

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

**November 14, 2001**

The State Board of Education held its November meeting at ten o'clock, Wednesday morning, November 14, 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. Carlos A. Cervantes; 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. Frances P. Lewis; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James C. McRae; Mr. Robert E. Scarborough; Mr. Chris Verenes; and Mr. Jim White. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Mr. James Mattos, Mrs. Gail Moss, and Mr. J. Spratt White who were excused for their absence.)*

**INVOCATION**

Foxappella, a choir from Dutch Fork High School, Lexington/Richland School District Five, sang patriotic songs and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the November 14, 2001, meeting of the State Board of Education.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2001**

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Queen Davis and then approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

Mrs. Davis moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frances Lewis and approved by the Board.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Killian welcomed the visitors present.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**RECOGNITION OF CHRISTA MCAULIFFE AWARDEE**

State Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Cherylyn Anderson from Sandhills Middle School, Lexington School District Four. Cherylyn is the 2001 awardee from South Carolina of the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program Award for her project "Linking Science and Literature through Inquiry Explorations."

Superintendent Tenenbaum presented an engraved obelisk to Cherylyn for her accomplishment.

**RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Jean Stiglebauer, Principal, Dreher High School, Richland County School District One; Malinda Taylor, teacher, E. L. Wright Middle School, Richland County School District Two; and Jay Forrest, Chorus Director, Clover High School, York County School District Two, as the recipients of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards for 2001.

Superintendent Tenenbaum presented each with an engraved obelisk for their accomplishments.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum announced that Sharon Buddin, Principal, Ridge View High School, Richland County School District Two, was named the National Principal of the Year yesterday.

Superintendent Tenenbaum reported that the students at White Knoll Middle School in Lexington County School District One, who raised the money to purchase a new fire truck for New York City, may be in the Macy's Day Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

Superintendent Tenenbaum also reported that a documentary on the history of education in South Carolina, *All the Children of All the People*, would be aired on television on November 15, 2001, at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Tenenbaum expressed her thankfulness for educators and everyone who works to shape the children in South Carolina.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was one public speaker for this meeting, as follows:

1. Dr. Carolyn H. Ham, Director of Adult Education, Kershaw County School District—Dr. Ham discussed the possibility of including Adult Education on the Critical Needs List for South Carolina teachers.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**56-04. Proposed Guidelines to Enhance Higher Education's Professional Development Offerings to P-12 Teachers (First Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-06. Approval of Pilot Project for the South Carolina Troops-to-Teachers (SCT<sup>3</sup>) Coalition to Offer an Alternative Route to Teacher Certification for Retiring Military Personnel (Second Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-07. Proposed Guidelines for Granting Experience Credit (First Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-08. Passing Scores on Praxis II Tests in Special Education for South Carolina**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-09. Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools 2002-03**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-03. 2001-02 Revisions to the Guidelines for Academic Plans for Students (Second Reading)**

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

**55-04. Standards for Benchmark Courses in the Academic Areas of Biology I and Physical Science (First Reading)**

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

**55-05. Application Process and Guidelines for Homework Center Programs (First Reading)**

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

**55-06. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education Regulation 43-302, School Incentive Reward Program (First Reading)**

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

**54-03. Facilities Waiver Request—Greenville County School District**

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

**52-03. What is the Penny Buying for South Carolina?, December 2001**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

**52-Other Business Amendment to the Rules of Governance, BDC, Policy Adoption**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

**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, November 13, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 13, 2001**—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the November 13, 2001, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2001, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the October 8, 2001, meeting were approved.

**03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview**—Mr. Lee 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.

Mr. Lee reported that the action items 56-04, 56-06, 56-07, 56-08, and 56-09, considered at this meeting were placed on the consent agenda.

**05. South Carolina Definition of "Low Performing" and "At-Risk" Institutions**—Mr. Lee reported that federal legislation requires that each state establish a definition for “low performing” and “at-risk” institutions for use in the annual Title II state report. The legislation also requires that states provide technical assistance to institutions so designated.

States may use any criteria they deem appropriate for making these determinations. Some other states are focusing solely on scores on certification tests. However, South Carolina’s accreditation process used with the institutions takes a number of factors into account, including test scores, but gives a broader perspective on the institution.

The proposed definition is based on four criteria: three different “test scores” and the overall accreditation decision. The tests listed include ones in the subject area (Praxis II exams), pedagogy (Principles of Learning and Teaching exams--PLT), and classroom performance (ADEPT). The accreditation decision includes a review of candidate performance as well as qualifications of faculty, available resources, and the overall goals and framework of the programs.

The proposed definition assesses institutions based on two years of data. This approach mitigates anomalies that might occur in any given year. However, it does not mirror the annual approach taken with PK–12 schools.

On behalf of the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education accept the South Carolina Definition of “Low Performing” and “At-Risk” Institutions.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she feels more information is needed. Mrs. Maguire moved to continue this item at the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlos Cervantes. The motion failed.

The original motion was then approved by the Board with opposing votes by Mr. Cervantes, Mrs. Maguire, and Mr. Jim White.

**10. Designation of Medicaid and Free and Reduced Lunch List to Identify Geographic Critical Need High Schools for 2002-03**—Mr. Lee reported that this item was held over until the December meeting.

Mr. Lee reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **South Carolina Title II State Report on 1999-2000 Cohort**

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Mrs. Frances Lewis reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 13, 2001**—Mrs. Lewis reported that the agenda for November 13, 2001, was approved with Item 55-03 moved to an information item.

**02. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2001**—Mrs. Lewis reported that the minutes of the October 8, 2001, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Lewis reported that items 55-03, 55-04, 55-05, and 55-06 were placed on the consent agenda.

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Mrs. Lewis reported that the following item was presented as information:

- **Requested Wavier Request of the Section of Regulation 43-264.1, Half Day Child Development Programs from Clarendon School District Two, Greenwood County School District 52, Marion School District Seven, Sumter School District Two, and Rock Hill School District Three of York County that stipulates that a minimum of 10-percent of the total budget shall be utilized in supplies/materials and equipment for instructional purposes (Section VI B.1. and 1.)**

**54. Finance and Legislative Committee**—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported for Mr. James Mattos that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 13, 2001**—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for the November 13, 2001, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2001**—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the October 8, 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 item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Chair Killian reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 13, 2001**—Chair Killian reported that the agenda for the November 13, 2001, meeting was approved as presented.

**02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of October 8, 2001**—Chair Killian reported that the minutes for the October 8, 2001, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair Killian reported that item 52-03 was placed on the consent agenda, as well as an amendment to the Rules of Governance, BDC, Policy Adoption, handled under Other Business.

Chair Killian reported that a subcommittee, including Dr. Mary Jones, Mr. Robert Scarborough, Mr. Marion Lee, and Mr. Thomas Ewart, was formed to study busing issues.

Chair Killian announced that he appointed a nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Frances Lewis, Chair; Mr. Clarence Dickert; and Mr. James McRae, to bring a nomination for the 2002 Chair-Elect position to the Board in December.

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Mrs. Davis gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning the public hearing and teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2001**

Mrs. Davis moved for the approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2001, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and approved by the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Cervantes moved that the State Board of Education appoint a committee to design, distribute, and tally a survey regarding discipline problems in schools and how they relate to teacher retention, etc. Mrs. Maguire seconded the motion. This motion was ruled out of order.

In order for this motion to be considered without being first referred to a committee, Mr. Jim White moved to suspend the Rules of Governance. Mr. Hostetler seconded the motion, which failed to be approved.

Mrs. Maguire stated that the Board needs a working study session to discuss survey items.

Mr. Dickert stated that a committee should get viable information and bring it to the Board and that he feels school discipline is a worthy topic to be discussed.

Chair Killian reported that he would like it to be on the TRTC Committee agenda for discussion and then go from there to an ad hoc committee or study session.

Mr. Verenes stated that he feels that all Board members will take the topic of school discipline very seriously.

Mr. Cervantes stated that he wants to know what is being done to change discipline problems in schools, and thinks a separate group can come up with a plan of action to make changes. He added that many states have decided to make changes and they have made an immediate impact on student learning.

Superintendent Tenenbaum reported that there are many objectives going on in different schools in relation to discipline problems. Schools with children behind in their grade level have more discipline problems. Discipline problems and reading problems are linked. More resources are needed for early childhood and reading. She stated that there is an office at the State Department of Education, the Office of Safe Schools and Youth Services, that can help with bringing information to the Board. She stated that disturbing schools is the most common area of discipline problems reported on the quarterly report. Superintendent Tenenbaum suggested inviting principals to come have focus groups with the Board.

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Chair Killian stated that it would be helpful to have principals and superintendents from schools that are having problems, as well as those who are not having problems.

Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Cervantes has a very valid concern and he would like to hear from principals and superintendents as discipline is a need that needs to be addressed, but addressed through the proper channels.

Dr. Mary Jones stated that it would be a good idea to add teachers to those invited because some do not get the support from their administrators that they need.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Scarborough moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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