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State Board of Education Retreat

Date & Time

Wednesday, May 13, 2015—8:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 14, 2014—8:15 a.m.

Location

**Embassy Suites Hotel Greystone Conference Room
200 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina**

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 AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The following State Board of Education members were present: Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Mike Brenan, Chair-elect, Governor's Appointee; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Public participant present was Sue Rawls of HMH Riverside Publishing.

The following members were absent: Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Dr. Cooper led ice breakers and introductions.

II. RE-ENGINEERING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS- TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Ace Parsi, Director of the Deeper Learning Project for the National Association of State Boards of Education, gave a presentation regarding the Skills for South Carolina's Future.

III. CENTER FOR EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND ADVANCEMENT (CERRA)

Dr. Angela Bain, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Educator Effectiveness, presented information regarding the different measures that are being taken by the South Carolina Department of Education to recruit and retain teachers.

Jane Turner, Esquire, Executive Director of CERRA, presented information regarding CERRA and provided data about teacher recruitment efforts for South Carolina.

Dr. Roy Jones, Executive Director of the Call Me Mister program, presented information and literature regarding the program. Dr. Jones introduced former members of the program and allowed them to describe how the program helped shape and mold their lives.

At 11:15 a.m., the Board took a brief break.

IV. CREATIVELY FUNDING THE MISSION

Trip DuBard, Executive Director of SC Future Minds, gave an overview of SC Future Minds' history and their initiatives.

V. INNOVATION AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Dr. Peggy Torrey and Jim Reynolds gave an overview of Transform SC's initiatives and the push behind the profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

At 12:20 p.m., the State Board of Education adjourned to travel to the Department of Education for their regularly scheduled meeting.

VI. RECONVENE FOR THURSDAY MEETINGS

The Thursday meeting began at 8:15 a.m.

The following SBE members were present: Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee, Chair-elect; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit, attended late.

The following members were absent: Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. SCDE staff members in attendance were Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance; Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer; Cathy Hazelwood, General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs. and.

VII. MINDSET BOOK DISCUSSION

Chair-elect Mike Brenan facilitated the SBE book discussion. Mr. Brenan distributed hand-outs that identified the different types of mindsets.

VIII. SC EQUITY FUNDING SUIT

Dr. Cooper introduced Bud Ferillo and Dr. Terry Peterson. Mr. Ferillo presented the video *Corridor of Shame* and provided the Board with some background information about the documentary. Dr. Terry Peterson presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the tremendous challenges and opportunities to address students in Abbeville schools, gave an overview on the Abbeville vs. State of South Carolina decision, and discussed key components needed to improve the state of quality education in school districts similar to Abbeville and featured in the *Corridor of Shame* documentary.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S VISION

Dr. Cooper introduced Superintendent Spearman and Chief Operating Officer Betsy Carpentier who provided information regarding the Superintendent’s vision for education in South Carolina. Ms. Spearman stated that her vision for the students of South Carolina was that “All students graduate prepared for success in college, career, and citizenship.” She stated that it is part of her mission that the SCDE provide leadership and support so that all students graduate and be prepared for success in whatever they decide to do.

The Board took a break at approximately 11:15 a.m.

X. RE-ENGINEERING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS
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The Board reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Ace Parsi continued working with the Board on how to strategically plan and execute the goals that they set for themselves and the respective subcommittees.

At 12:45 p.m., the Board began their working lunch where they viewed Part 1 of *180 Days: Hartsville*.

Mr. Parsi and the Board reconvened at 1:20; the subcommittees had break-out sessions where each committee discussed what goals they wanted to set and achieve by the end this year as well as future goals that would be in alignment with the Board’s goals for the year and the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m.