

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Date

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Time

1:00 p.m.

SCDE staff will participate in person at

Rutledge Conference Center

1429 Senate Street

Columbia, South Carolina

THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON

THE CONFERENCE LINES ARE FOR STATE BOARD MEMBERS ONLY

Barry Bolen, Chair

Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect

Mick Zais, PhD

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 Bolen called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance in person (as indicated) or via conference call: Barry Bolen, Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit (in person); Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman (in person), 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.

Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit, was absent with apologies.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cindy Van Buren, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer; Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Shawn Eubanks, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Anna Burns, Program Coordinator, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs. Dan Wuori, School Readiness Officer, SC First Steps was also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on June 11, 2014, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JULY 9, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on July 9, 2014. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. STATE BOARD ITEMS

SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board went into executive session with no objections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

01. **Discussion of Contractual Matters Related to the Readiness Assessment Request for Proposal**—Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability
02. **Information Regarding a Consent Order of Suspension**—Shawn Eubanks, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

OPEN SESSION

FOR APPROVAL

03. **Approval of Readiness Assessment Request for Proposal**—Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability

Mr. Stroman moved to approve the readiness assessment as submitted by the EOC. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion.

Dr. Shortt moved to amend the motion to include three additional options. Dr. Varat seconded the motion. Motion to amend passed.

The motion to approve motion as amended passed with no objections.

- 04. Action Related to Consent Order of Suspension**—Shawn Eubanks, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Rampey moved to approve the consent order of suspension for Brian B. Wilkins, Certificate No. 212479. Dr. Alston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 05. Confirmation of the Appointment of a Chief Operating Officer (COO) for John de la Howe School Pursuant to Proviso 7.5**—Scott English, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Blackmon moved to approve the recommendation to appoint Meka Childs to the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) for John de la Howe. Mr. Brenan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 06. Horry County School District Request for an Extension of ADEPT Waiver**—Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Shortt moved to approve the request. Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dr. Edwards asked that her vote in opposition be recorded in the minutes.

- 07. Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Lexington County School District One**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support

Mr. Willis made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bolen asked the Board if they would like to include comments about concerns with the RFP for the readiness assessment. The members consented, and Mr. Bolen agreed to write a letter on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Bolen asked about the process of the cyclical review of existing ELA and math standards. Shelly Kelly provided General Counsel's guidance on the law.

Chair Bolen noted that no one signed up for public comment.

Dr. Cooper gave information about Reading is Fundamental (RIF).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 2:47 p.m.