

Minutes

State Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

**Rutledge Building
Rutledge Conference Center**

***John Tindal, Chair
Al Simpson, Chair-Elect
Jim Rex, PhD***

***State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

I. RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY—RUTLEDGE CONFERENCE CENTER

Dr. Jim Rex and Chair John Tindal unlocked the door to the Rutledge Conference Center and invited the guests to enter.

Chair Tindal called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to stand for the presentation of colors. AC Flora ROTC students, along with Sgt. Major Sanderson, presented the colors and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: John Tindal, Chair, Third Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Chair-Elect, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Lisa Stokes, Second Judicial Circuit; Ms. Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Daniel Varat, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Joe Isaac, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Britt Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Governor's Appointee.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Shelly Kelly, Parliamentarian; Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Valerie Harrison, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Teri Siskind, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Cleo Richardson, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educational Services; Elizabeth Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; and John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations.

Dr. Rex acknowledged the ribbon cutting and recognized guests and Chair John Tindal. Chair Tindal recognized the former State Board of Education chairpersons and/or members. Chair Tindal then turned the program back to Dr. Rex.

Dr. Rex thanked the people who were instrumental in the renovations. Special thanks were given to General Services, Budget and Control Board, Studio 2LR, Architects plus Planners; Camcor; Tyler Construction; B&L Electric; SC ETV; and staff from the SC Department of Education. He talked about the innovation and what the room represented. Chair Tindal and Dr. Rex officiated at the ribbon cutting. Chair Tindal asked Board members to stand. They then cut the ribbon.

Dr. Rex addressed each teacher in each classroom and explained the four choice programs (Star, Montessori, Arts, Early College High plus new career-changer and Pace teacher).

Dr. Rex stated that this year marks the 42nd year of the South Carolina Teacher of the Year Program, which recognizes some of our state's most outstanding educators. He then introduced the four 2007-08 honor roll teachers and the 2007-08 State Teacher of the Year. The four honor roll teachers are (1) Ms. Linda M. Dowling, Sonovista Alternative School, Darlington School District (State Board member, Mr. Hampton Hubbard); (2) Ms. Ilona Lawless Sunday, Crayton Middle School, Richland School District One (State Board member, Diane Sumpter); (3) Ms. Dawn Smith, Bookman Road Elementary, Richland School District Two (State Board member, Diane Sumpter); and (4) Ms. Frances L. Hardy, Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg School District Seven (State Board member, Libby Swad). The 2007 State Teacher of the Year is Ms. Ann Marie Taylor, Pine Tree Hill Elementary, Kershaw County Schools (State Board member, Diane Sumpter).

Dr. Rex turned the meeting over to Chair Tindal.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the State Board of Education minutes for November 14, 2007, as printed. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR
DECEMBER 12, 2007**

Dr. Danny Varat moved to approve the agenda as amended to place item 52-05, *Selection of State Board of Education Chair-Elect*, directly after the Public Comment Period. Mrs. Libby Swad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Mr. Tindal recognized all visitors and two new Board members: Mrs. Bonnie Disney, who is replacing Mr. John Tindal on the Third Judicial Circuit, and Mr. Tim Moore who is replacing Mrs. Lisa Stokes on the Second Judicial Circuit. He also recognized Mr. and Mrs. Swine (check spelling), parents of Mrs. Kristin Maguire.

He recognized Mr. Bill Robinson from The State Newspaper and Mr. Mendez and all other media present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Tindal then recognized the following people for public comment.

1. Danny Branham, a citizen speaking against home-school parent becoming Board Chair-elect
2. Benita Dinkins from the MLD Higher Learning Academy addressed the Board on unfair treatment of the Charter School by the Lee County School District.

Chair Tindal asked if there was any who had not signed to up to speak but wished to speak. No one responded.

Chair Tindal turned the meeting over to Mr. Joe Isaac to present Item 52-05, *Selection of State Board of Education, Chair-Elect*. Mr. Isaac stated that he was the chair of the committee to nominate a board member to the State Board for the position of Chair-Elect. The Nominating Committee (Mr. Rick Adkins, Ms. Diane Sumpter, and Mr. Joe Isaac) met on December 4, 2007, via a conference call. . Isaac asked Mrs. Diane Sumpter to address the Board and provide them with the Committee's recommendation.

Mrs. Sumpter moved to nominate Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard as the Committee recommendation for Chair-Elect. Mr. Tindal stated that since this came from the Committee, no second would be needed. The Chair stated that Mr. DuBard's name would be placed in nomination.

Mr. Tindal then asked for nominations from the floor. Mrs. Libby Swad moved that Mrs. Kristin Maguire be nominated as Chair-Elect.

Mr. Tindal asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mr. Tindal called for the close of the nominations. He asked for the vote on Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard by show of hands. The motion failed.

Mr. Tindal then called for the vote on Mrs. Kristin Maguire. The vote was taken by show of hands. The motion carried. Mrs. Kristin Maguire was elected as the new 2008 State Board Chair-Elect.

VI. STATE BOARD ITEMS

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Items
Kristin Maguire, Facilitator

- 01. TRTC Items Overview**—Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership gave a brief overview of the items.

FOR APPROVAL

- 02. Adopt Passing Score for Praxis Examination in Theatre (Second Reading)**

Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. Mr. Turner stated that the South Carolina Department of Education was asking the State Board of Education to adopt passing scores for the Praxis examination in Theatre for second reading. Mr. Turner explained that the State Board of Education is responsible for the adoption of certification examinations and passing scores under S.C. Code Ann. § 59-26-30 (Supp. 2006).

Mr. Turner said that the staff in the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership and the Office of Assessment reviewed the standard-setting report from ETS and determined the score recommendation to be presented to the State Board of Education.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the adoption of the Praxis examination and proposed passing score of 590 for Theatre (0604), as recommended in the ETS standard-setting study. The effective date of the score as a requirement for certification would be July 1, 2008.

Mr. Joe Isaac moved to adopt the passing score for the Praxis examination in Theatre for second reading. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked if there were any discussion by the Board. There being none, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

03. Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2008-09 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program

Falicia Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the item. Dr. Harvey stated that Dr. Gayle Sawyer was present to answer any questions the Board might have. Dr. Harvey explained that S.C. Code Ann. § 59-26-20(j) (Supp. 2006) was amended to redefine the criteria for designating a school as a critical geographic area. The General Assembly passed Proviso 1A.49 allowing for the inclusion of special schools, alternative schools, and correctional centers on the list of geographic critical need schools for the purposes of loan forgiveness. This data, along with the recommendations, is being submitted to the State Board of Education for review and approval.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the list of schools to be designated as geographic critical need for the Teacher Loan Cancellation Program for 2008-09.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to approve the designation of geographic critical need schools for 2008-09 relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program. Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked if there was any discussion of this item. There being none, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

04. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2008-09 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program

Falicia Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. Dr. Harvey explained that the State Board of Education is required to designate the critical need subject areas for the purpose of the teacher loan cancellation program.

She stated that the South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement coordinated a supply-and-demand study involving all school districts. School district

personnel administrators identified the vacancies and shortage fields. This data, along with recommendations, is submitted to the State Board of Education for review and approval.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve the designation of the critical need subject areas for 2009-09 relative to the Teacher Loan Cancellation Program administered by the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to approve the identification of critical need subject areas for 2008-09 relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

05. Designation of Statewide Shortage Content Areas for 2008-09 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)

Dr. Falicia Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. She explained that CERRA conducted a supply-and-demand study involving all school districts. School district personnel administrators identified the vacancies and shortage fields. The PACE Advisory Committee reviewed the data from the past three years and noted that only 2 percent of PACE participants were teaching in non-critical subject areas (physical education, history, secondary social studies, agriculture) but in critical geographic areas. The Committee recommended dissolving the use of a critical geographic (district) list thus allowing all qualified PACE participants to seek employment statewide.

The SBE voted to dissolve the critical subject and district lists for the 2007-08 academic year.

All school districts were able to hire PACE participants regardless of geographic location or content area. Four additional PACE participants were hired as a result of this change. This data, along with a recommendation of dissolving the critical subject and geographic lists for the 2008-09 academic year, is submitted to the SBE for review and approval.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE dissolve the critical geographic and critical subject area lists for 2008-09 relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators leading to teacher certification. PACE applicants with an approved major or major equivalency in any recognized PACE content area would be eligible for program participation statewide.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to approve the designation of statewide shortage content areas for 2008-09 relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE). Mrs. Stokes seconded the motion,

Mrs. Maguire asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, she called for the vote.

The motion carried, with one opposing vote by Mr. Hampton Hubbard.

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Items
Patsy Pye, Facilitator

01. C&I Items Overview

Valerie Harrison, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning, gave a brief overview of the items being presented.

FOR APPROVAL

02. Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-258.1 (Supp. 2006), Advanced Placement (First Reading)

Helena Tillar, EdD, Director, Office of Academic Standards, Division of Standards and Learning. Dr. Tillar stated that the change in regulation will allow teachers to earn endorsement by successfully completing professional development provided by the College Board, including online course work.

In order to allow teachers a greater level of flexibility and increase the professional development opportunities for teachers of Advanced Placement courses, it is recommended that the regulation be modified. The change will allow teachers to have AP endorsement added to their certificates by successfully completing forty-five hours of training provided by College Board-endorsed professional development opportunities. Currently, the regulation states that "each teacher of an Advanced Placement course shall have completed the

appropriate Advanced Placement three-graduate-hour training program. The Office of Academic Standards has worked jointly with the directors of the Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment and the Office of Educator Certification in writing the recommended revision.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the proposed amendments to R 43-258.1, Advanced Placement.

Dr. Danny Varat moved to approve the proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-258.1 (Supp. 2006), Advanced Placement for First Reading with the following amendment. On page 55-00-03, under Section IV, delete Exception 2 of the regulation. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion.

Mrs. Pye asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, she called for the vote. The motion carried as amended.

03. South Carolina Virtual School Program Guidelines (Second Reading)

Dee Appleby, Interim Director, Office of eLearning, Division of Standards and Learning, presented this item. She stated that in May 2006, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) launched the South Carolina Virtual School (SCVS) pilot to explore the feasibility of virtual schooling for the state. The pilot was designed to give the SCDE the opportunity to test its online learning course management system (Blackboard), registration system, and quality assurance measures. Broadly speaking, the pilot gave the SCDE an opportunity to gauge the need for and response to the program around the state, as well as the Department's strength in supporting other initiatives, such as high school redesign and adult education, and in meeting legislative mandates to give all students equitable access to high-quality instruction.

The SCVS pilot continued through July 2007, with collaboration from local school districts, adult education, career and technology education, and higher education to pool resources and offer a broad array of courses for South Carolina students. Assisting in the process is a program advisory committee, composed of SCDE personnel and district- and school-level educators from the pilot sites, which is charged with reviewing research on online learning, information from other state virtual programs, and feedback from the pilot sites to refine policies and procedures for the SCVS.

The SCDE will provide South Carolina students access to distance, online, or virtual learning courses offered for an initial unit of credit. Additionally, the SCVS Program will offer access to credit recovery programs for students who have been identified by a school district as not having received credit for a course previously taken or for students who have been identified as not likely to receive credit for a course in which the student is currently enrolled. In addition to establishing the SCVS Program at the SCDE, the State Board of Education is charged with developing guidelines and promulgating regulations for the operation of the program.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the SCVSP Guidelines.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the South Carolina Virtual School Program Guidelines for second reading. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

Mrs. Pye asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

Mrs. Maguire complimented Ms. Appleby and her staff for their work on the Virtual School Program.

04. Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2007 Instructional Materials Review Panels

Kriss Stewart, Textbook Adoption, Office of Academic Standards, Division of Standards and Learning, presented this item. She explained the item being submitted for State Board of Education (SBE) approval included the Review Panel recommendations for instructional materials for the 2007 adoption cycle. She stated that the report contained citizen comments from the 2007 public review of instructional materials (public review dates October 12-November 11).

The 2007 Instructional Materials Review Panels have evaluated instructional materials bid by publishers in accordance with policies and procedures set forth in SBE regulations. A listing of the Panels' final recommendations for adopted and supplemental instructional materials with ancillary materials and a separate list of materials that were not recommended were included in this report. All recommended materials have received affirmative votes from at least two-thirds of the Panel members.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve the Instructional Materials Review Panel reports for the 2007 adoption cycle.

Mr. Al Simpson moved to approve the adoption of the instructional materials report from the 2007 instructional materials review panels. Mrs. Diane Sumpter seconded the motion.

Mrs. Pye asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

05. Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2008 Adoption Cycle

Kriss Stewart, Textbook Adoption, Office of Academic Standards, Division of Standards and Learning, presented this item to the Board. She explained that the duties of the State Board of Education's Instructional Materials Advisory Committee require recommendations be made to the State Board of Education (SBE) relative to curriculum, instructional materials, and textbook needs. These recommendations submitted for SBE approval include subject areas to be opened for the 2008 adoption cycle, options to renegotiate expiring contracts, prioritization of purchases should funds not be available, 2008 Instructional Materials Adoption Calendar, and revised six-year plan for adoption cycles.

Mrs. Stewart stated that for the area of grades 9–12 Language Arts, the procedure for adopting instructional materials will be delayed until the approval of the State Board of Education approval of the English Language Arts Academic Standards. Publishers will be asked to delay their correlation until those standards are approved.

At the October 11, 2007, meeting of the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee, in accordance with its duties, formulated recommendations for the 2008 adoption cycle and the revised six-year plan for adoption cycles.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2008 adoption cycle, the 2008 Instructional Materials Adoption Calendar, and the six-year plan for adoption.

Mrs. Lisa Stokes moved to approve the Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2008 Adoption Cycle. Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Pye asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board reconsider item 55-04 to allow Mr. McKinney to speak. Dr. Danny Varat seconded the motion.

Chair Tindal stated that it would take a vote of two-thirds majority on the motion. He called for the question. The motion carried.

Mr. McKinney asked for copies of the biology books by Glencoe McGraw Hill, Seventh Edition, and Prentice Hall, Miller and Levine. He stated that he had heard from a professor from Clemson regarding the number of misconceptions in the books.

Mrs. Stewart asked Mr. Buddy Sharpe from Prentice Hall to address these concerns. Chair Tindal recognized Mr. Sharpe to address the Board. Mr. Sharp stated that he had sent a list of the concerns to Mr. Ken Miller, author of the book in question. He provided the Board with a copy of the responses to the questions from Mr. Miller. Mr. Sharp stated that there was one area dealing with pesticides that would be corrected in the next printing of the book. He recommended strongly that the Board members review Mr. Miller's responses before making a recommendation.

Ms. Cindy Clark asked if it would be proper at this time for her to request copies of the history books and also early childhood. Mrs. Stewart stated that she would take care of it and asked if other members of the Board wanted copies of these books, along with the biology book.

Mr. McKinney then asked if the Legislature did not pass a law requiring a critical analysis be provided. Mrs. Stewart said there was and that the review committee looked at 10 per cent and all of them exceeded the 10-percent requirement.

Dr. Varat asked if the Board could carry over the books in question and approve the others at this time. Chair Tindal responded this could be done.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to carry over these two biology books for further review until the next Board meeting. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Mr. Hampton Hubbard and Mrs. Diane Sumpter.

Mr. Hubbard stated that textbooks are not 100 per cent correct. We need to understand that science is not a definite figure.

Ms. Diane Sumpter expressed concern that the Board was going against the recommendations of the review panel. She stated that we appointed these people to these committees and should trust their judgment.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2007 instructional Materials Review Panels, with the exception of the two biology textbooks. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.

54. Finance and Legislative Items
Joe Isaac, Facilitator

01. Finance and Legislative Items Overview

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

FOR APPROVAL

02. Selection of State Textbook Depository

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, explained that the State Board of Education (SBE) must approve the South Carolina Publishers' Association's selection of The R.L. Bryan Company Central Textbook Depository to distribute all publishers' materials. This motion was passed at the South Carolina Publishers' Annual Meeting on September 12, 2007.

S.C. Code Ann. § 59-31-320 (2004) states "The State Board of Education may require all publishers of textbooks with whom textbook contracts have been made to maintain a joint agency or depository, in some city in the State to be located at some suitable and convenient distributing point, at which general depository each textbook publisher shall keep on hand a sufficient stock of books to supply the requirements of the State and through which central depository all textbooks shall be distributed." (<http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t59c031.doc>)

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve the selection of The R.L. Bryan Company as the Central Textbook Depository.

Chair Tindal moved to approve the selection of the State Textbook Depository. Ms. Diane Sumpter seconded the motion.

Mr. Isaac asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, he called for the vote. The motion carried, with Mr. Trip DuBard abstaining.

FOR INFORMATION

03. State Board of Education Financial Statements

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, presented and discussed the State Board of Education financial statements.

52. Educational Policy Items
John Tindal, Facilitator

01. Educational Policy Items Overview

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel and Shelly Kelly, Deputy Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented a brief overview of the items.

FOR APPROVAL

02. Individualized Focused School Renewal Plan Goals for Schools in "Advisory Status" Reviewed under the Revised External Review Team (ERT) Process

Barbara E. Johnston, Education Associate, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability, presented this item. She explained that the purpose of this item is to request approval of the individualized Focused School Renewal Plan goals for schools in "advisory status" reviewed under the revised External Review Team Process in lieu of the recommendations developed under the previous External Review Team Process.

"Advisory status" schools scheduled to meet expected progress on the 2008 and the 2009 report cards have developed their 2007-08 Focused School Renewal Plan (FSRP) goals as part of the External Review Team Process for Collaborative Planning to Increase Student Achievement (revised ERT Process) submitted to the State Board of Education as information in September.

As a result of the need for a more efficient process, there has been a joint effort to streamline the External Review Team Process into a more focused, year-long assistance initiative. The revised ERT Process for the 2007-08 school year is a simplified effort to provide ongoing support to schools on a routine basis throughout the school year to increase student achievement through the implementation of a few focused academic goals.

These goals make up the FSRP, becoming each school's individualized ERT Instrument.

- The primary intent of the revised ERT Process is to bring about dramatic improvement in student achievement in schools with an unsatisfactory absolute rating.
- The revised ERT Process provides ongoing support and collaboration with the district and school through an assigned ERT Liaison (ERTL).
- Schools are receiving varied degrees of on-site support based on the years that schools are required to meet expected progress. The 2008 schools are receiving the most intense on-site assistance and support. The 2009 schools are receiving on-site support semimonthly during 2007-08, to be increased to more intense on-site assistance and support during 2008-09.
- The superintendent, principal, school leadership team (SLT), and ERTL, through a review of the School Renewal Plan (SRP), have jointly determined a few focused goals and evidence-based strategies/practices that have become the FSRP. The identified goals submitted to an ERT Committee in October should lead to increased student achievement that will enable the school to meet expected progress, as required in S.C. Code Ann. § 59-18-1520 (2004).
- Each recommended FSRP has become the individualized ERT review instrument for that school and will be used to determine satisfactory implementation for the school.
- The ERTLs will continue to assist in the implementation of the FSRPs through regular on-site support throughout the year for the 2008 and 2009 expected progress schools.

Mrs. Amelia Herlong moved that the Board adopt the Individualized Focused School Renewal Plan Goals for Schools in "Advisory Status" Reviewed under the Revised External Review Team (ERT) Process. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

Chair Tindal asked if there was any discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, Chair Tindal called for the vote. The motion carried.

03. **Academic Standards for the Elective Courses "Teaching the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era" and "Teaching the History and Literature of the New Testament Era"**

Valerie Harrison, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning, presented this item. Dr. Harrison explained that the purpose of this item is to provide information to the State Board of Education (SBE) regarding the development of academic standards for elective Old and New Testament courses.

Senate Bill 726 provides that the Board of Trustees of a school district may offer elective courses "Teaching the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era" and "Teaching the History and Literature of the New Testament Era" in an objective manner with no attempt to influence students as to the truth or falsity of the materials presented. It further provides that the SBE must develop and adopt academic standards and appropriate instructional materials for these courses. Oversight of these courses is the responsibility of the local school board.

The South Carolina Department of Education is presenting this item to the State Board of Education for approval. They asked that "second reading" be waived. The SCDE recommends that the SBE approve the academic standards for the elective courses "Teaching the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era" and "Teaching the History and Literature of the New Testament Era."

Dr. Britt Blackwell moved that the State Board of Education approve the Academic Standards for the Elective Courses "Teaching the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era" and "Teaching the History and Literature of the New Testament Era." Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved to waive second reading on Academic Standards for the Elective Courses "Teaching the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era" and "Teaching the History and Literature of the New Testament Era." Dr. Britt Blackwell seconded the motion.

Chair Tindal asked if there was any further discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, Chair Tindal called for the vote. The motion carried.

04. Revisions to the State Board of Education Rules of Governance (Second Reading)

Shelly Kelly, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented the item. She stated that the purpose of this item is to revise and update the State Board Rules of Governance. Approval of these rules will, in part, reestablish the committee structure. The State Board of Education (SBE) abolished the committee structure in 2006. Chair John Tindal established the SBE Governance Committee to review the Board structure and recommend changes to the Rules of Governance and to review the Rules in general. The following Board members serve on that committee: Mr. Al Simpson, Mr. Tripp DuBard, Mr. Joe Isaac, Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Dr. Danny Varat, and Mr. John Tindal. Mr. Simpson serves as chair of the committee. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends the attached changes to the Rules of Governance. The changes include amendments to existing policies (shown in strikethrough and underline) and the establishment of new policies.

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends approval of the new policies and acceptance of the amendments to the existing policies.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the revisions to the State Board of Education *Rules of Governance* with the following amendment: page 52-04-10, second paragraph, second sentence, be amended to read "The Secretary shall ~~mail to~~ send to each Board member" Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion.

Chair Tindal asked if there was any further discussion on this item. After discussion by the Board members, Chair Tindal called for the vote. The motion carried.

05. Selection of State Board of Education Chair-Elect

This item was moved to be taken up after "Public Comment."

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Maguire explained that progress was being made at ELA meetings workshops, priorities, etc., but said standards could be better.

Ms. Cindy Clark thanked the Board on behalf of her brother and herself for the kindness that the Board had shown. She provided the Board with an update on her brother's condition.

Mrs. Maguire commented to the Board and the audience on her election as the new Chair-Elect. She appreciated the honor and trust that was being placed in her. She stated that she wanted to work together with the Board and Dr. Rex.

Chair Tindal again congratulated Mrs. Maguire. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Al Simpson, Chair-Elect.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Charles McKinney moved that the State Board go into Executive Session to hear Educator Licensure Cases. Dr. Britt Black seconded the motion.

Chair-Elect Al Simpson called the meeting to order.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: John Tindal, Chair, Third Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Chair-Elect, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Lisa Stokes, Second Judicial Circuit; Mr. Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Daniel Varat, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Joe Isaac, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Britt Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Governor's Appointee.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education were Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Shelly Kelly, Parliamentarian; Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Wendy Cartledge, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and Jack Singletary, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification.

Open Session

1. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny a certificate for Denise Lynn Huson but allow Ms. Huson to reapply for a certificate on July 1, 2008. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Mr. Joe Isaac moved that the State Board of Education deny a certificate for Joseph LaMendola but allow Mr. LaMendola to reply for a certificate on July 1, 2008. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve a certificate for Joseph Cody Lucas. Mrs. Libby Swad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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4. Ms. Diane Sumpter moved to approve a certificate for Marsha Jean Neal. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Dr. Danny Varat moved to deny a certificate for Harold Beldon Russell. Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair-Elect Simpson stated that he would be working on the selection of the chairs for the new committees and would provide this information at the next Board meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05.