

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

**August 8, 2001**

The State Board of Education held its August meeting at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, August 8, 2001, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. Greg Killian, Chair; Mr. Spratt White, Chair-Elect; Mrs. Queen A. Davis; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mr. Thomas C. Ewart, Sr.; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James Mattos; Mr. James C. McRae; Mrs. Gail Moss; Mr. Robert E. Scarborough; and Mr. Jim White. Also present were State Superintendent of Education Inez Moore Tenenbaum, Secretary and Administrative Officer of the Board, and other staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Mrs. Frances P. Lewis; and Mr. Chris Verenes who were excused for their absence.)*

**INVOCATION**

Mr. Thomas Ewart delivered the invocation prior to the August 8, 2001, meeting of the State Board of Education.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2001**

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Mattos 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 Mr. Robert Scarborough and approved by the Board.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Killian welcomed the visitors present and Mr. Rob Harper, Office of Public Information introduced the visiting news media.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum announced that all seven schools nominated in 2000-2001 in the United States Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program were selected as national winners. The winners are Forestbrook Elementary School, Horry County School District; Mitchell Road Elementary School and Oakview Elementary School, Greenville County School District; Satchel Ford Elementary School, Richland School District One; Rice Creek Elementary School, Richland School District Two; Reidville Elementary School, Spartanburg

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School District Five; and Woodland Heights Elementary School, Spartanburg School District Six.

Superintendent Tenenbaum, along with respective Board members, presented engraved plaques to representatives from each school.

Superintendent Tenenbaum announced that South Carolina schools have compiled a remarkable record of success in the Blue Ribbon Schools program, with fifty-two national winners over the past six years.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS,  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WITH 35 YEARS OR MORE SERVICE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized the following twenty-five retired school district personnel with thirty-five or more years of service: Jacquelyn McInnis, Aiken School District; Cornelia Snow, Sumter School District 17; Bessie Blandshaw, Lee School District; Minnie S. Holmes, Marlboro School District; Mary Fetner, Kershaw School District; Ellen Cooper and Nancy Hanna, Richland School District One; Dr. June Metts and Judith Poore, Richland School District Two; Joe Dickey, Spartanburg School District Seven; Ferol Lovelady and Jean C. Snipe, Berkeley School District; Mary Blakely, Inell Greene, Albertha B. Jones, and Alice P. Veal, Charleston School District; William Watt, Oconee School District; Dr. Charles Gatch, Lexington School District One; Jo Ellen Reynolds, Lexington/Richland School District Five; Patsy Kirksey-Williams, Greenville School District; Anne Rauton, Pickens School District; Carolyn Powers, Colleton School District; Mary Ennis, Hampton School District Two; Bernice Sanders, Horry School District; and Peggy Fern, Rock Hill School District Three.

Superintendent Tenenbaum and the respective Board members, presented each retiree with a certificate and a marble engraved paperweight. A luncheon was held to celebrate their accomplishments.

**RECOGNITION OF JEANNIE "SISSY" HENRY**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Jeannie "Sissy" Henry, Deputy Executive Director for the South Carolina School Boards Association, and stated that Sissy has been a friend, supporter, advocate, strong voice, and mentor to public education in South Carolina. Sissy is leaving South Carolina in September to become the Executive Director of the Georgia School Boards Association.

Superintendent Tenenbaum presented Sissy with an engraved acrylic apple in recognition of all her efforts for South Carolina public education.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were two public speakers for this meeting, as follows:

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1. Neal Seaman - Mr. Seaman expressed his concerns regarding a section on weapons in the Meeks-Heit Health book, and distributed a document for the Boards' review.

2. Melissa Seaman - Mrs. Seaman spoke in support of Mr. Seaman and stated her agreement with his comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Marion Lee moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Queen Davis and approved by the Board. The following items were approved by the Board without further debate:

56-03. Recommend Approval of Five Members to the Professional Review Committee (PRC)

55-03. Approval of Interim Operational Guidelines for the Flexibility Through Deregulation Program for the 2001-02 School Year (Second Reading)

54-03. Request for Waiver of Requirement to Reduce Millage for Aiken County School District

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Mrs. Frances Lewis, Chair**  
**Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**

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

**Mrs. Queen A. Davis, 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, August 7, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for August 7, 2001**—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the August 7, 2001, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2001, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the July 10, 2001, meeting were approved.

Mr. Lee reported that the action item 56-03, considered at this meeting was placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Lee reported that the following items were submitted for information:

- **Annual Report for Critical Need/Alternative Certification Program**

- **ADEPT Teacher Evaluations: End of Year Report**
- **Teacher Education Performance-Based Standards Committee (TEPSC) Report of Planned Activities for 2001-02**

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Dr. Mary Jones reported for Mrs. Frances Lewis that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for August 7, 2001**—Dr. Jones reported that the agenda for August 7, 2001, was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2001**—Dr. Jones reported that the minutes of the July 10, 2001, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Jones reported that item 55-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

**54. Finance and Legislative Committee**—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported for Mr. James Mattos that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for August 7, 2001**—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for the August 7, 2001, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2001**—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the July 10, 2001, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Dickert reported that Item 54-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Dickert reported that the following items were submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**
- **Schedule of Liquidated Damages**
- **Most Favored Nation Requirements**

**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Chair-Elect Spratt White reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for August 7, 2001**—Chair-Elect White reported that the agenda for the August 7, 2001, meeting was approved as amended, removing the reports from the Committee Chairs since the Board members were all present at each meeting.

**03. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of July 10, 2001**—Chair-Elect White reported that the minutes for the July 10, 2001, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

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Chair-Elect White announced that Board member, Carlos Cervantes was chosen by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) to serve as the New Member on the Board of Directors of NASBE.

Chair-Elect White reported that Board member, Mary Jones is unable to serve on the Business Volunteers Committee, and John Hostetler has agreed to take her place.

Chair-Elect White reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Timeline for the Implementation of New State Assessments**

**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGAL BRIEFING AND TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES**

Chair-Elect White gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning a legal briefing regarding the equity lawsuit and teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2001**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. James McRae and approved by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Maguire moved that the Board adjourn. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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