

Minutes

State Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

**Rutledge Building, Room 806
Columbia, South Carolina**

John Tindal, Chair

Al Simpson, Chair-Elect

Jim Rex, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

I. PUBLIC HEARING—CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL

The State Board of Education held a public hearing to hear Charleston Charter School for Math and Science, Inc.'s appeal of the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees' decision.

Chair John Tindal called the hearing to order.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: John Tindal, Chair, Third Judicial Circuit; Al Simpson, Chair-Elect, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Lisa Stokes, Second Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Charles McKinney, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Ms. Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Rick Adkins, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Mrs. Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Daniel Varat, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Mr. Joe Isaac, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Britt Blackwell, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mrs. Kristin Maguire, Governor's Appointee.

Mr. Ben Mitchell, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; joined the meeting by telephone.

Absent with apologies were Mrs. Patsy Pye, First Judicial Circuit; and Mr. Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education were Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Carol Collins, Minute Taker; Shelly Kelly, Parliamentarian; Janice Poda, Deputy Superintendent for Administration; Dale Stuckey, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel and Wendy Cartledge, Deputy General Counsel.

Kenneth L. Childs, Esquire, Childs and Halligan, PA, represented the Charleston County School District and David G. Pagliarini, Esquire, Hinchey Murray and Pagliarini, LLC, represented the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science.

Shelly Kelly, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel, represented the State Board of Education.

Mr. Pagliarini was given thirty minutes to present an oral argument on behalf of Charleston Charter School for Math and Science, with five minutes of rebuttal.

Mr. Childs was given thirty minutes to present an oral argument on behalf of Charleston County School District.

Board members had an opportunity to question the parties.

A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session. The motion carried.

Executive Session
Open Session

Chair Tindal turned the meeting over to Mr. Al Simpson.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Simpson asked for a motion to go into executive session for Educator Licensure Cases.

_____ moved to go into Executive Session. _____ seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Open Session

- 1, Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education summarily suspend the certificate of Steve D. Walling, certificate 117808, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education summarily suspend the certificate of Catherine D. Emory, certificate 194866, and adopt an Order of Summary Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education accept the voluntary surrender of the certificate of Fred D. Stephens, certificate 091956, and approve the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Rick Adkins seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Claudia L. Anderson, certificate 144648, for a period of one year and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mrs. Amelia Herlong seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Sharron H. Seaman, certificate 172412, for a period of one year and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of breach of contract. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Angela K. Saenz, certificate 201345, for a period of one year and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of breach of contract. Mrs. Lisa Stokes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Susan R. Sims, certificate 133287, for an indefinite period and adopt an Order of Suspension. Mrs. Lisa Stokes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education suspend the certificate of Earlena G. Mackey, certificate 154485, for an indefinite period and adopt an Order of Suspension on the grounds of National Board Loan default. Mr. Charles McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education issue a public reprimand to Harold M. Hilton, certificate 16114, and approve the Consent Order of Public Reprimand on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Ms. Cindy Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Simpson then turned the meeting back over to Chair Tindal.

Mr. Tindal asked Dr. Poda to give a brief update on the ceremony

III. RECESS

There being no further business Mr. Tindal recessed the Board until 9:30 a.m. December 12, 2007.