

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Michael R. Brenan, Chair

Samuel Ivan Randolph, PhD, 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 Brenan called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Mike Brenan, Chair, Governor's Appointee; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Fifth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit..

The following SBE members were absent but participated via telephone conference: Ivan Randolph, PhD, Chair-elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit, and Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Karla Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, & Community Resources; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy

Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Public Information; Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Lori Smith, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Charlie Garrett, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Kristi Bishop, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel and Procurement, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2016

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on January 13, 2016. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2016

Chair Brenan stated that the SBE agenda needed to be amended by deleting item PH-01 and adding items PH-07 and 08. Mr. Brenan explained that the House would not be taking action on item PH-01 until after the SBE meeting and that they had already taken action on the items being added. He called for a motion. Dr. Cooper moved that the February 10, 2016, agenda be approved with the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall. The agenda was approved.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Brenan welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting. He recognized Melanie Barton, Education Oversight Committee (EOC); Merritt Jones; Kathy Maness, Palmetto State Teachers Association; and Brianna Davison.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Brenan recognized Senator John E. Courson who addressed the Board and provided information about what the General Assembly, specifically the Senate Education Committee, is doing with regards to education. Senator Courson thanked Chair Brenan for all of his work within the community and the state. At the conclusion of Senator Courson's address, Superintendent Spearman and Mr. Brenan thanked Senator Courson for his address and his 32 years of leadership.

Chair Brennan shared an excerpt from an article regarding Oak Grove School in Lexington County School District One, which stated that they were celebrating 200 years of operation. This school began as a one-room schoolhouse and is now one of the nation's best schools.

This ended his report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Brennan recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman welcomed two new staff members to the SCDE—Yolandé Anderson, Director of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) in the Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources, and Ron Roveri, Director of Career and Technology Education (CATE) in the Division of College and Career Readiness.

Mrs. Spearman provided a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the Milken Family Educator Award. This award was launched in 1987. An award of \$25,000 was given to the following SC teachers: Kimberly Freeman, a Latin teacher at Lexington Middle School, Lexington One, and Lindsey Bibler, a AP Calculus teacher at South Florence High School, Florence County School District One. Mrs. Spearman addressed the matter of the resetting of the GED Score Enhancements. She provided clarification as to why the cut scores were reduced and explained in detail what the changes were and how this would affect students who will be taking the exam.

Mrs. Spearman gave a brief update with regards to the Uniform Grading Policy committee. She stated that our current grading scale is based on a seven-point scale while other states use a ten-point scale. Mrs. Spearman stated that a report will be forthcoming in the spring with regards to this matter. Also, Mrs. Spearman provided a brief report regarding the status of Florence Four School District. She stated that the district has improved on some of the deficiencies. However, they're still on probation, and there are still some areas of great concern regarding accreditation, finance, and student achievement. She stated that the final determination and action during the March SBE meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brennan stated that no one signed up for public comment. He recognized Melanie Barton and asked her to come forward to provide her EOC update. Ms. Barton addressed concerns of EOC Board members in great detail about student-to-teacher ratio between the private and public sectors and recruitment and retention of teachers in South Carolina.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-90 (R.43-90), Program Approval Standards for South Carolina Teacher Education Institutions (Second Reading)**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Item PH-01 was deleted from the agenda by unanimous vote.

02. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243 (R.43-243), Special Education, Education of Students with Disabilities (Second Reading)**—John R. Payne, Director, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness

Chair Brenan recognized John Payne to address item PH-02 (R.43-243). Mr. Payne explained the technical amendments made by the General Assembly. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-02 (R.43-243) for second reading as recommended by SCDE staff. It was moved by Ms. Bynum to approve PH-02 (R.43-243) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall; the motion carried.

03. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-51 (R.43-51), Certification Requirements (Second Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan recognized Mary Hipp to address item PH-03 (R. 43-51). Ms. Hipp explained the amendments made by the General Assembly. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-03 (R.43-51) for second reading as recommended by SCDE staff. It was moved by Mr. Kizer to approve PH-03 (R.43-51) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper; the motion carried.

04. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-53 (R.43-53), Credential Classification (Second Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan recognized Mary Hipp to address item PH-04 (R. 43-53). Ms. Hipp explained all the proposed amendments in R.43-53. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-04 (R.43-53) for second reading as recommended by SCDE

staff. It was moved by Mr. Ewart to approve PH-04 (R.43-53) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall; the motion carried.

05. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (R.43-62), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan recognized Mary Hipp to address item PH-05 (R. 43-62). Ms. Hipp explained the amendments made in R.43-62. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-05 (R.43-62) for second reading as recommended by SCDE staff. It was moved by Mr. Ewart to approve PH-05 (R.43-62) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston; the motion carried.

06. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R.43-300), Accreditation Criteria (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan recognized Roy Stehle to address item PH-06 (R.43-300). Mr. Stehle explained the amendments to R.43-300. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-06 (R.43-300) for second reading as recommended by SCDE staff. It was moved by Dr. Alston to approve PH-06 (R.43-300) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall; the motion carried.

07. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100 (R.43-100), Test Security (Second Reading)**—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs

Chair Brenan recognized Cathy L. Hazelwood to address item PH-07 (R. 43-100). Ms. Hazelwood explained the change and the addition of the word “and” to R.43-100. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-07 (R.43-100) for second reading as recommended by SCDE staff. It was moved by Mr. Kubu to approve PH-07 (R.43-100) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harmon; the motion carried.

08. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning (Second Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan recognized Darlene Prevatt to address item PH-08 (R. 43-261). MS. Prevatt explained the amendments to R.43-261 as requested by the General Assembly. Mr. Brenan asked if there was a motion to approve item PH-08 (R.43-261) for second

reading as recommended by SCDE staff. It was moved by Dr. Wall to approve PH-08 (R.43-261) with proposed changes for second reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harmon; the motion carried.

Superintendent Spearman recognized Mr. Roveri and again welcomed him to the Department.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brenan reported that the P&L Committee met and heard four action items and one information item. Mr. Brenan gave a brief explanation on each item in detail and stated that all of the items were approved by the Committee and placed on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Brenan stated for the record that, due to him being co-chair for TransformSC, he recused himself from voting on item PL-04, which was a conference sponsorship payment in the amount of \$15,000 to that organization. After concluding his committee report, Mr. Brenan introduced and welcomed the newest member of the Board, Ms. Del-Gratia Jones.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education Rules of Governance, Policy: BC, Board Meetings (2006)**—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs
02. **Saluda County Schools' Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
03. **York School District One's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
04. **Request for Grant to TransformSC**—Betsy Carpentier, Chief of Staff/COO

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brenan recognized Mr. Reeves who reported that the Education Professions Committee met and heard three action items. He provided an explanation on each item in detail and stated that all of the items were approved by the Committee and placed on the Consent Agenda.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for One New Committee Member**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
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03. **Professional Review Committee’s (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Three Educator Preparation Units**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

SLA STANDARDS AND LEARNING—COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brenan reported that the IF and SLA subcommittees did not meet today. He also stated that the ELC approved and ratified the actions of the ELC committee at the 11:30 a.m. Full Board meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

01. **Update on Statewide Assessment Programs**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

Mr. Brenan recognized Elizabeth “Liz” Jones to provide an update on statewide assessments. Ms. Jones stated that since the Board last met, a Joint Resolution had been passed by the legislature, and she provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation that addressed three specific areas that affect some of our state assessments. Concluding Ms. Jones presentation, Dr. Quinn provided a detailed Powerpoint presentation regarding our state accountability model and how our assessments tie into it.

After much discussion, Superintendent Spearman expressed that the Board has heard reason to delay implementation of the accountability model and asked for a reason not to delay the implementation of the accountability model. Dr. Quinn explained that we’ve had two years of a pause and thinks it would be better to provide better school ratings in the future. Mr. Brenan thanked Dr. Quinn for the information provided regarding this matter.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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Mr. Brenan called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Wall moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Ewart. The motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Brennan thanked Dr. Edwards and Dr. Randolph for participating via telephone conference. He also expressed his gratitude for all to Superintendent Spearman, the SCDE staff, and his fellow colleagues for all of their hard work and dedication to the students of South Carolina.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:10 p.m.