

Minutes

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Time

1:00 p.m. State Board Regular Meeting

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Kristin Maguire, Chair

Tim Moore, Chair-Elect

Jim Rex, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

STUDY SESSION

The study session was rescheduled to be held after the State Board of Education meeting.

I. EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES

The State Board of Education convened at 12:00 noon to hear three Educator Certification cases. The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: Kristin Maguire, Chair, Governor's Appointee; Tim Moore, Chair-Elect, Second Judicial Circuit; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Marilyn Norton, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Britt Blackwell, O.D., Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Absent with apologies were Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; and Fred "Trip" DuBard III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Carol Collins, Minutes Taker; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel, Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Sandy Smith, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Policy and Legislation; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and Paul Bozard, Investigator, Office of General Counsel.

Chair Maguire asked for a motion to ratify the agenda for the Educator Certification cases that were reviewed at the 9:00 a.m. meeting. Mr. McKinney moved to approve items 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The following motions were considered.

1. Mr. Moore moved that the State Board dismiss the district's petition to suspend the certificate of Carolyn Donelan, certificate 165548, on the grounds of breach of contract. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Moore moved that the State Board dismiss the district's petition to suspend the certificate of Charlene M. Lanford, certificate 173738, on the grounds of breach of contract. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Dr. Norton.
3. Mr. Moore moved that the State Board suspend the certificate of Giana L. Thompson, certificate 225277, for a period of one year commencing May 1, 2009, and ending on April 30, 2010, and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of breach of contract. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Simpson moved that the SBE send a letter to the Fairfield County School District regarding their employment practices and their dismissal and grievance processes being brought before the SBE. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The SBE adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m. for lunch.

II. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SBE reconvened at 1:25 p.m. Chair Maguire called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following SBE members were in attendance for the meeting: Kristin Maguire, Chair, Governor's Appointee; Tim Moore, Chair-Elect, Second Judicial Circuit; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial

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Board Chair Maguire thanked the Air Force Junior ROTC unit from Ashley Ridge High School, Dorchester School District Two, for presenting the colors. The ROTC unit was commanded by Major Bill Clark. Board Chair Maguire asked Mrs. Pye to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR APRIL 8, 2009

Ms. Clark moved to approve the SBE minutes for April 8, 2009. Ms. Pye seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR MAY 13, 2009

Mrs. Sheheen moved to approve the SBE agenda for May 13, 2009, with an amendment to add an item to Education Professions (EP). Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Board Chair Maguire recognized Paula Gregg from the Commission on Higher Education. There was no news media present.

Chair Maguire turned the meeting over to Superintendent Jim Rex to present his report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Rex reported there were no recognitions for the May SBE meeting. Dr. Rex updated the SBE on items he felt would be of interest to the SBE members. Dr. Rex stated that there was an initiative to develop and adopt core standards for English language arts and mathematics. South Carolina, along with other states, has been asked to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to develop these core standards and at a later date consider adopting them. He stated that South Carolina along with Massachusetts and Maine have been chosen to be the benchmark states by which the standards will be developed.

Dr. Rex stated that the proviso that allows for turnaround schools had been passed by the General Assembly. He stated that Amanda Burnette would be joining the SCDE in June to work with David Rawlinson on turnaround school projects and help determine what characteristics a turnaround principal must have.

Dr. Rex provided SBE members with a photograph of the students at J. V. Martin when they were presented with the new furniture donated by SAGUS for the school.

Dr. Rex stated that Dr. Valerie Harrison and her staff have been working on a coaching model for literacy and English language arts that emulates some of the success being achieved in science and mathematics.

Dr. Rex stated that Marlene Metts has been hired as the new director for the Office of Exceptional Children. She will officially join the SCDE in July. He stated that a follow-up meeting of the Special Education Exploratory group would be held May 21, 2009. The agenda will include the steps being taken to address the concerns of the people who attended an earlier meeting. They will also discuss the IDEA stimulus funds available for disabled students..

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Four people spoke during public comment period.

1. Allene Poon, South Carolina Association for the Deaf
2. Denise Huff, Program Coordinator, American Sign Language and Interpreting Program, Spartanburg Community College
3. Janet Frazier, parent
4. Edward Manley, parent

VII. SECOND READING

01. South Carolina Academic Standards for American Sign Language (ASL) Second Reading

Lisa Borden, Statewide Deaf/Hard of Hearing Consultant, SCSDB/Midlands Regional Outreach Center, presented the item.

Mr. McKinney moved to approve the South Carolina Academic Standards for American Sign Language (ASL) for Second Reading. Ms. Clark seconded the motion.

Chair Maguire asked if there were any questions from the SBE members. Ms. Clark stated on behalf of the Standards and Learning Committee that the ASL Standards had been approved unanimously. No negative comments were received from the field. After hearing from Ms. Clark, Chair Maguire called for the vote. The motion carried.

VIII. STATE BOARD COMMITTEE ITEMS

EP. EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Committee Report—Patsy Pye, Chair, reported the Education Professions Committee (EP) met Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Rutledge Building, Conference Room 1000. A quorum was present. There were two items on the agenda presented as information by Allison Jacques, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership Item 01 was on the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). Dr. Jacques presented an email informing EPC members of the procedures for commenting on proposed Title II data collection. Item 02 deals with the Praxis II Sub-Scores from September 2007–August 2008: Report to the EPC. Dr. Jacques provided the SBE members with a link to the Praxis II sub-scores from September 2007–August 2008.

Ms. Pye stated that a motion was made to establish a task force to set criteria for substitute teachers and other adults that deal with K–12 students. The motion came from committee; therefore, no second is required. The Chair called for the question. The motion carried.

SL&A. STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee Report—Cindy Clark, Chair, reported there was one item presented to the SLA Committee for approval and four items presented for information. Item 01 was presented by Kriss Stewart, Textbook Coordinator, Office of Standards and Support, Division of Standards and Learning.

The four items presented as information were

- Dee Appleby, Director, Office of eLearning, Division of Standards and Learning, and other elearning staff members gave a report on Enhancing Education through Technology (E2T2) Stimulus Funds and ETV/ITV.
- John Holton, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Support, Division of Standards and Learning, gave an update on Math Standards.
- Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability, gave a report on the Development of the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).
- Sabrina Moore, PhD, Director, Office of Regional Services, Division of Accountability, gave a report on the Implementation of the Education and Economic Development Act.
- Lewis Huffman, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Support, Division of Standards and Learning, gave an update on U.S. History and Constitution End-of-Course Assessment.

F&O. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Committee Report—Phillip Bowers, Chair, stated that the Finance and Operations Committee did not meet this month.

I&ES. INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Committee Report—Tim Moore, Chair, stated that the Innovation and Educational Services committee did not meet this month.

P&L. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

Committee Report—Kristin Maguire, Chair, reported that the Committee met at 10:30 a.m., and three items were presented to the Committee for approval. They were

- Appointment to the Charter School Advisory Committee (CSAC) was presented by Joel Medley, Education Associate, Office of Public School Choice, Division of Innovation and Support.
- The Annual Report of the Accreditation of the School Districts in South Carolina for the 2008–09 School Year, was presented by Elwood Lewis, Education Associate, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability. Mrs. Maguire moved to approve the Annual Report of the Accreditation of the School Districts in South Carolina for the 2008–09 School Year. The motion came from committee; therefore, no second is required. The Chair called for the question. The motion carried.
- Request for Specific State Board of Education Regulations for Newly Created Early College High School in Horry County Schools was presented by Elwood Lewis, Education Associate, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability.

Items were approved in committee and placed on the consent agenda.

Chair Maguire stated that there were also four items submitted as information.

Dr. Jo Anne Anderson, Executive Director, South Carolina Education Oversight Committee, gave a status report from the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) about Act 282 (amendments to the Education Accountability Act).

Elwood Lewis, Education Associate, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability, reported on the Schools Meeting the Criteria of Eligibility Status for Flexibility through Deregulation.

Geri Martin, Education Associate, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability, reported on the appearance before the State Board of Education by representatives from Mount Pleasant Middle School, Lee County School District, the District's Board of Trustees, and the appearance before the State Board of Education by representatives from Fairfax Elementary School, Allendale County School District, and the District's Board of Trustees.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved in committee and placed on the Consent Agenda.

Education Professions Overview

- 01. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Two Educator Preparation Units—
Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership**
- 02. Recommendation to Appoint Five Members to the Professional Review Committee (PRC)**
- 03. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Eleven New Educator Preparation Programs in South Carolina**

Standards, Learning, and Accountability Overview and Update

- 01. Health and Safety Standards (First Reading)**

Policy and Legislative

- 01. External Review Team Summary Reports for Districts**
- 02. Consideration of Schools on Probationary Status for Accreditation for the 2008–09 School Year by the State Board of Education**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Maguire stated that Mr. DuBard, Ms. Disney, and Mr. Hampton were unable to be present. They were granted excused absences. Mrs. Maguire extended Mr. DuBard's thanks on his behalf for all the support given by the SBE to the Teacher of the Year Banquet.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she attended the statewide meeting on the South Carolina Leaders of Mathematics Education. They extended their appreciation for the support from the SBE. As professionals, they feel very connected to what is going on in the state at the policy level.

Mr. Moore encouraged all SBE members to attend the Teacher of the Year Banquet next year.

Mrs. Maguire encouraged all members to attend the EOC meeting on June 8, 2009. She said to let Mrs. Collins know if you will be attending the meeting and copy Mrs. Maguire. Mr. Maguire would like to provide lunch for SBE members attending the meeting.

Mrs. Maguire urged all SBE members to stay for a discussion on accreditation. A decision was made to send a letter to schools that are continuing to fail to meet accreditation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

A discussion was held after the SBE meeting by Teri Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability, concerning accreditation and what the future of accreditation might be.