

MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time
10:00 a.m.

Location
Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Samuel Ivan Randolph, PhD, Chair
Sharon Wall, EdD, Chair-elect
Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

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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

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Randolph called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Ivan Randolph, PhD, Chair, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit; Janice Murray Gamble, EdD, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Mara Horton Jones, Fifth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Wall, EdD, Chair-elect, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, DSL, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee. Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit was absent with apologies.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant,

Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Travis Huggins, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Paralegal, Division for Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 2017.

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on October 10, 2017. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Chair Randolph stated that there would be one amendment to the agenda for today's meeting noting that item IF-02 which was dealing with the allocation of the remaining monies from the Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund, was added to the Innovation and Finance (IF) agenda reflecting two action items for approval. Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as amended for the November 14, 2017, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Randolph welcomed visitors who were present.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Randolph stated that last week was Veteran's Day and wanted to recognize all of the veterans present and thanked them for their service. He also stated that Mr. Stroman encountered a Metal of Honor Recipient advising that there was a handout available regarding this young man. Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Stroman to make remarks about this serviceman. Mr. Stroman shared that there were only 77 living Metal of Honor recipients remaining and highlighted that these are very special veterans. He encouraged everyone to read the handout stating that it was very inspiring.

This concluded his report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman expressed that she had been looking forward to the November meeting, advising that we are celebrating American Education Week and that October was National Principal's Month. She stated that we had to delay the recognition of principals until this month and thanked the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA), Executive Director, Beth Phibbs and April Griffin. Superintendent Spearman explained that each year SCASA holds a competition to recognize principals in our state, indicating that we had present with us today the three outstanding South Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals who had been chosen to represent elementary, middle, and high school levels by SCASA. Superintendent Spearman explained that these individuals

will compete for national honors through the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASP) and recognized each Principal and Assistant Principal winner as follows:

- Janet Ricard, Saxe Gotha Elementary School, Lexington School District One, South Carolina Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year
- Nicole Thompson, Oak Ridge Middle School, York School District Two, 2017 South Carolina Middle Level Assistant Principal of the Year
- Dr. Abbey Duggins, Saluda High School, Saluda County School District, South Carolina Secondary Assistant Principal
- Denise Barth, Catawba Trail Elementary School, Richland School District Two, South Carolina Elementary and Nationally Distinguished Principal
- Dr. Gerald Gary, Dutch Fork Middle School, Lexington /Richland School District Five, South Carolina Middle Level Principal of the Year
- Dr. Akil Ross, Chapin High School, Lexington /Richland School District Five, South Carolina Secondary Principal of the Year and the 2018 National Secondary Principal Award Recipient

Superintendent Spearman recognized Dr. Ross who made brief remarks to the board. Superintendent Spearman stated that you cannot have a great school without a great principal. She thanked all the principals for helping with teacher retention issues and for supporting their teachers. Superintendent Spearman shared an e-mail she received from a student in Allendale County School District who asked how he could become a principal when he grew up and in closing of her report thanked all of the Principals and Assistant Principals for all they do every day.

This concluded her report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Randolph stated that no one signed up for public comments.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Randolph noted that no one signed up for public hearing comment therefore, the board would proceed with taking up action on the three public hearing items listed on the agenda. Chair Randolph asked for a motion to approve item PH-01, the second reading of Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-80 (R.43-80), Operation of Public Pupil Transportation Services as presented. It was moved by Dr. Wall that item PH-01 be approved for second reading as presented, Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion. Chair Randolph called for the question, hearing no objections he called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Proceeding to the next item, Chair Randolph asked for a motion to approve item PH-02, the second reading of Proposed Amendments to the State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-165.1 (R.43-165.1), Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance. It was moved by Dr. Wall that item PH-02 be approved for second reading as presented, Mrs. Bynum

seconded the motion. Chair Randolph called for the question, hearing no objections he called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Randolph reminded everyone again that action regarding item PH-03 would be taken up at the December board meeting.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-80 (R.43-80), Operation of Public Pupil Transportation Services (Second Reading)**—Richard Podmore, Director, Safety and Information, Office of Transportation, Division of Operations and Support
- 02. Proposed Amendments to the State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-165.1 (R.43-165.1), Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (Second Reading)**—Lilla Toal-Mandsger, Education Associate, Office of Educator Effectiveness, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
- 03. Proposed New State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-235, Employability Credential for Students with Disabilities (Second Reading)**—John Payne, Director, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness—**THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE DECEMBER 13, 2017, PUBLIC HEARING**

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Gerald Reeves who stated that the committee addressed one action item and one information item. He stated that item EP-01 was approved to be placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Reeves provided some brief background information regarding this matter. Mr. Reeves stated that the committee saw a presentation provided by representatives from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) headquarters. Mr. Reeves asked Mary Hipp, Director of Educator Services to introduce these individuals. Mrs. Hipp provided some information as to the purpose of the ETS and how their support is utilized by the SCDE. The representatives present were Cathy Pruner, who serves as the Client Services Director and works with the state of South Carolina and Perry Yager, who serves as the National Client Services Director.

This concluded Mr. Reeves' report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Approval of Certification Endorsement in the Area of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Education**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. Educational Testing Service (ETS) Support for South Carolina**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Ewart who reported that the sub-committee met and heard two action items, both of which are centered around the Abbeville Capital Improvement Funding. He stated that so far the committee approved funding for \$7,957,100 for first priority projects for the last eight school districts that submitted applications for the Abbeville Capital Improvement Funds. Mr. Ewart explained that the newly added item IF-02 dealt with the Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund remaining balance, stating that the committee recommended approval that after all forty-eight school districts received one million dollars each in funding, the remaining \$7.8 million dollars be equally distributed among the forty-eight school districts. Mr. Ewart further explained that each district would receive an additional \$163,101.

Chair Randolph asked for a motion to approve item IF-01 as presented. It was moved by Mr. Whittemore to approve item IF-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall. Chair Randolph called for question, hearing no objections; he called for the vote, the motion to approve item IF-01 Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund was passed unanimously.

Chair Randolph asked for a motion to approve item IF-02 as presented. It was moved by Mr. Brennan to approve item IF-02 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones. Chair Randolph called for question, hearing no objections; he called for the vote, the motion to approve item IF-02, Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund Allocation was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ewart stated that he wanted to commend the SCDE staff, but particularly Virgie Chambers for all of their work and for overseeing this project given the short timelines that had to be adhered to; stating that they stepped up and supported the District's and did a very good job during this process.

Mr. Ewart stated that the committee also heard two information items as well, explaining that the information provided was a 2017–18 fiscal update and an update on statewide District fiscal practices and budgetary conditions legislation. Chair Randolph asked Mr. Ewart if there was a handout available that provided a breakdown of the Abbeville Capital Improvement Allocation, Mr. Ewart stated yes.

Superintendent Spearman stated that she too would like to thank Virgie Chambers and her staff, as well as the SBE, for taking this matter on and getting this project done. The SCDE's goal was to have this revenue out of the SCDE and out to the District's by December and we have surpassed our goal.

Mr. Ewart stated this concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund**—Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support+
- 02. Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund Allocation**—Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support

FOR INFORMATION

- 03. Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2017–18**—Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

- 04. Statewide Program on District Fiscal Practices and Budgetary Conditions Legislation**—Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Kizer who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item and one item for information. Mr. Kizer stated that the item for approval was placed on the consent agenda and provided some information regarding this item. Mr. Kizer stated that while this item may have been placed on the consent agenda, they have asked Liz Jones to share a brief presentation to explain thoroughly the changes that would be made to the End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP): English and Algebra test. Ms. Jones gave a PowerPoint presentation to demonstrate how these tests would align with Education Accountability Act requirements. After much discussion of how the proposed changes would affect students in our schools, Mr. Kizer reported that the committee also addressed one information item which dealt with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate Competency. He recognized Ms. Stephanie DiStasio to make a presentation regarding this matter to the Board. Ms. DiStasio made a thorough presentation to provide background information introducing the Office of Personalized Learning and to explain the purpose of the development of the competencies for the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

This concluded Mr. Kizer's report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP): English and Algebra**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. Profile of the South Carolina Graduate Competency Development**—Ms. Stephanie DiStasio, Director, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Samuel Alston who reported that the Educator Licensure Committee (ELC) met and had already approved and ratified the actions during the Full Board ELC sub-committee meeting.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Randolph called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. It was moved by Mr. Kizer to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motion passed unanimously.

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Approval of Certification Endorsement in the Area of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Education**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

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- 01. End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP): English and Algebra**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Latoya Dixon reported that Governor McMaster visited the Florence Educational Complex on November 13th and had the opportunity to visit all three schools Brockington Elementary, Johnson Middle School, and Timmonsville High School. Principal Tonya Addison had the opportunity to speak with the Governor extensively about the dual enrollment partnership program with Florence–Darlington Technical College that she’s been successful in implementing for her students.

Dr. Dixon stated that the second grade students at Brockington Elementary School recently completed CogAT testing which is given every year to second graders to determine whether the student is gifted and talented. Dr. Dixon happily reported that the District’s audit is taking place and it is going wonderfully, she commended both Dr. Zona Jefferson and Superintendent –Elect Dr. Rochelle Anderson for all of their work.

Dr. Dixon reported that the District with the assistance of their transformation coaches has focused their professional development on being able to help teachers use data to inform their practices. In an effort to reinforce this process, on December 7, 2017, all three schools will host “Dinner with Data.” This will be a dinner where students and parents will be invited and students will lead their conferences, sharing with their parent their summative assessment data from the state assessments, formative assessments, STAR testing information, and discuss their goals and what action steps they are taking to achieve these goals. Dr. Dixon stated that this concluded her report on Florence Four.

Dr. Dixon reported that Dr. Margaret Gilmore, SCDE Transformation Coach and Dr. Walter Tobin, Interim District Superintendent, have been working very diligently in Allendale. She stated that Allendale has created a Comprehensive District Learning Walk Through tool, explaining that district office staff, Dr. Tobin, Dr. Gilmore, and all of the District’s senior leadership has walked through every class in the District and provided feedback to the principals to include areas of commendation as well as areas of recommendation. Dr. Dixon stated that there was a community meeting held on October 23, 2017, that provided the community information regarding district updates, information regarding the new state accountability model that’s forthcoming, as well as last school year’s spring district test results.

Additionally, Dr. Dixon stated that students in Allendale participated in Clemson’s Emerging Scholars Program last summer and one of the student’s was featured in Clemson’s video. She stated this speaks well to the potential and the promise for success in Allendale. Dr. Dixon reported that Allendale teachers participated in a Districtwide professional development session October 27, 2017, looking at vertical articulation content areas and grade levels to make certain that teachers understand what skills students

should have mastered prior to the grade the student is currently in or upcoming standards are forthcoming so that they will be prepared for that.

Lastly, Dr. Dixon reported that Allendale has partnered with Dawn Staley's organization "Innersole," which will reward winning homerooms with the highest measurable improvements in attendance, academics, and student behavior with a brand new pair of sneakers on November 30, 2017.

FOR INFORMATION

- 01. Florence County School District Four Update**—Latoya Dixon, PhD, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
- 02. Allendale County School District Update**—Latoya Dixon, PhD, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Brennan who asked the Superintendent how the cooperation of the school board in Allendale was. She stated there have been distractions and interferences coming from the board. She stated further that the Allendale school board has expressed concerns, stating that they forwarded correspondence to the SCDE specifically addressing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Superintendent Spearman stated that she and the SCDE legal team need to meet to have a discussion regarding Allendale and make a decision regarding how the SCDE will move forward with this matter. Superintendent Spearman stated that she was very proud of Dr. Dixon and her staff for all of their hard work and time they have put into both Allendale and Florence Four. She stated that a further update relative to these matters can be provided during the December Board meeting.

Chair Randolph advised the Board that during the December meeting the board elects a new SBE Chair—elect and that a nomination committee is created to secure a nominee. The committee members who have agreed to serve are Mr. Richard Kizer, Dr. Samuel Alston, and Mr. Tom Ewart, who has agreed to serve as Chair. Chair Randolph advised that a nominee will be presented at next month's meeting.

Superintendent Spearman reported that Dr. Julie Fowler is leaving the SCDE after serving three years as Deputy Superintendent. She stated that Dr. David Mathis would be transitioning into Dr. Fowler's position as Deputy advising that he is currently serving as Director to the Office of Early Learning and Literacy. Superintendent Spearman thanked Dr. Fowler for all of her work and expressed how eternally grateful she was for her work and that she would be missed.

Chair Randolph reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 1:55 p.m.