

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Time
1:00 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 meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Bolen called the meeting to order. Dr. Longshore asked that we have a moment of silence for a student that was struck by a car and killed at a bus stop this morning.

Dr. Cooper, Chair-elect, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: Barry Bolen, Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect, Fifth Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Raye O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Bishop Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies was Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Charmeka Childs, 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; Cindy Van Buren, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness; Cathy Jones Stork, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2013

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on December 11, 2013, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JANUARY 8, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on January 8, 2014. Hearing none, Chair Bolen stated that the amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Bolen welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Mr. Bolen spoke about the importance of access to technology for students. He also said that he believes that the profession of teaching should be elevated and teachers should be paid more. Mr. Bolen looks forward to serving as Board Chair for 2014.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Public Appearances

Dr. Zais listed some recent public appearances:

- Presentation of the Milken Educator Award and \$25,000 to Kristi Grooms at Dutch Fork Middle School and to Mike Sinclair at Brashier Middle College Charter High School
- Attendance at the monthly University of South Carolinas Board of Trustees meeting
- Anderson First Monday meeting

Media Interviews

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

- The State
- WSPA

Dr. Zais also passed out information about schools with high poverty levels and high performance.

This concluded the State Superintendent's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following person participated in the public comment portion of the meeting.

- Rob Dillon, South Carolinians for Science Education

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Addition of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-229 (R 43-229), Defined Program for the Palmetto Unified School District (PUSD) (Second Reading)**—Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-229 (R 43-229), to include the changes presented by the SCDE. Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE

Committee Report—Dr. David Blackmon

FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the Ratification Agenda

Mr. Bolen called for a vote to approve the ratification agenda. The motion carried.

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Committee Report—Dr. David Longshore, Chair

The Committee heard four action items.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Identification of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2014–15 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-01 on the consent agenda.

02. **Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2014–15 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

This item was brought to the full Board for approval. Mr. Bolen called for a motion to approve. The motion passed.

03. **Proposed Discontinuation of Praxis Exam 0063 Mathematics: Proofs, Models and Problems**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-03 on the consent agenda.

04. **State Board of Education Teach For America (TFA) Guidelines Update (First Reading)**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-04 on the consent agenda.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee Report—Dr. Thomas Shortt, Chair

The Committee heard two information items about Common Core implementation and assessments.

Mr. Bolen called for a motion to approve the report from the SLA Committee. The motion carried.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

Committee Report—Dr. David Blackmon, Chair

The PL Committee heard two information items.

Mr. Bolen called for a motion to approve the PL Committee report. The motion carried.

SB STATE BOARD ITEMS

FOR INFORMATION

01. **Recommendation to Raise Minimum Collegiate Grade Point Average to 2.60 for Admission to Educator Preparation Programs during the 2014–15 Academic Year**

and to a 2.75 during the 2015–16 Academic Year (Second Reading)—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Longshore made a motion to approve the item. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

02. **South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014 (Second Reading)**—Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Blackmon moved to approve the standards with EOC recommendations. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Willis made an amendment to modify in addition to introduce the alternate theory of creation by design. Dr. Edwards seconded the amendment. The amendment failed.

Mrs. James moved for a substitute amendment to approve the SCDE recommendations, except for 1.E.3A.1, which should be changed to state, “Use, analyze, and interpret data from observations to describe and predict seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset,” and 1.E.3A.2, which should be changed to state: “Use data from personal observations to describe, predict, and develop models to exemplify how the appearance of the moon changes over time in a predictable pattern.” Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion. The amendment passed.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion passed.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

01. **Identification of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2014–15 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness
03. **Proposed Discontinuation of Praxis Exam 0063 Mathematics: Proofs, Models and Problems**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness
04. **State Board of Education Teach For America (TFA) Guidelines Update (First Reading)**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

Chair Bolen called for a vote to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee discussed the submission process for the ethics form, which will be submitted electronically. Shelly Kelly will provide information to the board members.

Chair Bolen specified that the Board will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of April, which will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 9–10, to accommodate for a Board retreat.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:17 p.m.