

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Time

1:15 p.m.

Location

**Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

Barry Bolen, Chair

Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect

Mick Zais, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:24 p.m. Chair Bolen called the meeting to order. Dr. Cooper, Chair-elect, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Barry Bolen, Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cindy Van Buren, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Rinice Sauls, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Joseph Tadlock, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Anna Burns, Program Coordinator, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on April 9, 2014, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR MAY 14, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on May 14, 2014. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Bolen welcomed visitors and media to the SBE meeting.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Bolen said that they are working hard at the SBE retreat and hearing a lot of information and discussion on the proposed educator evaluation system. He thanked those in attendance who have helped and contributed to the discussions before the final guidelines come before the Board in June.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

School Visits

Dr. Zais met with numerous principals, superintendents, and administrators since the April Board meeting.

- He attended a gathering of the Olde English Consortium in Lancaster. There, he spoke with the superintendents for five of the six districts that comprise the consortium.
- Dr. Zais toured the Newberry County Career Center and met with Newberry superintendent Bennie Bennett.

Public Appearances

Dr. Zais listed some recent public appearances:

- Attended the Lexington County Legislative Night on April 9
- Attended and spoke at Rotary meetings in both Lancaster and Newberry
- Attended the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
- Participated in the TransformSC Steering Committee meeting
- Attended a City Year event

- Presented the award for South Carolina Teacher of the Year at the annual Teacher of the Year gala
- Traveled to Charleston to see Dino Teppara, our Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, win the prestigious Jupiter Award, presented by the Public Relations Society of America
- Participated in board of trustees meetings for the University of South Carolina and Winthrop University, as well as the Citadel Board of Visitors meeting
- Provided the Education Oversight Committee an update on several recent pieces of legislation
- Spoke at the BB&T Financial Literacy Event at Westwood High School in Blythewood
- Participated in South Carolina Restaurant and Hotel Association's Hospitality Day at the statehouse
- Attended a dinner in honor of the commencement speakers and honorary degree recipients at USC's graduation ceremonies
- Participated in Governor Nikki Haley's Hurricane Table Top Exercise in West Columbia
- Attended a reception hosted by Clemson University honoring members of the General Assembly

Media Interviews

Dr. Zais was interviewed by the following media this month:

- CN2, Rock Hill TV station
- *Newberry Observer*
- WRNN radio in Myrtle Beach
- Meagan Norman at WIS-TV
- WORD News Radio in Simpsonville
- Keven Cohen's morning radio show

Dr. Zais encouraged all in attendance to connect with the SCDE via social media including Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, Instagram, and Linked In. He also mentioned a number of recent blog posts available online.

This concluded the State Superintendent's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting:

- Kathy Maness, PSTA
- Audrey Hart, Dillon District 4
- Patrick Hayes, EdFirst SC
- Barbara Ann Hawkins, Dillon District 4
- Betsy Carpentier, SCASA
- Jackie Hicks, SCEA

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR APPROVAL

01. **John de la Howe School's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261, District and School Planning**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Roy Stehle and Darlene Prevatt presented the waiver request for John de la Howe.

Dr. Varat moved to approve the waiver request for 120 days, beginning on May 15, 2014, with a required 60-day progress report to the State Board of Education. Mr. Ramey seconded the motion.

Dr. Varat explained that he wants to encourage the school to make positive change and wants to be updated about their progress. Mr. Stehle said that the Department and John de la Howe school administrators support his motion.

Dr. Varat moved to amend the motion to begin the waiver on June 2, 2014. Mr. Ramey seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved by unanimous consent.

The final motion would approve the waiver request for 120 days, beginning on June 2, 2014, with a required 60-day progress report to the State Board of Education. This motion carried.

02. **John de la Howe School's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205, Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Dr. Blackmon moved to approve the waiver as proposed by the SCDE, and Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

03. **State Board Budget Update**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer

Mellanie Jinnette thanked the Board for being good stewards of taxpayer money. She stated this year is 83 percent over, but the Board has only spent 52 percent of their funding.

04. **New Teacher Evaluation Proposal**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Cindy Van Buren introduced the educator evaluation workgroup members present. They have met twice to provide feedback on the proposed system and plan to meet again before Second Reading.

Members of this workgroup addressed the Board followed by a presentation by Dr. Timmerman. Afterwards, workgroup members answered questions from the Board.

Dr. Van Buren said that the workgroup will meet May 28 to discuss where we are as a state, SLOs, and the district choice component. She said that there will be a revised set of educator evaluation guidelines for approval from the group for the June SBE meeting.

05. Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium—Dr. David Blackmon, Past-Chair, State Board of Education

Dr. Blackmon said that he was not prepared to give an update on Smarter Balanced, but he instead gave an update on the kindergarten readiness assessment.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bolen gave the oath of office to new member Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 4:30 p.m.