

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, October 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

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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: 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; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth 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; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; and Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit.

Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee, was absent with apologies.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Scott English, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Van Buren, 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; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of

Accountability; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Duane Martin, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and La'Tonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on September 10, 2014, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

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

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

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Bolen welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting, including Gail Davis.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairman-Elect Traci Young-Cooper recognized the five schools that were named National Blue Ribbon Award Winners:

- Socastee Elementary School, Ms. Diane Thompson, Principal, Horry County School District
- Royall Elementary School, Ms. Julie Smith, Principal, Florence County School District One
- Westview Elementary School, Mr. Shawn Wootton, Principal, Spartanburg County School District Six
- Hanahan Elementary School, Mr. Thomas Sparkman, Principal, Berkeley County School District
- Hanahan Middle School, Mr. Robin Rogers, Principal, Berkeley County School District

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Public Appearances and Media Interviews

Dr. Zais listed some public appearances in the last month, as well as media interviews:

- Attended USC Board of Trustee's meeting and the opening of the new Darla Moore School of Business
- Presented to TransformSC
- Participated in the Board of Directors meeting for the SC Chamber of Commerce
- Addressed the new Cohort for SC Education Policy Fellows Program and was interviewed by a reporter from the Greenwood Index Journal
- Addressed the SC Future Minds 7th Annual Public Education Conference along with Governor Nikki Haley, joined by Chairman Barry Bolen, former Chairman Dr. David Blackmon, and Chair-Elect Traci Young-Cooper
- Addressed 1,000 persons at the 26th Annual Celebration of SC African American History Calendar event

Dr. Zais also encouraged everyone to review his blog where he discussed the launch of Read to Succeed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting:

- Roger O'Sullivan, Parents Involved in Education, Greater Charleston
- Debbie Jones, Parents Involved in Education
- Laura Farmer, School Nutrition Association of SC
- Cindy Jacobs, Current President of School Nutrition Association of SC
- Dr. Joanne Avery, Deputy Superintendent, Anderson School District Four
- Dr. Clifford Fulmore, SC PTA State President
- Georgia Holley, Horry County School District
- Dr. Deborah Greenhouse, South Carolina Medical Association
- Meg Stanley, Parent
- Yarley Steedley, American Heart Association
- Trip DuBard, SC Future Minds
- Gorden Cashwell, Walls Ministry
- Arthur G. Field, Charleston County GOP
- Debbie Myers, Stakeholder, Lexington County
- Timothy Carnahan, Georgetown County

- Kimberly McLauren, Berkeley County
- Anne Marie Green, Midway Elementary PTO
- Sheri Few, President of SC Parents Involved in Education
- Debbie Jones, SC Parents Involved in Education
- Ben Kinlaw, Barnwell County

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Varat reported that the committee heard three action items, which were presented to the Board, and one information item. No items were placed on the consent agenda. With regard to item 03, Benedict College rescinded its request, and the item was withdrawn from consideration.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-165.1 (R 43-165.1), Program for Assisting, Developing and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP) (First Reading)**—Stephen Driscoll, Education Associate, Office of School Leadership, Division of School Effectiveness

The item came from committee and does not require a second. The Chair called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

02. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-57.5 (R 43-57.5), Military Experience (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The item came from committee and does not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

03. **Appeal from Benedict College of SCDE's Denial of Extension Request for Scheduled NCATE Visit**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee made a motion to remove EP-03 due to the withdrawal of the request for an extension. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR INFORMATION

- 04. Feedback Related to Educator Evaluation System**—Dr. Angela Bain, Lexington School District Five

Chair Bolen recognized Dr. Angela Bain to provide an update regarding the Educator Evaluation System.

IF INNOVATION & FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Rampey reported that the Committee heard two action items and one information item. No items were placed on the consent agenda. The item for information was a fiscal update wherein Mr. Rampey stated that the only expenditure for the month was a \$2,500 contribution to the Riley Institute. The balance of the State Board account was \$49,798.99 in September, and this month, October, the balance is \$46,519.02.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-168 (R 43-168), Nutritional Standards for Elementary Schools (K–5) School Food Service Meals and Competitive Foods (First Reading)**—Juanita Bowens-Seabrook, PhD, RD, SNS, Director, Office of Nutrition Programs, Division of Operations and Support

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. Dr. Varat moved to amend the motion to restore the language that was originally presented by the Department to the Committee, which allows local decisions to be made by the school districts giving them the flexibility regarding the range of exemptions up to thirty. The motion to amend was seconded by Dr. Cooper. After much discussion, the board voted to approve the amendment to the motion with a vote of 14 in favor to 2 opposed, with Mr. Ewart and Mr. Willis opposed. The Board then voted on the main motion, as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 14 in favor to 2 opposed, with Mr. Ewart and Mr. Willis opposed.

- 02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-601 (R 43-601), Procedures and Standards for Review of Charter School Applications (First Reading)**—Donna Manning, Team Leader for School Improvement and Choice, Office of School Transformation, Division of School Effectiveness

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Bolen reported that the Committee heard one action item, which has been placed on the consent agenda.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Shortt, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee heard three action items and one information item. Item SLA-01 will be presented to the Board, and Item SLA-02 was placed on the consent agenda. Item SLA-03 was removed from the consent agenda at the request of a member and will be discussed before the the Full Board. The information items were an update on standards writing and an update on assessment.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-259 (R 43-259), Adult Education (Supp. 2013) (First Reading)**—David Stout, Director, Office of Adult Education, Division of Accountability

This item came out of committee and did not require a second. The Chair called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

02. **Recommendation for Approval of High School Equivalency Tests for Use in South Carolina**—David Stout, Director, Office of Adult Education, Division of Accountability

03. **Conduct, Effort, and/or Punctuality Grade as a Required Component of All Student Report Cards**—Nancy W. Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability

The SLA Committee made a motion requesting that SCDE staff collect case studies and data from other states that have implemented and reported conduct grades or scales as well as the positive or negative impact of having a required component of all students on report cards. Mr. Kobrovsky moved to amend the committee motion asking the SCDE to initiate the regulation process to add a requirement component that school districts include a grade for conduct, effort, and/or punctuality on report cards. It was seconded by Mr. Stroman. After discussion, the Board voted on Mr. Kobrovsky's amendment. The motion to amend failed. The Board voted on the motion that came out of committee. Motion carried with Mr. Kobrovsky opposing.

FOR INFORMATION

04. **Assessment Update**—Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

ECC EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

01. Ratification Agenda

Mr. Rampey reported to the Board that a motion to ratify actions of ECC was made during the meeting of the Full Board ECC . The motion passed unanimously.

SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. PE Standards (Second Reading)**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Cooper made a motion to approve the second reading of the PE Standards, and Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. AP History Discussion**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Ms. Jane Robbins, Esquire, of American Principals Project, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding the AP U.S. History Standards. Following the presentation, Mr. Kobrovsky made a motion that the SCDE write to the College Board stating that the Board rejects the AP U.S. History Framework as being not within our standards. Mr. Willis seconded. Chair Bolen stated that the information received was merely for information purposes and, in the interest of fairness, the Board should invite the College Board to send a representative to give them an opportunity to answer any questions Board members may have and provide clarification, if any, to information regarding the AP U.S. History Standards. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and Chair Bolen requested that SCDE staff invite a representative from the College Board and from the SC Social Studies Association to the November Board meeting.

- 03. Standards Update**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Timmerman recognized the Standards team members and allowed Kim McAbee, Lou Jacobs, Kim Camp, Melanie Hollis, and Jennifer Thorsland to discuss the ELA and math standards.

- 04. Education Evaluation Update**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Ms. Leigh K. D’Amico, Research Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Education Evaluation Project Pilot results for the 2013–14 school year.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Allendale County Schools Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 43-205 (R 43-205) (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

FOR APPROVAL

- 03. Recommendation for Approval of High School Equivalency Tests for Use in South Carolina**—David Stout, Director, Office of Adult Education, Division of Accountability

Dr. Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Cooper requested that SCDE staff provide an update regarding the Circle Assessment at the November meeting. Dr. Varat provided some information regarding the Circle Assessment. Chair Bolen asked Shelly Kelly for clarification regarding the College Board request to address the Board. It was determined that the request was to meet with the SLA Committee only. Chair Bolen stated that they should have the opportunity to address the full Board if they would like address the Board. If they declined, he stated that he would like to know why.

Chair Bolen called the Board members attention to the chair-elect nomination form and briefly explained the nominating committee selection process advising those persons to let him know prior to the December meeting who the nominating committee appointees will be.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 5:05 p.m.