

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

**Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

David Blackmon, PhD, Chair

Barry Bolen, Chair-elect

Mick Zais, PhD

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The State Board of Education meeting convened at 1:03 p.m. Chair Blackmon called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: David Blackmon, PhD, Chair, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Chair-elect, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Raye O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Lyn Norton, EdD, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brennan, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies was Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Mick Zais, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Jay W. Ragley, Director,

Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Dr. Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Teacher Effectiveness, Division of School Effectiveness; Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Lead, Office of Teacher Effectiveness, Division of School Effectiveness; Bruce Moseley, Director, Office of Leader Effectiveness, Division of School Effectiveness; Laura Bayne, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; and Rachel Kerley, Public Information Specialist, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2013

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on January 9, 2013, as presented. He called for a vote and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on February 13, 2013, as presented. He called for a vote and the motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Dr. Blackmon welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting.

V. STATE CHAIR REMARKS

Dr. Blackmon welcomed everyone and reported that the SBE retreat began Tuesday, February 12, 2013, and has been progressing well. He introduced new board member Lonzena Harry, representing the Third Judicial Circuit. He also welcomed back returning members Dennis Thompson, Jr. (Fourteenth Judicial Circuit), Rose Sheheen (Fifth Judicial Circuit), and Lyn Norton (Tenth Judicial Circuit), who will continue to represent their respective judicial districts until their replacements have been appointed.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Since the last meeting, Dr. Zais visited with students, parents, teachers, and school leaders at the following schools:

- In Aiken County School District, Dr. Zais visited Oakwood Elementary, JD Lever Elementary, and Aiken High School. Oakwood Elementary is a Federal Reward School for Progress, meaning one of the most effective schools working to close achievement gaps. JD Lever is a Federal Focus School, meaning it is among the bottom 10 percent of Title 1 schools with the largest achievement gaps.
- In Fairfield County School District, Dr. Zais visited Fairfield Elementary, McCrorey-Liston Elementary, Fairfield Middle, and Fairfield Magnet School for Math. McCrorey-Liston and Fairfield Magnet School for Math are both Federal Reward Schools for Performance, meaning they are among the top performing Title 1 schools in the state.

As Dr. Zais has throughout his administration, he meets with school leaders on an individual basis or in small groups.

- In January, Dr. Zais had a meeting with 12 district superintendents to discuss technology and the new, streamlined school facilities guide. It was a fruitful discussion, and it's the second such meeting they have held. These meetings are held quarterly.
- Also in January, Dr. Zais met with the 16 superintendents that comprise the Pee Dee Education Center. He reviewed with them the charts he provided to the SBE members earlier today, as well as his budget and legislative priorities.

Finally, some public appearances Dr. Zais made during the past month.

- In January, Dr. Zais presented legislative testimony to the Senate Education Committee on the issue of school safety. He spoke to the House Ways and Means Committee regarding the agency's budget request, and he addressed the House Education and Public Works K-12 Subcommittee on his legislative priorities.
- Dr. Zais continues to engage the business community by participating in panel discussions and other events. In January he participated in the SC Chamber's Business Speaks town hall. He also had the opportunity to meet with leaders from Monster.com at their facility in Florence to learn about the workforce development needs of the companies they work with to recruit high-quality employees.
- To close out January he spoke to a large gathering of school choice supporters in Florence as part of National School Choice Week.
- Dr. Zais also participated in board meetings for both the University of South Carolina and the Citadel earlier this month. Both of these board positions are established by state statute.
- Finally, Dr. Zais participated in the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting this past Monday. This afternoon he will make a presentation to a stakeholder group, assembled by the EOC, that is reviewing the state's accountability systems.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up for public comment

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205.1 (R 43-205.1) (Supp. 2004), Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT) (Second Reading)**—Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness

Dr. Longshore moved that the SBE approve the changes to State Board of Education Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205.1. Dr. Varat seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Sheheen asked the record reflect her vote of “nay.”

SBE ITEMS

FOR INFORMATION

01. **Common Core State Standards Implementation**—Dr. Briana Timmerman, Director, Office of Teacher Effectiveness, Division of School Effectiveness
02. **Grants and Federal Influence**—Sieglinde Chambliss, Grants Manager, Office of General Counsel
03. **Regulations and Flexibility**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability
04. **Innovation**—Mike Brenan, State Board of Education Member; Dr. Karen Woodward, Lexington One Superintendent; Laura McKinney, New Carolina; Pam Lackey, AT&T South Carolina
05. **Student Technology Presentation**—Hunter Bliss, Lexington High School
06. **Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement**—Jane Turner, Executive Director, CERRA

IX. LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND REQUESTS REGARDING REGULATIONS

Laura J. Bayne, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

Ms. Bayne reported that the budget debate would begin in the House next week. She also reported that all of the SBE regulations had received favorable reports from the Senate Education committee with the exception of the ADEPT regulation, which appeared before the SBE for its second reading at this meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Blackmon thanked Chair-elect Bolen for the refreshments and Dr. Shortt for the meal on the previous evening. He then administered the oath of office to Lonzena Harry of the third judicial district.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:41 p.m.