

MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Time
1:00 p.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; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Sharon Wall, EdD, Chair-elect, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee. Members absent with apologies were; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; and Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy

Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Ryan Brown, Chief Communications Officer, Division of Governmental Affairs; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Lori Smith, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Felix Childs, Director, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; LaTonia Holloway, Paralegal, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

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

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on January 10, 2017. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

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

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the February 14, 2017, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Randolph welcomed all visitors and new media who were present. Chair Randolph recognized Jane Clark Lindle, Clemson University, College of Education; Bernadette Hampton, South Carolina Education Association; and Regine Rucker, SC Commission of Higher Education.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Randolph introduced new board member Ms. Mara Jones, who has been appointed to represent the Fifth Judicial Circuit replacing Dr. Traci Young-Cooper. Chair Randolph thanked Dr. Cooper for her service and her leadership during her tenure on the board. Dr. Cooper stated that it has been an honor serving on the board and working with individuals that share a mutual love and respect for all of the schools, administrators, teachers and most importantly the students in South Carolina. Dr. Cooper wished everyone well. This concluded Chair Randolph's report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman stated that January 22–28, 2017, was National School Choice week and shared a video presentation that highlighted the different charter schools within South Carolina. Superintendent Spearman also shared highlights from her visits to some of the schools in the state

explaining that it is her intent to visit some of South Carolina's priority schools before the end of the year. Superintendent Spearman shared information relative to her visits to the New Tech High School at Colleton High School and Northside Elementary where she had an opportunity to see the Quaver Music product being used in a music class. Superintendent Spearman was also able to visit one of Hampton One's elementary schools and meet with their administration and school board. Additionally, Superintendent Spearman was able to visit Estill Middle/High School where she was happy to report that two transformation coaches are in the school, which is a priority school.

Superintendent Spearman reported that 26 new lower emissions school buses, owned by Blue Bird buses and powered by the Rouse Tech Propane System in the Gaffney area, have been received. Superintendent Spearman stated that these buses are part of the procurement for our buses made in the fall, and that we should be seeing more of these new buses on the road soon.

This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

P&L POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Multiple School Districts Online Testing Waiver Requests of General Appropriations Act, 2016 S.C. Acts 284, Proviso 1.88 (Proviso 1.88)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 02. Florence County School District Two's Waiver Request of S.C. Code of Laws, Ann. § 59-1-425 (Supp. 2016)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 03. Georgetown County School District (District) Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-1-425 (§ 59-1-425) (Supp. 2016)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 04. South Carolina Public Charter School District (District) Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-1-425 (§ 59-1-425) (Supp. 2016)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

FOR INFORMATION

05. **Update to the Policy and Legislative Committee on Waiver Requests Approved**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
06. **Innovative Educational Opportunities Guidance**—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs

Chair Randolph reported that the P&L subcommittee met to address four action items and one information item with four action items being placed on the consent agenda. Chair Randolph recognized Darlene Prevatt who provided a brief summary regarding the information item that dealt with recent school waivers stating that there was only one waiver and it has been approved and sent out to the district. Items PL-01, PL-02, PL-03 and PL-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

Chair Randolph recognized Cathy Hazelwood who provided a brief summary concerning the information item regarding the proposed guidelines that the SBE must utilize when carrying forward budgeted funds from one fiscal year to the next. Mrs. Hazelwood advised that the \$2,700.00 carry forward from FY2016 should be combined with FY2017 carry forward funds for disbursement in FY2018.

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Revisions to Expanded Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP) Instrument and Guidelines**—Vicki Traufler, Education Associate, Office of Educator Effectiveness, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

Chair Randolph recognized Gerald Reeves who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item which was placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Reeves stated that this item dealt with the PADEPP instrument and guidelines and expressed that this matter was very complex and referred to Ms. Vicki Traufler to provide to the board a streamlined yet thorough overview regarding this matter. This concluded his report.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Evaluation Criteria for the Adoption List of Formative Assessments, Phase One**—Susan Creighton, Education Associate, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

Chair Randolph recognized Chair-elect Sharon Wall, EdD, who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item. Although this item was approved by sub-committee members to place this item on the consent agenda, it was the overall consensus to present this information to the full board due to edits provided by members of the Educational Oversight Committee (EOC) this morning. Dr. Susan Creighton and Liz Jones distributed a handout and provided a thorough explanation regarding those changes. While this matter did not require a motion, it was moved by Mr. Brenan and seconded by Dr. Wall that the evaluation criteria for the adoption list of formative assessments, phase one will be approved with the necessary changes.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Alston who reported that the full board educator licensure committee met. Mr. Brenan stated that the cases were ratified during their 11:30 a.m. meeting.

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR INFORMATION FOR INFORMATION

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

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Dixon who reported that Green, Finney and Horton were able to begin the audit process on January 23, 2017, for Florence Four and anticipate that they will be able to provide the SCDE with a full audit report by the end of the month.

Additionally, Dr. Dixon highlighted some of the following matters that are ongoing within the schools in the district:

- Brockington Elementary staff continues to work diligently on small group instruction by using data to drive this instruction specifically, using MAP data and Fontous and Pinnell data and have had all of the teachers trained in administering the Fontous and Pinnell assessments to students in the area of reading and their district benchmarks assessments to provide instruction that is directed at the needs of students.
- Recent Star Reading and Math results from winter testing at Johnson Middle School shows improvement from the August testing, which is promising progress that we were excited to see at the school. All of the eight grade students at Johnson Middle School will be assessed by Florence-Darlington Technical College to determine their eligibility for the early college program.
- Twenty-four students at Timmonsville High School are now enrolled in dual-credit courses at Florence-Darlington Technical College, which is something that both the SCDE and district staff are very happy about.

Dr. Dixon stated that there is clearly a shift in climate within the district with regards to celebrating academic achievement, despite the ongoing operational matters within the district that still requires our attention. Ms. Jones asked if the district has made in changes within the district's finance division or if they have received any additional assistance. Dr. Dixon stated that the district has secured a new Chief Financial Officer as well as hiring a part-time assistance to help her. Superintendent Spearman

commended Dr. Dixon's efforts, recalling that at last month's meeting she reported that it appeared that the auditing process had some challenges and concerns that conducting an audit might not be possible, stating that this was really good news.

Dr. Cooper asked Superintendent Spearman for an update regarding the status of the superintendent search for Florence Four. Superintendent Spearman stated that she is aware that they have hired a former superintendent to do the search for the district and it is her understanding that the application process is open at this time. She stated further that she would keep the board posted on this process.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Randolph called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Cooper moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. The motion passed unanimously.

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X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Randolph recognized Mrs. Hazelwood who reminded all members about filing their Statement of Economic Interest forms stating that almost all members have filed their statements and for those who haven't filed they are aware of the reason, and reminded everyone of the March 30, 2017, deadline.

Chair Randolph stated that he has asked Chair-elect Wall to head an ad-hoc committee to make preparation for the Board's fall retreat. Chair-elect Wall stated that she would be contacting members requesting their assistance in this process. Chair Randolph thanked Dr. Cooper again for her service to the board and reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 1:47 p.m.