

## **MINUTES**

### **State Board of Education Retreat**

#### **Date & Time**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014—8:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, May 15, 2014—8:30 a.m.**

#### **Location**

**Clarion Hotel Conference Room B**

**1615 Gervais Street**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

*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 AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Bolen called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

The following State Board of Education members were present: 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 Brennan, Governor's Appointee.

Dr. Cooper led ice breakers and introductions.

### **II. BOARD GOVERNANCE**

Shelly Kelly, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, gave a presentation about board governance and regulations.

At 9:53 a.m., the Board took a 15-minute recess.

### **III. EVAAS REPORTING AND RESULTS**

Dr. Briana Timmerman presented information about the EVAAS system and showed the Board how the system works. She answered questions and pointed out that there is a fundamental difference between student performance and student growth, which means a student could score low but still have made significant growth, and vice versa.

Many Board members expressed their concern that the system may not be ready to inform any sort of decisions as soon as it is implemented. They are also concerned about moving forward when the assessment is still up in the air.

#### **IV. SCDE DATA SNAPSHOT**

Cynthia Hearn, Team Leader, Office of Research and Data Analysis, SCDE, and Katie Smith, Office of Research and Data Analysis, SCDE, presented state assessment data to the Board.

#### **V. EFFECTIVE BOARD/STAFF RELATIONS**

The Honorable Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Chair, Richland School District 2 School Board, presented to the Board.

At 12:15 p.m. the State Board of Education adjourned to travel to the Department of Education for their regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **VI. RECONVENE FOR THURSDAY MEETINGS**

The Thursday meeting began at 8:50 a.m.

The following SBE members were present: Barry Bolen, Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; 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; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor’s Appointee.

The following members were absent: Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; and Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

#### **VII. LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PROVISIO UPDATE/ADVOCACY**

Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, SCDE, presented information about the Legislative and Public Affairs Office, SCDE social media, and pending legislation.

Mellanie Jinnette presented information on the education budget and budget provisos.

#### **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S VISION**

Dr. Mick Zais, State Superintendent of Education, presented graphs about school and district performance and revenue to the Board. He then answered questions from the group.

#### **IX. EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Melanie Barton gave a legislative update and other information about the Education Oversight Committee (EOC).

**X. SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

Hannah Pittman, Director of Professional Development, gave a presentation about the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA).

**XI. PALMETTO STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Kathy Maness, Executive Director, gave an overview of the Palmetto State Teacher's Association (PSTA).

**XII. SC ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS**

Dr. Zona Jefferson spoke about the SC Alliance of Black School Educators (SCABSE) and increasing opportunities for all educators.

The Board adjourned at 1:08 p.m. for lunch.

**XIII. CERRA OVERVIEW**

The Board reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Ms. Jane Turner gave an overview of the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA).

**XIV. SCETV**

Bobbi Kennedy, Special Projects Director for the Office of the President, presented information about South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV).

**XV. COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Richard Sutton, Executive Director, gave an overview of the Commission on Higher Education (CHE).

**XVI. SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Roger Smith, Executive Director, introduced Bernadette R. Hampton, President-Elect. Ms. Hampton talked about the initiatives of the South Carolina Education Association (SCEA).

**XVII. NEW CAROLINA/TRANSFORMSC**

Pam Lackey, Co-Chair of TransformSC, gave an overview of TransformSC's initiatives and history.

**XVIII. SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

Beth Brown and Debbie Elmore gave an overview of the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA).

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.