

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

June 12, 2002

The State Board of Education (Board) held its June meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, June 12, 2002, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair; Mr. Greg Killian, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James Mattos; Mr. James C. McRae; Mrs. Gail Moss; Dr. Harriett Rucker; and Mr. Chris Verenes. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Dr. Anne S. Crook and Dr. Mary E. Jones, who were excused for their absence.)*

OPENING

Chair White led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2002

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mattos and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair White welcomed the visitors present. There were no representatives from the news media present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was one public speaker for this meeting:

Dr. Tom Truitt, Pee Dee Education Center—Dr. Truitt thanked the Board for their time and consideration of the transportation concerns of the Pee Dee Education Center and made suggestions for resolving the problems.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair
Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Mr. Clarence Dickert, Chair
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair
Finance and Legislative Committee

Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for June 11, 2002—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the June 11, 2002, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2002, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the May 7, 2002, meeting were approved.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Peggy Torrey, Director, Office of Teacher Induction and Evaluation, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mr. Lee reported that items 56-04 and 56-06 were placed on the consent agenda and item 56-05 was delayed until July.

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for June 11, 2002—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for June 11, 2002, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2002—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the May 7, 2002, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Dickert reported that item 55-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mr. James Mattos reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for June 11, 2002—Mr. Mattos reported that the agenda for the June 11, 2002, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2002—Mr. Mattos reported that the minutes of the May 7, 2002, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

03. Review of South Carolina Statutes and Regulations Governing District Charges/Payments for Midday Deadhead Mileage Associated with the Transportation of Students with Disabilities and Gain State Board Approval of Current State Department of Education Practices and Interpretations

On behalf of the Finance and Legislative Committee, Mr. Mattos moved that the State Board of Education agree with State Department of Education interpretation that the word "home" in Regulation L shall be interpreted to include the operation of deadhead miles to the driver's home district, the driver's home residence, and/or the driver's school work location, and that the State Board of Education instruct the State Department of Education to take steps necessary to collect the FY 2001 amounts past due for deadhead mileage from all school districts, and similar amounts due for FY 2002. Furthermore, the State Department of Education is to officially invoice districts for these and other amounts due. The motion carried.

On behalf of the Finance and Legislative Committee, Mr. Mattos moved that the State Board of Education approve a resolution supporting the full and adequate funding of transportation for students with disabilities, and the amendment of state law to allow state funding of all transportation services necessary for students with disabilities to access the nearest appropriate education. After discussion, the motion was approved by the Board.

Mr. Mattos reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair White reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for June 11, 2002—Chair White reported that the agenda for the June 11, 2002, meeting was approved as presented.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of May 7, 2002—Chair White reported that the minutes for the May 7, 2002, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair White reported that items 52-03, 52-04, and 52-05 were placed on the consent agenda and that there were no requests received from the House or Senate regarding State Board of Education Regulations for item 52-06.

08. Other Business: Recommendations for State Board of Education Appointees to the Charter School Advisory Committee

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Chair White moved that the State Board of Education approve the names recommended for appointment to the Charter School Advisory Committee. Chair White moved to amend the motion to appoint Martha Smith, the Chamber of Commerce nominee. Suggestions for a member of the Advisory Committee will be solicited from the South Carolina Association of Public Charter Schools, after which the State Board of Education will be polled and a person from the Association's membership will be selected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickert and approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by the Board without further debate:

56-04. Certificate Renewal Plan and Pilot Project (First Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-06. Report on annual teacher education data to be collected annually by the State Department of Education (SDE) beginning July 1, 2003, as a part of the NCATE/State performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation institutions (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved having this item brought back in July as an information item, having four areas of education data (Praxis II, ADEPT pass/fail, program retention rate, and development of a survey) ranked by institution.

55-03. Report of Review Panel Recommendations for Instructional Materials Requested by School Districts

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

52-03. Proposed repeal of 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-301 (Supp. 2001), *Intervention Where Quality of Education in a Local School District is Impaired* (First Reading)

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-04. Request for approval of recommendations for vacancies on the State Board Awards Nominating Committee for the 2002 Volunteer Awards Program

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-05. Approval of a Task Force for the Establishment of a Uniform Beginning Date for the Annual School Term (if enacted)

The Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE

Chair-Elect Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, June 11, 2002.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2002

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and approved by the Board.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

State Superintendent of Education Tenenbaum announced that sixty-five seniors from the 2002 graduating class, graduated without having ever missed a day of school. Board members were given lists of those students' names, high schools, and the districts in which their schools are located.

RECOGNITION OF THE WINNER OF THE HISTORY AFFECTS TODAY ESSAY CONTEST

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Christianna Lesley, a rising fifth grader at Holly Springs Elementary School in Pickens County. Christianna is the first-prize winner in the national "History Affects Today" essay contest sponsored by DEMCO. Christianna's essay is entitled "A Day of Change." Christianna read her essay to the Board.

Christianna's parents, Franklin and Joyce Lesley; her principal, David Owen; and her superintendent, Mendel Steward, accompanied her. Superintendent Tenenbaum and Board member, Kristin Maguire, presented an engraved marble pencil holder to Christianna for her accomplishment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair White reminded the Board members that Dr. Billie Orr, from the Education Leaders Council, would speak to the Board following the regular meeting to give the Board more information on that organization. Chair White also reminded the Board of the tour and luncheon at the textbook depository at R. L. Bryan at 12:00 PM today.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lee moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Mattos seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

Chair

Secretary

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