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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

May 12, 2004

The State Board of Education held its May meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 12, 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. Paul M. (Mike) Forrester, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Jessie Curtis; 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 Mrs. Brenda S. Fort, Mr. Phillip Shoopman, and Ms. Virginia Wilson who were excused for their absence.*)

OPENING

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Jones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2003

Dr. Rucker moved for the approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire 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. Seckinger and approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Jones welcomed the visitors present. There were no news media present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was one public speaker for this meeting. Jeanne Polyak, Foreign Academic and Cultural Exchange Services, Inc., spoke regarding requirements for foreign visitor teachers.

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—Mr. Forrester reported for Mrs. Fort that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, May 11, 2004.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 11, 2004—Mr. Forrester reported that the agenda for the May 11, 2004, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2004, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Forrester reported that the minutes from the April 13, 2004, meeting were approved.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Forrester reported that Mr. Jim Turner, Director, Office of Teacher Certification, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

06. Consent Agenda—Mr. Forrester reported that Items 56-04, and 56-05 were placed on the consent agenda.

07. Other Business—Mr. Forrester reported the following:

- Mrs. Fort discussed the inequities in salary options for large districts versus smaller districts. She noted the need for a baseline salary increase in order to attract and retain good teachers.
- Dr. Jones commended the Division of Teacher Quality staff for an exceptional Teacher of the Year banquet.
- Mr. Forrester informed the Board that the Department of Commerce is citing accomplishments in education to attract business and industry to our State. He commended the State Department of Education for working collaboratively in this effort.

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55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Dr. Harriett Rucker reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, May 11, 2004.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 11, 2004—Dr. Rucker reported that the agenda for May 11, 2004, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2003—Dr. Rucker reported that the minutes of the April 13, 2003, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

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

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

- **Update of the Uniform Grading Scale for South Carolina Schools**

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mrs. Kristin Maguire reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, May 11, 2004.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 11, 2004—Mrs. Maguire reported that the agenda for the May 11, 2004, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2003—Mrs. Maguire reported that the minutes of the April 13, 2003, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

05. Consent Agenda—Mrs. Maguire reported that Items 54-03 and 54-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

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, May 11, 2004.

01. Approval of Agenda for May 11, 2004—Dr. Jones reported that the agenda for the May 11, 2004, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of April 13, 2003—Dr. Jones reported that the minutes for the April 13, 2003, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

05. House or Senate Requests Regarding State Board of Education Regulations—Dr. Jones reported that Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Office of General Counsel, informed the Committee that the House Education and Public Works Committee submitted a request that the State Board of Education withdraw, amend, and resubmit Doc. #2878, R 43-220, Gifted and Talented. The requested change is located on page 04-08 (D)(2) of the document as follows: “Districts shall review annually the performance of gifted students on PACT, AP exams, IB exams, SAT, ACT, and similar college entrance tests. Districts shall summarize the performance of gifted students on these assessments and report trend data to the State Department of Education annually. Districts will survey graduating seniors one year after their graduation and report to the Department annually their participation in post-secondary education. These data will be disaggregated demographically and reported annually to the General Assembly.” Ms. Stuckey explained that the possible actions by the Board were to withdraw the regulation from the General Assembly and resubmit it with the recommended changes; withdraw the regulation permanently; or take no action and abide by the decision of the General Assembly.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Dr. Jones moved that the State Board of Education approve the request from the House Education and Public Works Committee to withdraw, amend, and resubmit Doc. #2878, R 43-220, Gifted and Talented.

Wayne Lord, Office of Curriculum and Standards, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, explained how the information is currently provided to the Department and what school districts would have to do to accomplish compliance with the proposed change.

Mr. Forrester moved to amend the motion to withdraw, amend, and resubmit Doc. #2878, R 43-220, Gifted and Talented, as follows: “Districts shall review annually the performance of gifted students on PACT, AP exams, IB exams, SAT, ACT, and similar college entrance tests. Districts shall summarize the performance of gifted students on these assessments and report trend data to the State Department of Education annually. To the extent possible the State Department of Education will report annually to the General Assembly gifted and talented student participation in postsecondary education.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee.

After discussion, Mrs. Maguire moved to amend the amendment as follows: “Districts shall review annually the performance of gifted students on PACT, AP exams, IB exams, SAT, ACT, and similar college entrance tests. Districts shall summarize the performance of gifted students on these assessments and report trend data to the State Department of Education annually. These data will be disaggregated demographically and reported annually to the General Assembly.” The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker. This motion carried with a vote of seven to six.

The Board approved the amendment, as amended, with a vote of eight to five. The motion as amended was then approved by the Board with a vote of eight to five. The opposing votes were made by Mr. Hostetler, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Belin, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Forrester.

06. Consent Agenda—Dr. Jones reported that Items 52-03 and 52-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

56-04. Revisions to the guidelines for the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-05. Certification Renewal Plan Guidelines (Second 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 (Second Reading)

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

55-04. Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina for the 2003–04 School Year

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

54-03. Recommended Approval of Property Disposal—Abbeville County School District

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

54-04. Recommended Approval of Property Disposal—Aiken County School District

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

52-03. Resolution to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-04. Procedural Guidelines for determining satisfactory implementation of approved recommendations and expected progress in schools rated as unsatisfactory (First Reading)

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

RECOGNITION OF RICHLAND NORTHEAST MODEL UNITED NATIONS TEAM

Superintendent Tenenbaum welcomed the award-winning Model United Nations team from Richland Northeast High School in Richland School District Two. This is the twenty-first year that a team from Richland Northeast High School has participated in this prestigious conference and their fifteenth consecutive international championship. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member Dr. Mary Jones presented an engraved plaque to the team for this achievement.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING AND EDUCATOR LICENSURE ISSUES OF MAY 11, 2004

Chair-Elect Forrester gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning the public hearing and educator licensure issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, May 11, 2004.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2004

Dr. Rucker moved for the approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2004, meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forrester and approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Chair

Secretary