to visit his school; however, she has heard nothing but great things about what is happening at Chesnee High School. This ended her report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- Cathy Manus
- Dr. Cliff Barano
- Sandy Avenger
- David Mathis
- Bernard Frost
- Jennifer Wise
- Linda Culter
- Rhonda Willis
- Dr. Cindy Doolittle
- Diane Steelman
- Colleen Boissinot

- Vicky Brockman
- Lou Jacobs
- Alice Yoder
- Sherry Few
- Roger O’Sullivan
- Harriet Jaworowski
- Scott Price
- Roger Smith
- Alicia Hostefler
- Charles Morgan

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Varat, who reported that the Committee met and heard three action items, which were placed on the consent agenda. He stated that they heard a reports on critical needs—both geographic and subject matter—and issues concerning educators. Dr. Varat stated that the Committee began talking about Read to Succeed; however, they were unable to finish. The Committee intends to ask SCDE staff to come before the Board and present a report, hopefully for the April Board meeting, to discuss how Read to Succeed is being implemented, what some of the problems may be, etc.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Four New Educator Preparation Programs**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness
02. **The Professional Review Committee’s (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Three Educator Preparation Units**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness
03. **Corrected Passing Scores for Education of Young Children and Family and Consumer Sciences Praxis II Exams**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness

FOR INFORMATION

04. **Update on Critical Need Areas and Teacher Recruitment and Retention Efforts**—Sherry Schneider, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness; and Laura Covington, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness
05. **Briefing on Read to Succeed (R2S)**—Jennifer Morrison, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper reported that the Committee heard four action items and three items of information, all of which were placed on the consent agenda.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Anderson School District Two Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
02. **Marion County School District Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
03. **Request Regarding a Student Athlete in Richland County School District Two**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
04. **Beaufort County School District Wavier Request on School Start Date**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

FOR INFORMATION

05. **Report on Expanding Waiver Availability**—Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer/Interim Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
06. **National Dropout Prevention Center Report for SC State Priority Schools Project**—Tina Jamison, Program Manager for State Priority Schools, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

07. **Update on Smart Snacks and Nutrition Initiatives**—Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper recognized Mike Brenan who reported on behalf of Dr. Ivan Randolph who was present via teleconference. He stated that the Committee heard three action items that will come before the full Board for approval and one information item regarding assessment. No items were placed on the consent agenda. Chair Cooper opened the floor to take action on the Committee items.

01. **South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for Mathematics 2015**—Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

SLA Item 01 was approved in Committee and therefore does not require a second. Dr. Edwards moved that the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for Mathematics 2015 be accepted as presented. Chair Cooper opened the floor for discussion. Dr. Shortt shared an electronic mail received from a concerned citizen/educator regarding the standards. He pointed out this was not a finished product and that by law the standards must be reviewed every seven years. He also pointed out that changes can be looked at again in two years. He stated further that we need to start somewhere and need to realize that not everyone will be satisfied and that we really need to accept the standards as presented and move forward.

Dr. Varat asked Dr. Fowler about the process of developing these standards. Dr. Fowler stated that the changes that were made from Friday to Monday were more grammatical and did not change the content of the standards. Dr. Varat stated that when he reviewed the red line commentary for the high school math portion of the standards, he noticed that it was suggested again by the EOC to discard the standards provided by the writing team and start again; however, that was done. Dr. Fowler confirmed that fact. Dr. Fowler stated that this was a joint effort and collaboration of all groups including persons from the EOC panel who were parents, educators, business owners, etc. Dr. Varat stated that he was pleased with the fact that teachers seem to have come up with a good set of standards that are at least a good set of standards to get us started pursuant to the legislature.

Dr. Edwards asked what the legal procedure would be if two years down the road the Board decided to make some adjustments. Ms. Carpentier explained what the procedure would be in order to make future adjustments. Dr. Fowler explained what steps are left before the standards will be presented for second reading and then publication.

It was moved by committee recommendation to adopt SLA Item 01, South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Mathematic Standards. After much discussion, Dr. Cooper

called for the question. The motion carried. Mrs. Spearman asked that all of the members of the mathematics writing team stand to be recognized.

- 02. Endorsement Request for Profile of the SC Graduate**—Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

Item SLA-02 came from committee and does not require a second. Chair Cooper called for the question and the vote, and the motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

- 03. Request for Grant to Transform SC**—Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

Ms. Bynum asked for further explanation regarding the \$10,000 grant request to Transform SC. Dr. Fowler offered clarification as to how the grant funds would be utilized. Mr. Brenan offered some background information as to how Transform SC was developed and went on the record that he would be recusing himself by abstaining from the vote.

Item SLA-03 came from committee and does not require a second. Chair Cooper called for the question and the vote, and the motion passed with one abstaining vote by Mr. Brenan. Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

- 04. Update on Assessments**—Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer/**Interim Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness**

Mrs. Carpentier provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained that due to the length of the report she would disseminate this document to the Board members via electronic mail at a later date following the meeting. Mrs. Carpentier gave detailed information regarding the means of communication used in an effort to keep all stakeholders informed.

Dr. Varat made comments regarding his continued concerns regarding the Readiness Assessment and the validity and reliability of its results. Mrs. Carpentier pointed out that this assessment was issued under an emergency RFP and not by the SCDE. She stated further that the Office of Assessment has started work on an RFP for a new assessment to replace what is currently in place.

ECC EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the Ratification Agenda

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Alston, who stated that the Full Board Educator Licensure Committee approved their ECC ratification agenda during the committee meeting at 11:30 a.m.. The item came from committee and does not require a second. The motion carried.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Cooper stated that she had a few reminders, which included expressions of concern for fellow board member Mr. Kubu who was assisting an ill family member, and she encouraged members to reach out to him in an effort to show support. Additionally, she stated that the next Board meeting would be held on March 11, 2015.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:00 p.m.