

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

**March 10, 2004**

The State Board of Education held its March meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, March 10, 2004, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Dr. Mary E. Jones, Chair; Mr. Mike Forrester, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Mr. Joe Isaac; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Dr. Dennis Nielsen; Dr. Harriett L. Rucker; Mrs. Terrye C. Seckinger; Mrs. Rebecca Smith; and Mrs. Kristi Woodall. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. (*Board members unable to attend were Mr. Jessie Curtis and Mr. Phillip Shoopman who were excused for their absence.*)

**OPENING**

Mrs. Seckinger led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2003**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker and then approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fort and approved by the Board.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Jones welcomed the visitors present. Mrs. Paula Gray introduced Bill Robinson, *The State*.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**RECOGNITION OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2004 TECH-SAVVY SUPERINTENDENT AWARDS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Dr. Jim Ray, Superintendent, Spartanburg County School District Three. Dr. Ray was one of two South Carolina superintendents and one of ten nationwide to receive the *e-School News* 2004 Tech-Savvy Superintendent award. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member Mike Forrester presented Dr. Ray with an engraved trophy for this accomplishment.

Dr. Karen Woodward, Superintendent, Lexington County School District One, was the other winner from South Carolina. Dr. Woodward could not attend this meeting, but will be recognized at a later date.

**RECOGNITION OF THE WINNER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS 2004 PRESIDENT'S TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized the winner of the American Association of School Administrators 2004 President's Technology Award, Dr. Jim Ray, Superintendent, Spartanburg County School District Three. Dr. Ray was one of eighteen public school superintendents nationwide to receive this honor for demonstrating vision and leadership in using technology to advance teaching, learning, and achievement. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member Mike Forrester presented Dr. Ray with another engraved trophy for this recognition.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SERVICE-LEARNING AWARDS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized A. R. Lewis Elementary School, Pickens County School District; The Planeteers, Anderson County District Five; Lakeside Middle School's ProTeam Club, Anderson County District Five; Carolina Forest High School, Horry County School District; Hannah Williams, Richland County School District One; Makeba Jeffcoat, Richland County School District One; and Amanda Goolsby, Rock Hill District Three, for being chosen as this year's winners of the Superintendent's Service-Learning Awards. Superintendent Tenenbaum and respective Board members presented the winners with engraved trophies for their achievements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mrs. Brenda Fort, Chair**  
**Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**

**Dr. Harriett Rucker, Chair**  
**Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**

**Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Chair**  
**Finance and Legislative Committee**

**Dr. Mary Jones, Chair**  
**Educational Policy Committee**

**56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**—Mrs. Brenda Fort reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for March 9, 2004**—Mrs. Fort reported that the agenda for the March 9, 2004, meeting was approved.

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**02. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2003, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mrs. Fort reported that the minutes from the February 10, 2003, meeting were approved.

**03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview**—Mrs. Fort reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mrs. Fort reported that Item 56-04 was placed on the consent agenda.

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Dr. Harriett Rucker reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for March 9, 2004**—Dr. Rucker reported that the agenda for March 9, 2004, was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2003**—Dr. Rucker reported that the minutes of the February 10, 2003, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Rucker reported that Items 55-03, 55-04, and 55-05 were placed on the consent agenda.

Dr. Rucker reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Technology Plan, 2003–2008, Realizing the Dream**

**54. Finance and Legislative Committee**—Mrs. Kristin Maguire reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for March 9, 2004**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the agenda for the March 9, 2004, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2003**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the minutes of the February 10, 2003, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

**03. Discussion and recommendations regarding proposed legislation (Senate Bills 840 and 841) to appoint the State Superintendent of Education and to abolish the State Board of Education and devolve its duties on the State Superintendent of Education**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the Committee discussed the legislation, but no recommendations were made.

Mrs. Maguire reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Dr. Jones reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

**01. Approval of Agenda for March 9, 2004**—Dr. Jones reported that the agenda for the March 9, 2004, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of February 10, 2003**—Dr. Jones reported that the minutes for the February 10, 2003, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Jones reported that Items 52-03, 52-04, 52-05, 52-06, and 52-07 were placed on the consent agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by the Board without further debate upon motion by Mrs. Maguire seconded by Mr. Forrester:

**56-04. Identifying Highly Qualified Teachers under the No Child Left Behind Act (Pub. L. No. 107-110) (First Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-03. Revisions to the Guidelines for Retraining Assistance Grants for School Faculty and Administration, New Title: Guidelines for Retraining Assistance Program for School Faculty and Administration (First Reading)**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-04. Recommendations for Appointments to the 2004 Instructional Materials Review Panels**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-05. Recommendation to Withdraw English Language Arts (integrated programs), Grades 6–8, from the 2004 Call for Bids**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**52-03. External Review Team Reports**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

**52-04. Proposed legislation to create the criminal offense of improper sexual relations between a student and employees or volunteers of a public or private school or school district (First Reading)**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item with the changes made in Committee.

**52-05. Proposed legislation to repeal certain provisions of the South Carolina Code of Laws dealing with the revocation or suspension of educator certificates (First Reading)**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

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**52-06. Proposed legislation to provide for the automatic revocation of an educator certificate when the educator is convicted of certain serious crimes (First Reading)**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

**52-07. Proposal to add to the State Board of Education Rules of Governance BCAF, Procedures for Educator Certification Hearings (First Reading)**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item with the changes made in Committee.

**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES OF  
MARCH 9, 2004**

Chair-Elect Forrester gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher licensure issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2004**

Dr. Rucker moved for the approval of the minutes of the March 9, 2004, meetings. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger and approved by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary