

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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; Janice Murray Gamble, EdD, Third 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; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Chair-elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Wall, EdD, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy

Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Emily Heatwole, Director of Governmental Affairs, Office of the Superintendent; Ryan Brown, Chief Communications Officer, Division of Governmental Affairs; 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; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, 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 JULY 12 and AUGUST 9, 2016

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on July 12 and August 9, 2016. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 11, 2016

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the October 11, 2016, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Brenan recognized and welcomed Jane Clark Lindle from Clemson College of Education and Sally Cauthen from the Senate Education Committee and all other visitors that were present.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Brenan stated that he and Superintendent Spearman had attended a luncheon earlier in the day to recognize Senator West Hayes and thanked him for all of his many years of service and dedication to all the students of South Carolina. Superintendent Spearman and Chair Brenan presented Senator Hayes with tokens of appreciation. Senator Hayes thanked them for the recognition and stated that he feels that South Carolina is poised to do great things in Education. Senator Hayes stated that in his 32 years of service in the General Assembly, he hasn't quite seen all the stars align as closely as they are now given the strong leadership in place and the right positioning of education in South Carolina, creates a wonderful opportunity to do some great things in education that may not have been done otherwise. He thanked everyone for all the work they do and again for honoring him.

This concluded Chair Brenan's report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman reported that Stephanie Johnson, a teacher at H. B. Rhame Elementary School, Richland School District One, who was honored and recognized last month for being named the state National Education Foundation Award (NEA) for Teaching Excellence recipient has been selected as one of the five NEA national finalists to potentially be named the national award winner.

Superintendent Spearman stated that we will keep watch to see if she wins and that we are proud that she is representing our state.

This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Brenan recognized Kathy Maness, Palmetto Teachers Association, Barbara Divenney and Dr. James Franklin, all of John de la Howe school, for public comments.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

P&L POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brenan reported that the P&L subcommittee met to address four action items, one of which was placed on the consent agenda. Chair Brenan stated that items PL-02, PL-03 and PL-04 would be heard by the full board, recognizing Darlene Prevatt to present information relevant to PL-02, (R. 43-205). Ms. Prevatt provided a detailed summary regarding the first reading of proposed amendments to R.43-205. Chair Brenan stated this item was approved by the committee and did not require a second. Chair Brenan called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Brenan recognized Ms. Prevatt to provide the Board with relevant information regarding the first reading proposed amendments to PL-03, (R.43-234). Ms. Prevatt again provided a detailed synopsis of the proposed changes to R.43-234. Chair Brenan stated that this item was approved by the committee and did not require a second. Chair Brenan called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Brenan recognized Mr. Ronald Roveri to present information regarding item PL-03(R.43-236) first reading. Mr. Roveri provided a detailed summary of all the proposed amendments to R.432-236. Chair Brenan stated that this item was approved by the committee and didn't require a second. Chair Brenan called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Brenan recognized Ms. Prevatt to provide information regarding the school waivers that have already been approved by the SCDE. Ms. Prevatt explained the approved changes in regulation 43-261 which gives the Superintendent the authority to waive the regulatory requirements for similar situated school districts or schools based on previous waiver approvals. Ms. Prevatt stated that she had provided a list for the August and September waiver approvals to the P & L Committee and that going forward she

would only provide a list of all the district waivers that have been approved during the prior months. She further stated that this information was also available on the state accountability webpage.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Uniform Grading Policy (UGP): 10-point Grading Scale**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Qualifications, Duties and Workloads (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 03. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (R.43-234), Defined Program, Grades 9–12 and Graduation Requirements (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 04. Proposed Amendments to the State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-236 (R.43-236), Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools (First Reading)**—Ron P. Roveri, Director, Career and Technology Education Division of College and Career Readiness

FOR INFORMATION

- 05. Update to the Policy and Legislative Committee on Waiver Requests Approved for August and September**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brenan recognized Dr. Edwards who reported that the committee met and amended the agenda pursuant to her request to Deputy Superintendent Karla Hawkins to have SCDE staff to provide the committee with a brief training on the regulation process since there were so many regulations coming up in the future. Dr. Edwards stated that Noelle Redd provided a wonderful overview of the entire process and encouraged other committee members to do the same. Dr. Edwards stated that the committee heard four action items and provided a thorough explanation regarding the specifics for each of these items. Dr. Edwards indicated that the committee placed item EP-01 on the consent agenda and recognized Mary Hipp, Director of the Office of Educator Services to provide an explanation on the proposed amendments to EP items 02, 03 and 04.

Ms. Hipp provided a thorough explanation regarding the first reading of proposed amendments to EP-02 (R.43-51). Chair Brenan stated that the committee had approved the first reading of regulation R.43-51 therefore; this item did not require a second. Chair Brenan called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hipp provided information and explanation regarding the first reading proposed amendments to EP-03, (R.43-53). Chair Brenan stated that this item was approved by the committee and didn't require a second. Chair Brenan called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hipp provided information and explanation regarding the first reading proposed amendments to EP-04, (R.43-62). Chair Brenan stated that this item was approved by the committee and didn't require a second. Chair Brenan called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Edwards stated that the committee received an update regarding the results of the Educator Perceptions Evaluation that was conducted. She recognized Joseph Tadlock who provided PowerPoint presentation that supported his brief overview on the results of the evaluation conducted by the American Institute for Research. He stated that the purpose of the evaluation was to gather feedback from the educators in the field on the current evaluation system that is currently in place for teachers and principals. He further stated that this report was quite lengthy and encouraged everyone to go to the Educator Effectiveness webpage and read the document in its entirety since not only is the information important but, it will be used to craft an evaluation system that supports our educators in their efforts to improve learning in South Carolina classrooms. After much discussion, Dr. Edwards stated that this concluded her report.

Chair Brenan reported that the full board educator licensure met at 11:30 a.m. to deal with cases and at that time ratified the actions taken during the educator licensure sub-committee meeting; therefore, there was no official report to be provided by Dr. Alston.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. One-Year Accreditation Visit Extension Request**—Rachel Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-51 (R.43-51), Certification Requirements (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 03. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 4353 (R.43-53), Credential Classification (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 04. 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 (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

FOR INFORMATION

- 05. Update on Educator Perceptions of Educator Evaluation in South Carolina Report**—Joseph Tadlock, Education Associate, Office of Educator Evaluation and Effectiveness, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan recognized David Whittemore to share the good news out of his circuit, the 13th Judicial Circuit, Greenville and Pickens counties. He stated that Pickens County School District has been selected to receive 4G Mobile Internet from AT&T and Samsung Galaxy tablets for all sixth and seventh grade students and teachers in all five of the middle schools in the district. This contribution is valued at more than 5 million dollars over a period of three years, and will include filtering software, device management and other technical support and professional development training for teachers. Mr. Whittemore stated that Dr. Barbara Nesbitt was the grant writer for this endeavor.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chair Brenan recognized Mr. Don Cantrell who provided a brief introduction to address the purpose for which Rod Cardelli was attained to provide a comprehensive report addressing the technology readiness needs in our schools. Mr. Cantrell recognized Rob Cardelli who provided a PowerPoint presentation that illustrated each step followed throughout this process and what their overall findings were for 39 schools districts that were included in the study. Mr. Cardelli stated that initially the team was asked to look at grades 3–8 math and English Language Arts (ELA) only until they were asked by district staff what would happen if additional subjects and grade levels came online; at which point they broaden their categories of evaluation. After much discussion regarding what options can be taken to make certain that the districts have the necessary technical and fiscal support from the SCDE and General Assembly; Superintendent Spearman stated that SCDE staff has already determined that it would take approximately 46 million dollars to get the assessed districts properly aligned their technology needs and shared that 16.8 million dollars has already been appropriated by the General Assembly. Mr. Cardelli briefly addressed concerns regarding network security, however stressed that neither he nor his group was qualified to conduct a detailed security audit however stated that they have made the districts aware of the risk as it pertains to their network security.

Chair Brenan recognized Donna Manning to provide an update regarding Florence Four. Ms. Manning stated that a joint meeting took place between SCDE Senior staff and Green, Finney and Horton to discuss the progress of Florence Four's transition to the CSI Smart Fusion financial software system which has been fully implemented and is currently being used by the district. Additionally, Dr. Dixon confirmed that the districts ADEPT plan for the 2016–17 school year has been submitted to the Office of Educator Effectiveness in a timely fashion.

Chair Brenan recognized Emily Heatwole who provided a brief update on the progress of the ongoing works of the advisory committee and John de la Howe. She stated that a telephone conference was held and that the information discussed during this call has been provided to the board. Ms. Heatwole

explained that the matters being addressed by the advisory committee is separate and apart from that dealing with the accreditation matters. Chair Brenan recognized Darlene Prevatt who stated that it was her understanding that the MOA has been approved and with this in place, they will be able to clear up many of the current deficiencies. Ms. Prevatt stated that the accreditation plan previously submitted will need to be updated before it is presented to the board again. Ms. Prevatt further stated that John de la Howe did submit their District and Strategic Plan in a timely manner and that things were moving in a positive direction.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR INFORMATION

- 01. District’s Technology Readiness Studies—Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Office**
- 02. Florence County School District Four Update—Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness**
- 03. John de la Howe’s (JDLH) Accreditation Action Plan Goals, Assurances, and Accompanying Documentation to Remedy 2015–16 Accreditation Deficiencies Update—Emily Heatwole, Director Governmental Affairs**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Uniform Grading Policy (UGP): 10-point Grading Scale—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources**

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. One-Year Accreditation Visit Extension Request—Rachel Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources**
Chair Brenan called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Cooper moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Dr. Randolph. The motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Brennan reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure. Additionally, Chair Brennan reminded board members that the board would meet on September 14, 2016, at 9:30 for the joint meeting of the SBE and EOC at the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:55 p.m.