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MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

TIME

9:00 a.m. Executive Session

**12:30 a. m. (Approximately) State Board Regular Meeting
(Regular Meeting Following Executive Session and Lunch)**

Location

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

Al Simpson, Chair

Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect

Jim Rex, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

I. WELCOME

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance for the Educator Certification cases: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Tim Moore, Second Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Fred F. DuBard, III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Britt Blackwell, O.D., Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Jack Singletary, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; Wendy Cartledge,

Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Esquire, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Paul Bozard, Paralegal, Office of General Counsel; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; and Jim Turner, Director, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership.

Kristin Maguire moved that the SBE go into Executive Session. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board in Executive Session.

Open Session

1. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE permanently revoke the certificate of Charles J. White, certificate 224259, and adopt an Order of Revocation on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

2. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE approve the educator certificate of Coby Dion Brandyburg. Ms. Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Adkins and Ms. Clark voted no.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

3. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE deny the educator certificate of James Dale Elkins. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

4. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE deny the educator certificate for Lacey Cherisk Josey. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried. Diane Sumpter and Phillip Bowers abstained.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

5. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE deny reinstatement of the educator certificate for Daniel E. Knight, certificate 213691. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

6. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE deny reinstatement of the educator certificate for Jason F. Stieglitz, certificate 189259. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Mitchell abstained.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

7. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE deny reinstatement of the educator certificate for Mike A. Richardson, certificate 224531. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Chair Simpson declared the Board back in Executive Session.

Open Session

8. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE summarily suspend the certificate of Tracy L. Judy, certificate 230404, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Mary H. Landmesser, certificate 234365, for a period of twelve months, commencing July 9, 2008, and ending July 8, 2009, and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for breach of contract. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE adopt a Substitute Order of Suspension, suspending the certificate of Kimberly C. Odom, certificate 204140, for a period of 10 months, commencing August 29, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for breach of contract.
11. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Amanda Riggins Peden, certificate 228834, for a period of twelve months, commencing July 9, 2008, and ending July 8, 2009, and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for breach of contract. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE accept the voluntary surrender of the certificate of William Brett Tillman, certificate 185580, and approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
13. Mrs. Maguire moved that the SBE suspend the certificate of Candye E. Velazquez, certificate 224226, for a period of twelve months, commencing July 9, 2008, and ending July 8, 2009, and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct for breach of contract. Mrs. Swad seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/WELCOME

Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance for the SBE meeting: Al Simpson, Chair, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Kristin Maguire, Chair-Elect, Governor's Appointee; Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; Tim Moore, Second Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Diane Sumpter, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Fred F. DuBard, III, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Gerrita Postlewait, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Britt Blackwell, O.D., Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

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Absent was Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit.

IV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JUNE 11 AND 12, 2008

Mrs. Maguire moved to approve the minutes for June 11 and 12, 2008. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JULY 9, 2008

Mr. Adkins moved to approve the July 9, 2008, agenda. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Simpson asked all visitors present to stand and be recognized. There were no news media present.

Chair Simpson turned the meeting over to Dr. Rex for his report and recognitions.

VII. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Rex recognized the 2008 winner of the Dick and Tunky Riley School Improvement Award. This award is named for the former South Carolina Governor and U.S. Education Secretary, and his late wife, Tunky. It honors the couple's longstanding commitment to education. This year's winner of the Riley Award is Bookman Road Elementary School Improvement Council, Richland School District 2.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Simpson stated there was no one present for public comment.

X. STATE BOARD COMMITTEE ITEMS

EP. EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

01. Committee Report—Patsy Pye, Chair

FOR APPROVAL

Committee Chair Pye reported that the Education Professions Committee moved to approve item 02, Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Performance Standards for Educator Preparation Programs (First Reading).

The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

SL&A. STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

01. Committee Report—Libby Swad, Chair

Committee Chair Swad stated there was no report from the Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee.

F&O. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

01. Committee Report—Rick Adkins, Chair

Committee Chair Adkins stated there was no report from the Finance and Operations Committee.

I&ES. INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

01. Committee Report—Kristin Maguire, Chair

Committee Chair Maguire stated that there was one item being presented for approval.

FOR APPROVAL

02. Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—Youth Entrepreneurial Vocational Academy (YEVA) Charter School

Committee Chair Maguire stated that the Innovation and Educational Services Committee moved to approve the Waiver of Nonconforming Facility—Youth Entrepreneurial Vocational Academy (YEVA) Charter School.

The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

P&L. POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

01. Committee Report—Al Simpson, Chair

FOR APPROVAL

02. External Review Team Reports for “Advisory Status” Schools

Committee Chair Simpson reported that the Policy and Legislative Committee moved to approve the External Review Team Reports for “Advisory Status” Schools.

The motion comes out of committee; therefore, it does not require a second. The motion carried.

03. Appearance before the State Board of Education by Representatives from Fairfax Elementary School, Allendale County School District

Teri Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability, presented this item.

Dr. Ora Watson, Allendale District Superintendent, and Dewey Carey, Fairfax Elementary School Principal, were co-presenters at the meeting. Also in attendance were Alonzo Frazier, District Board Chairperson, and Mark Lott, Community Representative.

Mrs. Maguire moved to accept the recommendation of State Superintendent Jim Rex to continue to provide technical assistance to Fairfax Elementary School pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-18-1520 (2004). Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the chair voting with the majority.

Mrs. Maguire moved that the State Board of Education adopt a resolution, as amended and presented by Dr. Rex, reprimanding the Allendale County Board of Trustees for failing to provide administrative oversight with regard to Fairfax Elementary School. The motion carried with one dissenting vote by Mr. Moore. The Chair voted with the majority. Copy of resolution is attached to the minutes.

04. Appearance before the State Board of Education by Representatives from Mount Pleasant Middle School, Lee County School District

Teri Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability, presented this item.

Dr. Walter Tobin, Interim Lee County District Superintendent, and Deitra Johnson, Mount Pleasant Middle School Principal, were co-presenters at the meeting. Sanya Moses, District Board Chair, was also in attendance.

Mrs. Maguire moved to accept the recommendation of State Superintendent Jim Rex to continue to provide technical assistance to Mount Pleasant Middle School pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-18-1520 (2004) Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the Chair voting with the majority.

Mrs. Maguire moved that the State Board of Education adopt a resolution, as amended and presented by Dr. Rex, reprimanding the Lee County Board of Trustees for failing to provide administrative oversight with regard to Mount Pleasant Middle School. Mr. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with the Chair voting with the majority. Copy of resolution attached.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Cleo Richardson, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educational Services, presented information on Improving Graduation Rates.

Dr. Poda presented the SBE with information on the following:

1. State Board Agenda Items Anticipated in 2008-09
2. SCDE Meeting Information—State Board of Education—Division of Educational Services
3. Workshops and working group meeting dates in July and August which State Board members are invited to attend.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjournment at 4:25 p.m.