

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Meeting

#### Date

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

#### Time

1:00 p.m.

#### Location

Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

*David Blackmon, PhD, Chair*

*Barry Bolen, 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 meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Blackmon called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: David Blackmon, PhD, Chair, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Chair-elect, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Raye O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Bishop Michael Blue, 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.

Absent with apologies were Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Fifth Judicial Circuit, and Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Jay W.

Ragley, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Paul Butler-Nalin, Director, Office of Research and Data Analysis; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer; Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Bradley Mitchell, Director, Office of Virtual Education, Division of School Effectiveness; Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability; John Payne, Education Associate, Office of Exceptional Children, Division of Accountability; and Laura Bayne, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2013**

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on July 10, 2013, as presented. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR AUGUST 14, 2013**

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on August 14, 2013, with all items referring to goals and objectives. Hearing none, he called for a vote and the motion carried.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Dr. Blackmon welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting, including Roger Smith (SCEA), Joanie Lawson (SCEA), Beth Phibbs (SCASA), Jasmine Gardner (SCASA), Chriss Cazayoux (CTB), Andrew Felker (Lowcountry CIA), Steven C. Anderson (Lowcountry CIA), and Linda Ensor (Lowcountry CIA).

**V. STATE CHAIR REMARKS**

Dr. Blackmon shared that Sir Ken Robinson will be presenting at the TransformSC Summit at the end of September. Dr. Blackmon also shared that Board member Dr. Danny Varat has been appointed to a three-year term on the Professional Review Committee.

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS**

Dr. Zais mentioned a few public appearances from the last two months:

- On June 14, Dr. Zais participated in the Palmetto Boys State and Palmetto Girls State ceremonies at the State House.
- On July 15, Dr. Zais participated in a ceremony to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War.
- On July 18, Dr. Zais spoke to rising high school juniors at the 2013 Business Week event. This is an event hosted by the SC Chamber of Commerce and held at Presbyterian College.
- On August 1, the Department held a press conference to release the 2013 school and district letter grades using the methodology contained in the ESEA Waiver. Additionally, the results of the 2013 administrations of the PASS test and high school exit exam were released.
- The State Board was sent this information on August 1. Additionally, Dr. Zais authored an editorial that was published in *The State* newspaper on August 11, which was sent to State Board members as well. His primary point of the editorial is the same point he has made for over two years now: we need one—not two—systems of school accountability.

As he has throughout his administration, Dr. Zais met with school leaders on an individual basis or in small groups.

- On June 24, Dr. Zais addressed the Education and Business Summit in Greenville. This is the Department's annual conference for career and technology educators, and as always the case, it was well attended.
- From July 21–23, Dr. Zais attended the summer meeting of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).
- On August 6, Dr. Zais addressed new deans and directors of South Carolina teacher preparation programs at our universities and colleges.
- Dr. Zais participated in several board meetings that he regularly attends: the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors at the Citadel.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people participated in the public comment period:

- Linda Ensor, Lowcountry CIA: Spoke against adoption of the science and social studies common core standards. Advocated for innovation.
- Debbie Jones, Mt. Pleasant 9-3-12 and PIE: Read from a magazine article speaking against Common Core.
- Jackie Hicks, SCEA: Spoke on USED's opportunity to delay parts of ESEA waiver. Criticized SC's approved federal accountability system as unfair and unreliable. Asked Dr. Zais to apply for the waiver.

**VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

**EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE**

**Committee Report**—Dr. David Longshore, Chair

The committee heard one approval item and one information item. The committee approved EP-01. The information item was required under Proviso 1.14. SC does not issue emergency certificates as it is not in compliance with No Child Left Behind.

**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Discussion of Proposed Goals and Objectives for 2013–14**—Dr. David Longshore, Chair, Education Professions Committee, State Board of Education

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve the committee report. The motion carried.

**SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Committee Report**—Dr. Thomas Shortt, Chair

The committee heard one approval item and two information items. The committee approved four goals and placed SLA-01 on the consent agenda. The information items shared information regarding CCSS implementation and assessments.

- 01. Discussion of Proposed Goals and Objectives for 2013–14**—Dr. David Longshore, Chair, Education Professions Committee, State Board of Education

The Chair called for a vote to approve the report. Motion carried.

**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE**

**Committee Report**—Dr. David Blackmon, Chair

The committee heard seven action items. PL-01 was placed on the consent agenda.

- 01. Discussion of Proposed Goals and Objectives for 2013–14**—Dr. David Blackmon, Chair, Policy and Legislative Committee

02. **School District of Pickens County's Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (2011), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Ms. Prevatt gave an overview of Pickens County's waiver request. The school district has asked for an extension to October 2013 to turn in five-year school renewal plans. The committee motioned for approval; the motioned carried.

03. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-209 (R43-209), Support Personnel/Paraprofessional Personnel Positions, Qualifications and Duties (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Ms. Prevatt stated that the proposed amendments will rename the regulation and eliminate support personnel, the language would conform to state statute, and the language regarding special education staffing would be clarified. Also, reference to electronic registry will be removed. The committee recommended approval. The motion carried.

04. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-244 (R43-244), Interscholastic Activities (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Ms. Prevatt explained that the proposed repeal of this regulation is due to there being no statute authorizing the regulation. The committee recommended approval, and the motion carried.

05. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-272 (R43-272), School Admission (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Ms. Prevatt reported that the proposed amendments to this regulation include having to show proof of birth upon enrollment in public schools and documentation concerning immunization. The committee recommended approval, and the motion carried.

06. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-162 (R43-162), School Superintendent Compensation and Benefits/Expenses (First Reading)**—Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness

Ms. Childs reported that the proposed repeal of this regulation is because there is no statute authorizing the regulation. The committee recommended approval, and the motion carried. Mr. Bolen and Ms. Boyd asked that the minutes reflect their votes against the motion. Dr. Longshore asked that his abstention be noted.

- 07. Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243.4 (R43-243.4), Utilization of General Teacher Certification (First Reading)**—John Payne, Education Associate, Office of Exceptional Children, Division of Accountability

Mr. Payne explained that the proposed repeal of this regulation is due to this type of teaching license no longer being offered. The committee recommended approval, and the motion carried.

The Chair called for a vote on the committee report. Motion carried.

## **SB STATE BOARD ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 01. South Carolina Virtual School Program (SCVSP) Update**—Bradley Mitchell, Director, Office of Virtual Education, Division of School Effectiveness

Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Mitchell and the Department for the gains by SCVSP. Mr. Mitchell clarified that some students drop the course due to over commitment, didn't expect the rigor, etc. Mr. Mitchell indicated the SCVSP was looking at expanding its teaching force to serve more students. Dr. Varat asked where the student growth was coming from. Mr. Mitchell elaborated that the SCVSP was seeing the most growth in middle school and that participation from students in urban areas was growing faster than participation from those in rural areas. Ms. James asked if students have the option to take just one course, which Mr. Mitchell confirmed. Dr. Edwards asked for more information about flipped classrooms. Mr. Mitchell explained that the practice varies, but usually involves Internet technology. Mr. Mitchell clarified that the difference between the SCVSP and other virtual schools is that the SCVSP is a supplemental program, with participating students remaining enrolled at a separate school.

- 02. Overview of the South Carolina Science Academic Standards (2005)**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Timmerman gave an overview of SC's current science standards. Dr. Longshore asked about the importance of labs and the differences between practical and virtual labs. Dr. Timmerman stated they're of utmost importance. Dr. Timmerman clarified that the Board will consider the revised draft of the science standards at the September board meeting. When asked about the

frequency of the process, Dr. Timmerman shared that the entire review process takes 18–24 months.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

**01. Discussion of Proposed Goals and Objectives for 2013–14**

**SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

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Mr. Griffith motioned to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Longshore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Bishop Blue shared information about a community forum in his area of the state. He asked what we are doing to ensure that there isn't an overreaction or an overcorrection in the districts in regards to CCSS.

Dr. Blackmon thanked Dr. Shortt for the refreshments and reminded the SBE members to turn in their travel forms.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:05 p.m.