

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

November 13, 2002

The State Board of Education (Board) held its November meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, November 13, 2002, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair; Mr. Greg Killian, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mrs. Brenda Fort; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Bryan Keelin; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James Mattos; Mr. James C. McRae; Mrs. Gail Moss; Dr. Harriett Rucker; and Mr. Chris Verenes. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board members unable to attend were Dr. Anne S. Crook and Mr. John H. Hostetler, who were excused for their absence.)*

### OPENING

The Board opened the meeting with the choir from Sandhills Middle School, Lexington County School District Four, singing *The National Anthem* and leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2002

Mr. Mattos moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 8, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickert and approved by the Board.

### APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickert and approved by the Board.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair White welcomed the visitors present. Mrs. Paula Gray introduced Mr. Bill Robinson, *The State*.

### STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

### SREB RESULTS OF HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK PROJECT

Superintendent Tenenbaum introduced Dr. James R. Couch, Director, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of District and Community Services. Dr. Couch distributed handouts and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the High Schools That Work project. Mr. Mattos commended Superintendent Tenenbaum and the staff of the State Department of Education for the progress made over the last four years. Mr. Cervantes stated that it was a pleasure to receive reports from Dr. Couch.

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Superintendent Tenenbaum stated that a report on Pathways to Prosperity would be presented at the next Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were seven public speakers for this meeting as follows:

1. Mark McBride, Mayor, Myrtle Beach—Mayor McBride spoke on behalf of the uniform start date as approved by the Policy Committee on November 12, 2002.
2. Dr. David Church, State Association for Public Charter Schools—Dr. Church spoke against the current timeline for charter school applications.
3. Mr. Scott Price, South Carolina School Boards Association—Mr. Price spoke against a uniform start date and for local control.
4. Mr. Gary Gist, Principal, James Island High School—Mr. Gist spoke on behalf of a charter school at James Island.
5. Mrs. Julia Jackson, Parent, York County—Mrs. Jackson spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.
6. Mr. Riley Huckaby, Grandparent, Lexington County—Mr. Huckaby spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.
7. Ted Riley, Esquire—Mr. Riley represented Myrtle Beach and other coastal cities and spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair**  
**Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**

**Mr. Clarence Dickert, Chair**  
**Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**

**Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair**  
**Finance and Legislative Committee**

**Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair**  
**Educational Policy Committee**

**56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 12, 2002**—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the November 12, 2002, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2002, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the October 7, 2002, meeting were approved.

**03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview**—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mr. Lee reported that items 56-04, 56-05, and 56-06 were placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Lee reported that the following items were presented for information:

- **Increase in Fee for Initial Teacher Certification Applications**
- **Status Report on the ADEPT System**

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 12, 2002**—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for November 12, 2002, was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2002**—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the October 7, 2002, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Dickert reported that items 55-03 and 55-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Dickert reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Requested Waiver of the Section of Regulation 43-264.1, Half Day Child Development Programs from Aiken County Public Schools, Anderson School District Five, Greenwood School District 50, Marion School District One, Marion School District Two, Spartanburg County School District No. 7, Rock Hill School District Three of York County, and York School District Four that stipulates that a minimum of 10 percent of the total budget shall be utilized in supplies/materials and equipment for instructional purposes (Section V1 B.1. and 1.)**

**54. Finance and Legislative Committee**—Mr. James Mattos reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 12, 2002**—Mr. Mattos reported that the agenda for the November 12, 2002, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2002**—Mr. Mattos reported that the minutes of the October 7, 2002, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Mattos reported that the following items were submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**
- **Presentation by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators regarding their legislative agenda for 2003**

**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Chair White reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for November 12, 2002**—Chair White reported that the agenda for the November 12, 2002, meeting was approved as amended, moving the information item, Report on Recommendations Submitted by the Uniform Start Date Task Force, to approval item number 04 for first reading.

**02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of October 7, 2002**—Chair White reported that the minutes for the October 7, 2002, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair White reported that item 52-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

**04. Report on Recommendations Submitted by the Uniform Start Date Task Force (First Reading)**—Chair White reported that Mr. Charlie Dickerson, Chair of the Uniform Start Date Task Force presented this item.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Chair White moved that the State Board of Education establish a uniform window of dates for beginning the annual school term. Effective the 2003-04 school term, the last Monday before Labor Day shall be the first day that the annual school term will begin and the Wednesday after Labor Day shall be the last day that the annual school term will begin. Schools that start no later than the third Monday after the fourth of July, (with Mondays falling on the fourth being considered the first of the three Mondays) shall be considered Year Round Schools and shall be exempt from the uniform start date window.

Chair White further moved that effective May 2004 the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test shall be administered the week immediately prior to Memorial Day, and that State required End of Course Test shall not be administered in any district until a minimum of 90% of the instructional time for the course has been completed.

Mr. Killian moved to amend the motion by removing “effective May 2004 the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test shall be administered the week immediately prior to Memorial Day.” Mrs. Maguire seconded the motion and Mr. Lee called for the question. The call for the question and the motion were approved by the Board.

Mr. Killian moved to amend the motion by removing “that State required End of Course Test shall not be administered in any district until a minimum of 90% of the instructional time for the course has been completed.” Mrs. Maguire seconded the motion and Mr. Lee called for the question. The call for the question and the motion were approved by the Board.

Mr. Dickert moved to amend the motion by substituting second Monday before Labor Day rather than last Monday. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae. After discussion, the motion to amend failed.

The motion, as amended, was approved by the Board with six opposing votes by Ms. Belin, Mr. McRae, Mr. Verenes, Mr. Dickert, Mrs. Fort, and Mr. White.

Mr. Killian moved to waive second reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire. After discussion, the motion, which required approval by two-thirds of the Board, failed by a vote of nine in favor to six opposed.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by the Board without further debate upon motion by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Killian:

**56-04. The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations for new performance-based program standards (First Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-05. Recommend approval of two new members to the Professional Review Committee (PRC)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-06. Report on annual teacher education programs to be issued annually by the State Department of Education (SDE) beginning in 2003, as a part of the NCATE/State performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation institutions**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-03. Deletion of the section entitled "Adaptations of the South Carolina Mathematics Curriculum Standards for Students Participating in Alternative Assessment" from the South Carolina Mathematics Curriculum Standards 2000 (Second Reading)**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-04. Approval of Guidelines for Retraining Assistance Grants for School Faculty and Administration (First Reading)**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**52-03. Acceptance of the Annual Assessment Report, *What is the Penny Buying for South Carolina?*, for submission to the General Assembly**

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

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Chair-Elect Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education during the public hearings and concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2002**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Killian and approved by the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair White announced that the Nominating Committee for the 2003 Chair-Elect would be Mr. Dickert, Mr. McRae, and Mrs. Moss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lee moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. McRae seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

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