

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

**RUTLEDGE STATE OFFICE BUILDING
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

*Joe Isaac, Chair
John Tindal, Chair-Elect
Inez M. Tenenbaum
State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board*

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Isaac at 9:30 a.m. Chair Isaac asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board members were in attendance: Joe Isaac, Chair; John Tindal, Chair-Elect; Ms. Rebecca Burch; Mr. Jessie Curtis; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mrs. Patsy Pye; Mrs. Terry Seckinger; Mr. Al Simpson; Ms. Diane Sumpter; Mr. Ron Wilson; Ms. Virginia Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. The following members had excused absence: Mr. Trip DuBard, Mr. Phillip Shoopman, Mr. Mike Forrester, and Mrs. Kristin Maguire. State Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum and staff of the State Department of Education were present.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2006

Mrs. Rebecca Burch moved for approval of the minutes of the March 8, 2006, State Board meeting. Mr. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR APRIL 12, 2006

Mrs. Charles McKinney moved for the approval of the agenda for the April 12, 2006, State Board meeting. Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Isaac welcomed all visitors and asked them to stand and be recognized. There was no news media present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Isaac announced that Mrs. Kristin Maguire was absent because she was having surgery and Mr. Tripp DuBard's grandmother had recently passed away. Mr. Isaac stated that cards would be sent around for the members to sign.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Middle School Principal of the Year and NAESP National Distinguished Principal

The National Association of Elementary School Principals recognize Ms. Marisa Vickers as Principal of the Year by MetLife/National Association of School Principals and as the National Distinguished Principal. An administrator for seventeen years, Ms. Vickers has spent the last five years at the helm of the award-winning Hand Middle School in Richland School District One. Her school has been recognized by the South Carolina General Assembly as a leader in integrating the arts as an essential component of every subject. She served as president of the Middle Level Division of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and as a board member of the Middle School Association. Marisa will represent South Carolina this fall and vie for Middle School Division honors in Washington, D.C.

State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum presented Ms. Vickers with a obelisk. Her State Board member is Ms. Diane Sumpter.

Assistant Principal of the Year

Ms. Marlene Davis was named the South Carolina Association of School Administrators Secondary Principal Division Assistant Principal of the Year. Ms. Davis serves as assistant principal of Gaffney High School in Cherokee County. She has been an assistant principal for eight years.

State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum presented Ms. Davis with an obelisk. Her State Board member is Mr. Mike Forrester.

Assistant Elementary Principal of the Year

Ms. Sandra Moore was named the South Carolina School Administrator's Elementary Division Assistant Principal of the Year. Ms. Moore has worked as an assistant principal for the past fourteen years. She is assistant principal at Jesse Bobo Elementary School, Spartanburg School District Six.

State Superintendent of Education Tenenbaum presented Ms. Moore with an obelisk. Her State Board member is Mr. Mike Forrester.

Secondary Principal of the Year

State Board of Education member, Dr. Kristi Woodall, was named the South Carolina School Administrator's Secondary Principal of the Year. She will now compete for national honors in her division and will be honored during the fall in Washington, D.C. Dr. Woodall has served as a principal for five years and is principal of Union High School in Union County.

State Superintendent Tenenbaum presented Dr. Woodall with an obelisk.

Superintendent Tenenbaum acknowledged the Executive Director of the South Carolina School Administrators Association, Mrs. Molly Spearman.

Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year

The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year award recognizes the nation's top elementary teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. Winners of this award receive a \$1,000 cash award for professional development, a \$1,000 award to each winning teacher's school, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Ms. Sara Turpin is one of South Carolina's winners. Ms. Turpin is an elementary teacher at Clemson Elementary School in Pickens County and Pickens County School District's Teacher of the Year.

State Superintendent of Education Tenenbaum presented Ms. Turpin with an obelisk. Her State Board member is Mr. Phillip Shoopman.

X. STATE BOARD ITEMS

**56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Item(s)—
Kristin Maguire, Facilitator**

01. TRTC Item Overview

There were no items presented.

On behalf of Mrs. Maguire, Mr. Issac stated that there were no items for Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Item(s)—Kristi Woodall, EdD,
Facilitator**

01. C&I Items Overview

Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, gave a brief overview of the agenda items.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

02. Approval of Retroactive 4K Waiver Requests for 2004–05 and 4K Waiver Requests for 2005–06 Pursuant to R 43-264.1(VI)(B), Half-Day Child Development Programs

Robin Snipes McCants, Director, Office of Early Childhood Education, Division of District and Community Services, presented this item as information. This report is to provide the State Board with information about the 4K waiver approvals by the State Department of Education for Rock Hill School District Three. Rock Hill School District Three requested a waiver for the current year 2005–06 and a retroactive waiver for school year 2004–05. A retroactive waiver was granted for both 2004–05 and 2005–06.

03. The SERVE Study of Prekindergarten Programs for At Risk Four-Year-Olds

Mrs. McCants recognized the following individuals for their work on the SERVE study: Dr. Glen Brown, who was unable to be present, was principal investigator from SERVE; Dr. Laura Hooks who was present from USC Upstate; and Dr. Betty Jo Marshall, who was unable to attend.

Dr. Catherine Scott-Little, SERVE Researcher, made a presentation on this study to provide the State Board of Education with information about the use of the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) observational accountability system and its positive difference in student learning and teacher practices.

Dr. Scott-Little answered questions from the Board members.

After the presentation, Mrs. Woodall requested that the Board go back to the last item (55-02) and made a motion that the Board approve the retroactive 4K-waiver action. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Note: the item did not require a vote because it was an information item.)

54. Finance and Legislative Item(s)—Terrye Seckinger was Facilitator, on behalf of Mr. Phillip Shoopman

01. F&L Items Overview

Len Richardson presented the overview of the agenda items on behalf of John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations.

02. Property Disposal—Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three

This item was presented by Len Richardson, Director, Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations, on behalf of Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Enterprise Operations.

Orangeburg School District Three requested approval to deed the facilities located at 1140 Peake Street, Holly Hill, South Carolina, formerly site of Holly Hill Middle School (7.23 acres), to Orangeburg County for one dollar to be used to bring needed services to the Orangeburg community. The property has to be deeded back to the school district for the same dollar amount (\$1.00), including all upgrades, if Orangeburg County ceases to use the property for stated purposes. The Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three Board of Trustees declares that Holly Hill Middle School is unnecessary for educational and administrative purposes according to the district's facilities plans and will not have a discernible negative impact upon any other district school facility or site.

Mr. John Tindal moved for approval to deed the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three facilities located at 1140 Peake Street, Holly Hill, South Carolina (former site of Holly Hill Middle School, 723 acres) to Orangeburg County for one dollar. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

03. Facilities Waiver Request—Charleston County School District

This item was presented by Len Richardson, Director, Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations, on behalf of Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Enterprise Operations.

Charleston County School District requested approval of alternative compliance regarding the use of Wando South (old Wando High School) as a swing space for a period of at least three years in order to build the new Moultrie Middle School. This temporary situation will exist until two schools, Mt. Pleasant Academy and Moultrie Middle School, are replaced.

Mr. John Tindal moved for the approval of the facilities waiver request for Charleston County School District. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention by Mrs. Terrye Seckinger. She requested that more information be provided. She asked the State Department of Education to find out from Charleston exactly what are their plans, timetable, expense, and where the money is to come from, if this property is to be brought up to code. Mr. Richardson said that he would relay Mrs. Seckinger's request to the Office of School Facilities.

03.A Property Disposal—Lexington County School District Two

This item was presented by Len Richardson, Director, Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations, on behalf of Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Enterprise Operations.

Lexington County School District Two requested State Board approval of school property disposal. Lexington School District Two, under an agreement reached in the Lexington County Court of Common Pleas, will exchange with the City of Cayce a portion of its property located at 615 Knox Abbot Drive for the property located at 1114 State Street. This will allow Lexington County School District Two to construct an on-site stadium for Brookland Cayce High School.

Mr. Ben Mitchell moved for the approval of the exchange of a portion of property located on Knox Abbot Drive for the property located at 1114 State Street. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For Information Only

04. State Board of Education Financial Statements

Len Richardson, Director, Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations, on behalf of John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, presented this item. Mr. Richardson provided the State Board with an update on their budget and answered questions from the Board.

03. Legislative Update

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented the legislative update on behalf of Pierce McNair and answered questions from the Board. A summary of the bills of interest in the General Assembly was distributed to the Board.

Mrs. Stuckey discussed Senate Bills 1203 and 1305. Senator Matthews introduced Senate Bill 1203. This Bill raises the minimally adequate standard that was set by the Supreme Court. Senator McConnell introduced Senate Bill 1304; if approved, the minimally adequate requirement would no longer apply and funding would be determined solely by the legislature.

These are two competing bills; since they are amendments to the Constitution, the public would have to vote on them in November.

52. Educational Policy Item(s)—Joe Isaac, Facilitator

01. Educational Policy Overview

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, gave a brief overview of the items.

02. External Review Team Reports

John Suber, PhD, Director, Office of School Quality, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for approval and answered questions from the members of the Board.

The purpose of this item is to provide the results and receive approval of the External Review Team (ERT) reports conducted in schools and districts receiving absolute ratings of unsatisfactory based on the 2004 report card and in schools and districts receiving absolute ratings above unsatisfactory on the 2005 report card and unsatisfactory on the 2004 report card.

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved for approval of the External Review Team Reports. Mrs. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

03. Review of the Restructured State Board of Education Meetings Pilot

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented this item and answered questions from the members of the Board.

Ms. Stuckey stated that we were at the end of the three-month pilot and would like to continue with the one-day State Board of Education (Board) meetings. With the Board's agreement, within a three-month timeframe, the legal staff will come back to the Board with all of the Rules from the Rules of Governance that need to be permanently deleted or amended. In reviewing the rules, the staff also noticed several rules that need to be amended. Ms. Stuckey asked if the Board would like to go forward with the rules that need to be amended so that the one-day meetings can continue, or would they like to put together a Committee and take a longer period of time and look at all of the Rules from the Rules of Governance.

Dr. John Tindal made a motion to extend the time for one-day meetings for three months and to form a Committee to amend or delete the rest of the rules of the Rules of Governance within the three-month period. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger asked about the status of the seat-time requirement for unit credit. Ms. Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent from the Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, explained that Regulation 43-259 was submitted to the General Assembly and had been approved. It became final on March 20, 2006, and would be effective when published in the April 28, 2006, *State Register*.

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger told the Board that the circuit court had overruled the Board's opinion in the James Academy Charter School Appeal, which was decided by the Board in November 2004. Shelly Kelly, Deputy General Counsel, addressed the Board about this matter and stated that the issues involve legal interpretations of the charter school law. Those issues include questions as to what rights does a conditional charter grant an applicant, among others. She stated that there may be an appeal but that the State Board would not be a party to the appeal.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Educator Licensure Cases

The State Board of Education (Board) held a meeting at 11:40 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building to discuss educator licensure cases. The following Board members were in attendance: Joe Isaac, Chair; John Tindal, Chair-Elect; Mrs. Rebecca Burch; Mrs. Patsy Pye; Mr. Jessie Curtis; Mr. Al Simpson; Mr. Ron Wilson; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Ms. Diane Sumpter; Ms. Virginia Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. Absent were Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Mr. Mike Forrester, Mr. Phillip Shoopman; and Mr. Trip DuBard.

The meeting was brought to order by Chair-Elect Tindal.

Chair Tindal declared the Board in Executive Session

Open Session

- 1 Mrs. Rebecca Burch moved that the State Board of Education issue a South Carolina educator certificate to Thomas W. Spivey, Jr. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Mitchell and approved by the Board. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger and Mr. Ron Wilson abstained.

Chair Tindal declared the Board in Executive Session

Open Session

- 2 Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education revoke South Carolina educator certificate 156472, issued to John P. Marden, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Tindal and approved by the Board.

3. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education revoke South Carolina educator certificate 182327, issued to Wendie A. Schweikert, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rebecca Burch and approved by the Board.
4. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education revoke South Carolina educator certificate 173620, issued to Barry S. Washington, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McKinney and approved by the Board.
5. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender of South Carolina educator certificate 221279, issued to Donald M. Landrum, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles McKinney and approved by the Board.
6. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Loana C. Benton, South Carolina educator certificate 168160, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rebecca Burch and approved by the Board. The motion carried, with an abstention by Ms. Diane Sumpter.
7. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Tammy M. Copeland, South Carolina educator certificate 172054, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Mitchell and approved by the Board. The motion carried, with an abstention by Ms. Diane Sumpter.
8. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Flora Gramling, South Carolina educator certificate 111360, for unprofessional conduct. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rebecca Burch and approved by the Board. The motion carried, with one opposing vote by Mr. Ron Wilson.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:48 p.m.