

Minutes

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

RUTLEDGE STATE OFFICE BUILDING

BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joe Isaac, Chair

John Tindal, Chair-Elect

Inez M. Tenenbaum

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Isaac at 9:30 a.m. Chair Isaac asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board members were in attendance: Joe Isaac, Chair; John Tindal, Chair-Elect; Ms. Rebecca Burch; Mr. Jessie Curtis; Dr. Anne Crook; Mr. Trip DuBard; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Mr. Phillip Shoopman; Ms. Diane Sumpter; Mr. Ron Wilson; Ms. Virginia Wilson. Absent were Mrs. Brenda Fort and Dr. Kristi Woodall.

Inez Tenenbaum, State Superintendent of Education, and staff were present.

RECOGNITION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER(S)

Chair Isaac introduced the new Board members, Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard of Florence, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, replacing Ms. Victoria Belin and Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit, replacing Dr. Harriett Rucker.

Chair Isaac recognized Ms. Victoria Belin, Twelfth Judicial Circuit. On behalf of the Board and the citizens of South Carolina, Chair Isaac thanked Ms. Belin and presented a plaque to her for her service on the Board. Ms. Belin thanked the Board and introduced Senator Ken Williams, her cousin, for attending the meeting on her behalf.

Chair Isaac recognized Dr. Harriett Rucker, Eighth Judicial Circuit, who was unable to attend the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Isaac announced that the South Carolina Association of School Administrators had named their principals of the year. Dr. Kristi Woodall was awarded the South Carolina High School Principal of the year.

Chair Isaac also reported that Board members should have received their invitation to the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Awards Ceremony being held on February 28, 2006, at the Koger Center for the Arts. Chair Isaac stated that it would be great if we had representation from the Board, especially if a Board member has a school from their district that is up for one of the awards.

Chair Isaac reminded Board members that the microphones are on and they pick up conversations members have with each other. If you have something you want to discuss with someone next to you, turn the "mike" off please.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2006

Mrs. Rebecca Burch moved for approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2006, State Board meeting. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved for approval of the agenda for the February 8, 2006, State Board meeting. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA
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Chair Isaac welcomed all visitors. There was one person from the news media present, Mr. Bill Robinson, *The State* newspaper.

Chair Isaac then asked any visitors who wanted to be recognized to stand and introduce themselves. They were Mr. George Long, Citizen; Ms. Tina Marsha Bradley, Claflin University; Ms. Janeen P. Witty, Benedict College, and Ms. Nancy Prince, Anderson School District One, who was also there to support her South Carolina Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Ms. Iris Aschenbrand. Other visitors present were Yarley Steedly, Palmetto State Teachers Association; Marc Turner, Richland School District Two; David Norton, Olde English Consortium; Daniel Cassidy, SCRG; Oran P. Smith, Palmetto Family Council; Mr. Bill Yost, Bob Jones University; and Mr. Brian Caruth, Bob Jones University. Chair Isaac thanked all visitors for being present and for their interest in education.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

OUTSTANDING SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
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State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum reported that the outstanding social studies teacher of the year awards are presented by the National Council for Social Studies to teachers who creatively and effectively use instructional materials, that incorporate innovative instructional strategies and encourage the development of democratic values, beliefs, and skills necessary to become effective citizens. The State Board of Education recognized the two South Carolina teachers that were the 2005 recipients of this prestigious award.

State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum presented an award to Marc Turner, Blythewood High School, Richland School District Two. Mr. Turner is one of the nation's top secondary social studies teachers. Mr. Turner is his school's social studies curriculum coordinator. In 2004, South Carolina Council for the Social Studies named him a Teacher of Excellence.

State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum presented an award to Iris Aschenbrand, Hunt Meadows Elementary School, Anderson School District One, for receiving the Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year award. Ms. Aschenbrand teaches fourth grade at Hunt Meadows Elementary School. In 2004, the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies named her a Teacher of Excellence.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

STATE BOARD ITEMS

Chair Isaac stated that since the Board was starting a new format on a trial bases for the next three months, he made a decision not to give up his chairmanship during the facilitation of the meetings, so the facilitator will vote during the meetings on anything that needs to be voted on, and the Chair will retain the chairmanship.

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification (TRTC) Items—Kristin Maguire, Facilitator

01. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2006

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger asked for a correction in the December 2005 minutes. The Department concurred with Ms Seckinger's request after reviewing the tapes of the meeting. Mrs. Maguire asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the minutes as presented below:

Mrs. Seckinger expressed concern that Charleston County School District (CCSD) was added to the list of districts eligible for loan forgiveness for recipients of the South Carolina Teacher Loan Program. Mrs. Seckinger stated that the CCSD has a history of operational concerns at the district level, which contribute to high teacher turnover and instability, thus disqualifying Charleston County from the benefits of participating in the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

Mr. Mike Forrester moved for the approval of the minutes as amended of the January 11, 2006, meeting. Mr. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

02. TRTC Items Overview

Dr. Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, gave a brief overview of the items.

03. Recommendation for State Board Approval of the Industrial Technology Standards from the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) for South Carolina Teacher Education Programs

Joellen C. Harris, Education Associate, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item for approval.

State Board of Education Regulation 43-90 requires that the State Board of Education adopt standards for program-approval decisions regarding teacher education programs that have been reviewed through the state program-approval process. A committee was formed to study the standards for beginning teachers preparing to become industrial technology teachers. The five-member committee was comprised of higher education faculty, a 12 educator, a representative from the State Department of Education, and a representative from the Office Trade and Industry Certification. This committee reached consensus that the standards as presented by the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) should be the ones adopted for South Carolina beginning teachers.

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger expressed concern that all of these standards are tied to a report titled the *Context of the Design World*, which she received late the day before the meeting. A web-link was e-mailed to Board members Tuesday afternoon to provide additional information. Mrs. Seckinger stated she would not be voting on this item, since she had not had sufficient time to review the materials sent. After further discussion, Dr. Janice Poda explained that the Board would be voting on the standards not the process that went into developing the standards at the national level.

Dr. Poda apologized for providing this information the day before the Board meeting, but stated that a better job would be done in the future to provide supporting documentation earlier to the Board. Dr. Poda also indicated that the standards would be brought back to the Board if changes were made to them or the underlying documents.

Mrs. Maguire asked Mr. Steve Wash, Career and Technology Education Work-Based from the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership to provide an overview of the standards and the purpose of the document *Context of the Design World*.

Mrs. Rebecca Burch moved for the approval of the recommendation for State Board approval of the Industrial Technology Standards from the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) for South Carolina Teacher Education Programs. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried, with one abstention by Mrs. Terrye Seckinger

FOR INFORMATION

04. Report for Proviso 1.14 (SDE: Teachers/Temporary or Emergency Certificates)

Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Quality and Leadership, presented this item for information and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Turner, at the request of Mrs. Maguire, provided the Board with a summary of Proviso 1.14, Totals on Temporary Certificates and Permits.

Mr. Turner explained that a report is required for the General Assembly under Proviso 1.14 (SDE: Teacher/Temporary Certificates) on waivers granted for temporary or emergency certificates (including out-of-field permits) for the current school year. The proviso allows for funding of teacher salaries for those teachers holding temporary or emergency certificates if the local Board of Education so request. Each year the State Department of Education must submit a report to the General Assembly by March 1 indicating, by district, the number of emergency certificates by category, including an enumeration of the certificates carried forward from the previous year. No temporary or emergency certificate shall be continued more than twice.

This item is being provided to the Board as information and no action is required.

05. The 2005 Educator Preparation Unit Fact Sheet

Jonathan A. Trail, Education Associate, Office of Educator Preparation Support and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. The 2005 educator preparation unit fact sheets are data collected by the State Department of Education from all educator preparation institutions on an annual basis. The facts sheets contain qualitative and quantitative metrics. Mr. Trail answered questions from the Board on this item. This item is being provided as information and no action is required.

Mr. Trail introduced Mr. Bill Yost and Mr. Brian Carruth, colleagues from Bob Jones University.

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials (C & I) Items—Rebecca Burch, Acting Facilitator, on behalf of Kristi Woodall

01. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2006

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2006, meeting. The motion carried.

02. C & I Items Overview

Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment gave a brief overview of the items. Mrs. Saylor introduced Ms. Sara Rowe, an intern in the Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment.

03. Additional Review by the Instructional Materials Review Panel on Two Pages of the Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Teacher Edition *Human Sexuality*

Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for approval.

At the request of the State Board of Education, the Health and Safety, Grades 9–12 Instructional Materials Review Panel once again evaluated two pages in the Glencoe/McGraw-Hill's *Human Sexuality* ancillary workbook to determine if there is a conflict with the Comprehensive Health Education Act. The textbook review panel voted 9–1 to approve pages 93–94. The State Department of Education recommended the approval of *Human Sexuality* in its entirety provided by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill at no cost to schools adopting Glenco Health.

Dr. Anne Crook moved for the approval of the additional review by the Instructional Materials Review Panel on the two pages of the Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Teacher Edition *Human Sexuality*. Ms. Diane Sumpter seconded the motion. Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mr. Ron Wilson, and Mrs. Terrye Seckinger made comments in opposition to the motion.

Mr. Michael Forrester moved to postpone the vote to give the Board a better opportunity to be prepared and informed on the two pages of this book. Mr. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved to have the Attorney General review these pages. Mr. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The motion failed.

FOR INFORMATION

04. Approval of 4K Waiver Requests for 2005–06 pursuant to R 43-264.1(VI)(B), Half-Day Child Development Programs

Robin K. Snipes, Director, Office of Early Childhood Education (OECE), Division of District and Community Services, presented this item and answered questions from the Board. This report is to provide the Board with information about the 4K waiver approvals by the State Department of Education.

Regulation 43-264.1, Half-Day Child Development Programs, requires that a minimum of 10 percent of the total budget shall be utilized in supplies, materials, and equipment for 4K classrooms. The following six school districts requested waivers to enable the district to supplement salaries of teachers and assistants in the 4K program: (1) York School District Four, (2) Marion School District One, (3) Sumter School District 17, (4) Marion School District Seven, (5) Clarendon School District Two, and (6) Lexington/Richland School District Five. The State Board of Education granted the State Department of Education the authority to approve waiver requests of the 10 percent requirement for supplies, materials, and equipment for instructional purposes in the budget of Half-Day Child Development Programs. Based on the findings after visits to the districts by OECE staff, the SDE granted the waiver.

54. Finance and Legislative (F & L) Items—Phillip Shoopman, Facilitator

01. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2006

Mr. Ron Wilson moved for the approval of the minutes of January 11, 2006. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

02. F & L Items Overview

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, gave a brief overview of the items

03. Facilities Waiver Request—Sumter School District 17

Alex James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of School Enterprise Operations presented this item for approval.

On behalf of Sumter School District 17, Drakeford Architects is asking that a waiver be granted to allow “Type 5” (wood frame construction) for a proposed utility building (picnic shelter) and the proposed boardwalks for

the Sumter High School Environment Center. These proposed improvements are within the thirty acres of woodlands and wetland set aside on the main campus at Sumter High School for Environmental education. The proposed project will enhance the existing network of trails, boardwalks, and natural observation areas.

The Board requested that the owner consider lightning protection for the shelter.

Mr. John Tindal moved that the State Board of Education approve the facilities waiver request from Sumter School District 17. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to postpone the facilities request to the March Board meeting for additional information. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion failed.

The Board voted on the main motion and the motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

04. Request from Board Members on Cost of Joining NASBE

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, presented this item as information and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Cooley provided the Board with a handout referencing the SBE Budget and NASBE membership.

The State Board of Education budget status as of January 18, 2006 is \$58,034, with expenditures of \$15,352, and an encumbrance of \$412. The unencumbered balance is \$42, 270. Assuming that the second-half of year expenditures will be similar to the first-half of year (approx. \$16,000), the projected end-of-year balance would be approximately \$26,000. Given the above, the Board would have sufficient FY 2006 funds for the January-June 2006 NASBE membership fee of \$11,695. Projecting for FY 2007 and a NASBE membership of \$23,390 and assuming there would be approximately \$32,000 in operating expenditures, the State Board of Education would have a FY 2007 end-of-year balance of approximately \$2,600 as follows: Budgeted: \$58,034; expenditures: \$32,000 (per diem, contractual services, supplies, travel) NASBE expenditures: \$23,390, and unencumbered balance of \$2,644.

This was provided as information only and the Board required no action.

05. State Board of Education Financial Statements

This item is to provide the State Board with a monthly update on its budget. John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, presented this item as information and answered questions from the Board. The report reflects the Board's budget through January 23, 2006. The Board has about 69% of its budget remaining for the year.

Ms. Diane Sumpter questioned whether it was necessary to provide this as a monthly report. Mr. Phillip Shoopman stated that he wanted to continue to receive a monthly update. The monthly update will continue to be provided to the Board.

06. Schedule of Liquidated Damages

Jim White, Manager, Office of State Textbooks, Division of Finance and Operations, presented this item and answered questions from the Board.

Section 4 of the Instructional Materials Contract requires publishers to provide a sufficient number of instructional materials to the State Depository to meet supply needs or pay penalties for the deliveries. The State Department of Education determined that several publishers were responsible for late shipments to schools. Publishers were billed and liquidated damages were collected as specified in the Instructional Materials Contract in the amount of \$5,085.74.

07. Legislative Update

Dale Stuckey, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented the legislative update on behalf of Pierce McNair and answered questions from the Board. A summary of the bills of interest in the General Assembly was distributed to the Board. Mrs. Kristin Maguire requested that the property tax bill be included in the update.

52. Educational Policy (Policy) Items—Joe Isaac, Facilitator

01. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2006

Mrs. Virginia Wilson moved for the approval of the minutes of January 11, 2006. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

02. Educational Policy Items Overview

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, gave a brief overview of the items.

FOR INFORMATION

03. Nominations for the Ad Hoc Student Advisory Committee to the State Board Of Education

Joe Isaac, Facilitator, stated that all nominations for the Ad Hoc Student Advisory Committee had not been turned in and requested that the names be submitted to Carol Collins by Monday, February 13, 2006. The students will be invited to attend the March 8, 2006, State Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Educator Licensure Cases

The State Board of Education (Board) held a meeting at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2006, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building to discuss educator licensure cases. The following Board members were in attendance: Joe Isaac, Chair; John Tindall, Chair-Elect; Ms. Rebecca Burch; Mr. Jessie Curtis; Dr. Anne Crook; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Mr. Phillip Shoopman; Ms. Diane Sumpter; Mr. Ron Wilson, and Ms. Virginia Wilson. Absent were Mr. Tip DuBard; Mrs. Brenda Fort; and Dr. Kristi Woodall.

The meeting was brought to order by Chair-Elect Tindal

Chair Tindal declared the Board in Executive Session

Open Session

1. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education summarily suspend South Carolina educator certificate 226053 issued to Hubert Thomas Byrum, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education revoke South Carolina educator certificate 208906 issued to Phyllis Frazier Smart, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.

3. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender of South Carolina educator certificate 207013 issued to Shandrika L. Burrison, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
4. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender of South Carolina educator certificate 217109 issued to Nicole Flavell, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
5. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender of South Carolina educator certificate 037869 issued to Ray A. Grant, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
6. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a three-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 177370 issued to Rhonda K. Stevens, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
7. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 201179 issued to Alfred O. Vanderpuije, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
8. Mr. Ron Wilson moved that the State Board of Education take no action on South Carolina educator certificate 219917 issued to Charles A. Corrie. The motion was seconded by Ms. Diane Sumpter and approved by the Board, with four opposing votes by Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mr. Mike Forrester, Mrs. Rebecca Burch, and Mr. Joe Isaac.
9. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a six-month suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 162742 issued to Sandra Lee Thompson, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
10. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Gregory Lee Hancox, South Carolina educator certificate 161927, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
11. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Lenora Middleton, South Carolina educator certificate 122796, for unprofessional conduct. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Ron Wilson moved that the State Board of Education take no action on Ms. Middleton's certificate. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

12. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 213972 issued to Silvana Ingmire, for breach of contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
13. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 191379 issued to Nichlas Kramer, for breach of contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.
14. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education order a one-year suspension of South Carolina educator certificate 200789 issued to Mauricio D. Richardson, for breach of contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Forrester and approved by the Board.

Chair Tindal declared the Board in Executive Session

Open Session

15. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education reinstate South Carolina Educator certificate 095724 issued to David Corley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Isaac and approved by the Board.

Chair Tindal declared the Board in Executive Session

Open Session

16. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny reinstatement of South Carolina Educator certificate 151625 issued to Jerry Hayes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Terrye Seckinger and approved by the Board.

Chair Tindal declared the Board in Executive Session

Open Session

17. Mrs. Kristin Maguire-moved that the State Board of Education deny a South Carolina educator certificate to Graham Lee Byrd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ron Wilson and approved by the Board.

Open Session

18. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny a South Carolina Educator certificate to Marci Suzanne Cecere. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Isaac and approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m.