

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

**December 10, 2003**

The State Board of Education held its December meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, December 10, 2003, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. Greg Killian, Chair; Dr. Mary Jones, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Brenda S. Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Dr. Harriett L. Rucker; Mrs. Terrye C. Seckinger; Mrs. Rebecca Smith; Mrs. Lisa H. Stevens; Mr. Chris Verenes; and Mrs. Kristi Woodall. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board member unable to attend was Mr. Jessie R. Curtis who was excused for his absence.)*

**OPENING**

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Killian. The choir from Brookland-Cayce High School in Lexington School District Two led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and added to the celebration of the holidays by performing some holiday songs. The students were led by Grayson Sarvis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2003**

Mr. Lee moved for the approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2003, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Killian welcomed the visitors present. Mrs. Paula Gray reported that Bill Robinson from *The State* was present.

**SELECTION OF THE CENTRAL TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY**

Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education approve the selection of R. L. Bryan and Company as the Central Textbook Depository. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones and approved by the Board.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD  
RECIPIENTS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum recognized Dr. Cliff Barrineau, Hand Middle School, Richland County School District One, and Dr. David O'Shields, Bell Street Middle School, Laurens County School District 56, for being chosen as the South Carolina Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award recipients. Superintendent Tenenbaum and the respective Board members presented each recipient with an engraved obelisk.

**RECOGNITION OF THE PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS PROGRAM FOR  
2003-04**

Superintendent Tenenbaum announced that this is the third year of the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program, which was established by the Education Accountability Act of 1998 to recognize and reward schools for high levels of academic achievement and high rates of improvement. Of the state's approximately 1,100 schools, 229 earned the Palmetto Gold award and 77 earned the Palmetto Silver award. A list of the awardees was distributed to the Board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Dr. Harriett Rucker, Chair**  
**Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**

**Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Chair**  
**Finance and Legislative Committee**

**Mr. Greg Killian, 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 Wednesday, December 9, 2003.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 9, 2003**—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the December 9, 2003, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2003, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the November 12, 2003, 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.

**04. Adopt passing scores for Praxis examinations in the four areas of Middle Level certification (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science), Early Childhood Education, and Severe Disabilities (Second Reading)**—Mr. Lee reported that a test panel reviewed tests for Middle Level, Early Childhood Education, and Severe Disabilities in April 2003. Based on this review, appropriate examinations were selected for validation studies held in July 2003. Feedback from these studies was used by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to determine recommended passing scores.

On behalf of the TRTC Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendation to approve the cut scores for the Praxis examinations in Middle Level certification (Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science), Early Childhood Education, and Severe Disabilities. After discussion, the motion carried.

Mr. Lee reported that Items 56-05, 56-06, 56-07, 56-08, and 56-09 were placed on the consent agenda.

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

- **Summary of Praxis Test Scores from September 1, 2002–August 31, 2003**
- **Middle School Certification**

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Dr. Harriett Rucker reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Wednesday, December 9, 2003.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 9, 2003**—Dr. Rucker reported that the agenda for December 9, 2003, was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2003**—Dr. Rucker reported that the minutes of the November 12, 2003, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

**03. Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2003 Instructional Materials Review Panels**—Dr. Rucker reported that the Instructional Materials Review Panels have evaluated instructional materials bid by publishers in accordance with policies and procedures in the Board regulations. All recommended materials have received affirmative votes from at least two-thirds of the panel members.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Rucker moved that the State Board of Education approve the adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2003 Instructional Materials Review Panels with the exception of the subject areas Anatomy and Physiology; English Language Arts, K–5; and Sociology. The motion carried.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Rucker moved that the State Board of Education approve the adoption of English Language Arts, K–5 materials as recommended by the Instructional Materials Review Panel.

Mrs. Maguire moved to amend the motion to exclude the Wright Group curriculum. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger. After discussion, the motion to amend failed.

The original motion was then approved by the Board.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Rucker moved that the State Board of Education approve the adoption of the Anatomy and Physiology materials as recommended by the Instructional Materials Review Panel, with the exception of the Peoples Publishing Group's *Introduction to the Human Body*, which will be postponed until the January Board meeting. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Mrs. Fort.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Rucker moved that the State Board of Education approve the adoption of the Sociology materials as recommended by the Instructional Materials Review Panel. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Mrs. Maguire and Mrs. Seckinger.

Dr. Rucker reported that item 55-04 was placed on the consent agenda.

Dr. Rucker reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **Requested Waivers from Aiken County School District, Anderson County School District Five, Charleston County School District, Clarendon County School District Two, Florence School District One, Greenwood County School District 50, and Marion County School District One of the section of Regulation 43-264.1, Half-Day Child Development Programs, 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**—Mrs. Kristin Maguire reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, December 9, 2003.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 9, 2003**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the agenda for the December 9, 2003, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2003**—Mrs. Maguire reported that the minutes of the November 12, 2003, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mrs. Maguire reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

**Other Business**

Mrs. Maguire distributed copies of pre-filed bills and thanked Mrs. Molly Spearman for providing the list.

**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Chair Killian reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Wednesday, December 9, 2003.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 9, 2003**—Chair Killian reported that the agenda for the December 9, 2003, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of November 12, 2003**—Chair Killian reported that the minutes for the November 12, 2003, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

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

Chair Killian reported that the following items were received as information:

- **Report on Allendale County School District**
- **School Safety Policies**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**56-05. ADEPT Formal Evaluation Criteria (Second Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-06. Identification of Critical Need Areas for 2004–05 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-07. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2004–05 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-08. Identification of Critical Need Geographic Districts for 2004–05 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-09. Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools 2004–05 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-04. Approval of Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2004 Adoption Cycle**

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

### **REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES OF DECEMBER 9, 2003**

Dr. Jones gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning the public hearings and teacher licensure issues in the State of South Carolina.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2003**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2003, meeting with the name correction on the first item of the minutes for Teacher Licensure Issues. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fort and approved by the Board.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2004**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Fort moved that Mr. Mike Forrester be elected as Chair-Elect for 2004. Dr. Rucker moved to close the nominations and elect Mr. Forrester. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and Mr. Forrester was unanimously elected as Chair-Elect for 2004.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

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