

MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Time
1:00 p.m.

Location
Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Del-Gratia Jones, Chair
Mara H. Jones, Chair-elect
Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

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SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit, called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Jon Butzon, First Judicial Circuit; Janice Murray Gamble, Ed.D., Third Judicial Circuit; Chair-Elect Mara Horton Jones, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Cathy D. Chapman, Fourth Judicial Circuit; J.R. Green, PhD, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Cynthia A. Downs, Ed.D., Eighth Judicial Circuit; Debby Howard, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Jean W. Pearson, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Valaree C. Smith, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Trevor Strawderman, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Kristi Woodall, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brennan, Governor's Appointee.

Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit did not attend.

State Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, was out-of-town on business.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; David Mathis, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Anne Pressley, Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness; John Payne, Deputy

Superintendent, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement; Elizabeth Jones, Director; Office of Assessment, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement; Darlene Prevatt, Education Consultant, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement; Latoya Dixon, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Community and Federal Resources; Sherrie Beaver, Education Associate, Office of Student Intervention Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources; Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Michael Thom, Director of Finance, Office of Finance; Betsy Carpentier; Deputy Superintendent, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; Ryan Brown, Chief Communications Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Travis Huggins, Information Technology Manager I, Service and Support Center, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; Cody McGee, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; Lewis Chambers, IT Specialist III, Service and Support Center, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; Barbara A. Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Scott Winburn, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Henry Gunter, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Holly Hadden, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Katie Nilges, Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel/Office of Governmental Affairs, Division for Legal Affairs; Tracy Moore, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; and Noelle Redd, Minutes Taker, Division for Legal Affairs.

Chair Jones welcomed the Denmark-Olar High School JROTC team who performed the Posting of the Colors. MSG Phillip Robinson represented the team. Chair Jones thanked MSG Robinson and his team for their presentation.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2019.

Chair Jones asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on April 9, 2019. There being none, Chair Jones asked for a motion to approve the April 9, 2019, minutes. Ms. Howard made the motion. Dr. Gamble seconded the motion. Motion carried, item passed.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR MAY 14, 2019

Chair Jones asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the May 14, 2019, SBE meeting. There being none, Chair Jones asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Whittemore made the motion. Chair-Elect Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried, item passed.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Visitors in attendance were

- Dr. Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent, Bamberg County School District Two
- Kathy Maness, Palmetto State Teacher's Association
- Sue Rawls, Account Executive, Riverside Publishing

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Jones stated that she did not have a formal report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

State Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, was out-of-town on business.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Jones reported that the sub-committee met and heard two action items this month. Chair Jones stated it was the recommendation of the committee to place the two action items on the Consent Agenda. Chair Jones reported further that the information item was the regular update regarding the school district waiver requests processed at the Committee's request by the SCDE's Office of Federal and State Accountability. Mr. Stehle indicated that there were three waivers submitted and approved by his office for April.

This concluded Chair Jones' report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. Uniform Grading Policy (UGP)—Sherrie Beaver, Education Associate, Office of Student Intervention Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

02. Oconee Early Start Date Request—Roy Stehle, Director, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

03. Charleston County School District's Request for Exemption pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §59-1-425—Roy Stehle, Director, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

FOR INFORMATION

03. School District Waiver Requests Update—Roy Stehle, Director, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Jones recognized Dr. Gamble who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item, concerning the Teach for America's (TFA) request to expand their coverage area to include Greenville. TFA's current area covers the Pee Dee region of the state. The action item was placed on the Consent Agenda. The sub-committee also heard five information items.

This concluded Dr. Gamble's report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. Teach for America (TFA) Designated Geographic Areas—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

FOR INFORMATION

02. Notification of Middle-Level Education Program Modification at the College of Charleston—James Ritter, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

03. Notification of Middle-Level Education Program Modification at Newberry College—James Ritter, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

04. Voluntary Termination of the Bachelor of Science in Biology–Secondary Education Program at Presbyterian College—Clay Barton, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

05. Voluntary Termination of the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics Program at Columbia College—Clay Barton, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

06. Voluntary Termination of the Masters of Arts (MAT) in Teaching in Special Education Program at the College of Charleston—Clay Barton, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chair Jones recognized Dr. Downs. Dr. Downs reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item.

This concluded Dr. Downs' report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. South Carolina Social Studies College and Career Ready Standards (Grades K–3)—Dr. Anne Pressley, Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Jones recognized Mr. Butzon who reported that the sub-committee met and heard two action items. The action items were approved and placed on the Consent Agenda. There were three information items.

This concluded Mr. Butzon's report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. Special Education Call for Bids for Instructional Materials—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

02. Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program Criteria—Betsy Carpentier; Deputy Superintendent, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations;

FOR INFORMATION

03. Services Provided by the Office of School Transformation to Low Performing Schools—Latoya Dixon, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability & School Improvement

04. Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2018–19—Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

05. Budget Items and Provisos That Address Innovation and Ways Schools Can Address Student Education Needs—Emily Heatwole, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, Division for Legal Affairs

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Jones recognized Mr. Michael Brennan to provide the Educator Licensure Committee (ELC) report. Mr. Brennan stated that the committee met and took action upon the following six cases: two Consent Orders of Public Reprimand; three Suspensions; and one Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender. Mr. Brennan stated that these matters were ratified during the Full Board ELC meeting at 11:30 a.m.

This concluded Mr. Brennan's report.

FB-ELC FULL BOARD EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Jones reported that the Full Board ELC committee heard one Dismissal, one Recertification, and one Suspension. Chair Jones stated that these matters were ratified by the Full Board ELC.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Jones asked if there were any objections to the approval of the Consent Agenda. There being none, Chair Jones stated that Consent Agenda was approved by consensus. Motion carried, item passed.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Uniform Grading Policy (UGP)**—Sabrina Moore, Director, Office of Student Intervention Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources
- 02. Oconee Early Start Date Request**—Roy Stehle, Director, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

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FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Teach for America (TFA) Designated Geographic Areas**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

No Action Items for approval.

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

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- 01. Special Education Call for Bids for Instructional Materials**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance
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SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Jones recognized Dr. Latoya Dixon, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement, who provided the following updates for the SCDE managed school districts:

Florence Four

Execution of the 2019–20 shared service plans for Florence School District Four and two local school districts to support district level operations are underway. It is proposed that Florence School District One continues providing district support in the areas of curriculum and instruction, professional development, Special Education, human resources, Career and Technology Education (CTE), and food and nutrition. Florence School District Two will continue to support the areas of maintenance, grounds, and custodial services. The Agreements have been sent to both districts to be signed by each respective school board chair and superintendent before the current MOA expires on June 30, 2019. Dr. Dixon estimates a significant cost savings for the district and hopes to bring financial sustainability to its operations as well as provide more resources for its students.

Final District Strategic Planning meeting was held on April 11, 2019. Community and district stakeholders discussed needs of student from early learning to adult education.

SC Ready Testing will take place May 15–22, 2019, for Brockington Elementary and Johnson Middle School students.

4K Student Summer Learning Camp will be in two sessions, June 10–27, 2019, and July 8–26, 2019.

Read to Succeed Summer Camp will be held June 10–28, 2019.

Extended School Year Summer Learning Camp will be June 10–27, 2019

The Timmonsville Girl's Track and Field Team consisted of three athletes who competed in the triple jump, long jump, discus, shot put, and 100 meter event. The three member team tallied forty-four points finishing 5th in the state; the highest finish for any Girl's Track and Field Team from Timmonsville High School. Two of the three ladies earned the title of State Champion. Ke'Zirah Easterling is the 1A State Champion in long jump and triple jump and Makayla Commander, a 7th grader, is the 1A State Champion in the discus.

Allendale

o **Community Meeting Date/Summary–April 29, 2019**

- Superintendent Spearman and members of her staff attended;
- Three hundred parents, students, community members and community partners attended;
- Allendale–Fairfax Middle/High School held its first Gentlemen of Our Future Empowerment Luncheon on April 24, 2019.
 - Students engaged in a Q&A with a panel of men, including alumnus, with a variety of professional backgrounds.
- SC Ready and EOC testing for elementary and middle schools began on May 7 and will end on May 22, 2019.
- Read to Succeed and Engaging Creative Minds Camp will be on June 10–July 8, 2019, at Allendale Elementary School.
 - AM Focus–literacy
 - PM Focus–STEAM via Engaging Creative Minds
- Early Reading Development and Extended Summer Education Program will be held June 10–July 8, 2019, for 3K and 4K students.
- Rise-Up Summer Enrichment program for Allendale Fairfax Middle School Students 6–8 will focus on math and literacy enrichment activities.

o **Staff Professional Development–April 8 and April 10, 2019**

- Teachers met to discuss TDAs, writing standards, and possible ways to assist grades below and above through vertical articulation best practices.

Williamsburg

The Office of Human Resources is actively recruiting for 2019–20 and, so far, has issued contracts to nine teachers.

SC Ready and EOC testing for elementary and middle school students will take place May 14–30, 2019.

Dr. Dixon and Angel Malone, Director of CTE, visited the Williamsburg County School District (Williamsburg) on April 18, 2019, to discuss ways to improve the CTE program and to visit CTE classes at all three high schools, and met with Dr. Rose Wilder to discuss possible next steps. Ms. Malone provided a number of recommendations to include by not limited to extensive equipment upgrades, schedule improvements, and increased course offerings to improve the college and career readiness of the Williamsburg students. Dr. Dixon will share their findings via letter at the community meeting on May 28, 2019.

Williamsburg is partnering with Feed the Children, Inc. The partnership is offered through the State Department of Education’s McKinney-Vento Program. The FEED Organization will provide backpacks and school supplies to children and youth experiencing homelessness.

The Summer Bridge Camp for rising K–2 will be in four-week sessions at W.M. Anderson Primary; Kenneth Gardner Elementary; and Greeleyville Elementary, June 10–July 12, 2019.

Read to Succeed Summer Camp will be on June 10–27 and July 8–11, 2019.

FOR INFORMATION

- 01. Florence County School District Four Update**—Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement
- 02. Allendale County School District Update**—Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement
- 03. Williamsburg County School District Update**—Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Jones reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure. Chair Jones stated that Ms. Heatwole was attending a General Assembly meeting and would provide a legislative update at the June meeting.

Dr. Gamble congratulated Dr. Green on Chanda Jefferson being nominated as the 2020 Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Hazelwood informed the members that the Sumter County School District was not going to appeal the SBE's decision.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 1:22 p.m.