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State Board of Education Pre-Retreat Meeting

Date

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Time

9:30–11:00 a.m. State Board Pre-Retreat
Board Officers and State Department
of Education Staff Meeting

Location

Salon D

Clarion Hotel Downtown
1615 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Dennis Thompson, Chair-elect

Mick Zais, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

I. WELCOME

The State Board of Education (SBE) Pre-Retreat session for Board Officers and State Department of Education liaisons convened at 9:30 a.m. Chair Postlewait called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Gerrita Postlewait, Chair, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Chair-elect, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Charmeka Bosket, Deputy Superintendent for Policy, Office of Policy; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Valerie Harrison, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; and Cindy Clark, Recording Secretary.

II. BOARD OFFICERS AND SCDE STAFF (LIAISONS) MEETING

The SCDE liaisons and Board officers discussed current Board protocols and procedures. Charmeka Bosket spoke regarding IDEA MOE. Ms. Bosket also reviewed Dr. Zais'

priorities and asked the Board members to consider how policy discussions should be addressed in Board meetings.

Chair Postlewait stated that attention should be focused on determining the most important foundational procedures, how students are provided what they need, and how an assessment system can be built that provides quick feedback. Dr. Postlewait also questioned why high school exit exams are not compared to entrance exams for college. She commented that research is needed to determine who is raising poverty children to high levels of achievement and what assessments are used. This knowledge will assist us in rewarding and preparing teachers. Dr. Postlewait stated that we cannot change policy without educating ourselves first, but we can use our regulatory power to do more to affect policy.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE Pre-Retreat adjourned at 11:00 a.m.