MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, April 11, 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; Gerald Reeves, Fourth 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, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Members absent with apologies were: Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit; Janice Murray Gamble, EdD, Third Judicial Circuit; Mara Horton Jones, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

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; 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; 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 MARCH 11, 2017

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on March 11, 2017. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR APRIL 11, 2017

Chair Randolph advised the Board that the agenda needed to be amended due to Innovation and Finance item two being inadvertently left on the agenda. He stated that item IF-02 should be deleted making IF-03 item now IF-02, reflecting only two items for approval and one item for information. It was moved by Mr. Ewart and seconded by Dr. Alston that the agenda be approved with the proposed amendments. The motion carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Randolph welcomed all visitors and news media who were present.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Randolph stated he would like to recognize Lori Smith, SCDE staff member who is leaving the department. He thanked her for all her hard work and wished her well in her new endeavors. Chair Randolph also recognized the Lady Gamecocks on their National Championship win. He stated that we have been extremely fortunate in all areas of athletics across our state. This concluded Chair Randolph's report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman recognized the Lady Gamecocks as well and stated that she had the honor of attending the game, expressing that it was a tremendous experience, a memory of a lifetime. Superintendent Spearman highlighted the fact that we have the National Championship wins in football (Clemson), baseball (Coastal Carolina) and now basketball (USC) with the lady gamecocks recent win as well as the number one golfer in the world, Dustin Johnson.

Superintendent Spearman reported that it was just announced that twenty school districts will receive over 1.1 million dollars through our Summer Reading Camp Community Partnership grant, emphasizing that the SCDE was able to fund all of the district requests by utilizing Proviso money and Educational Economic Development Act (EEDA) funding. Superintendent Spearman stated that she was also happy to announce our new partnership with the Greenwood Genetic Center, which is a research facility located in Greenwood, SC. The SCDE has allocated $278,000 to the center to help expand its outreach of their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs. Greenwood Genetic Center has a large custom bus with a full laboratory called the "Gene Machine." Superintendent Spearman

explained that it is our priority that this state of the art vehicle will travel across South Carolina visiting the traditionally underserved districts where students do not get the opportunity to visit places like this as often as others or have these types of hands on experiences.

Superintendent Spearman stated that she had the chance to participate in the South Carolina Association of School Administrator's (SCASA) announcement of the Palmetto's Finest. This is the most coveted award for our schools in this state. Superintendent Spearman explained that each spring since 1978, SCASA has recognized a few schools for their excellence in instruction, leadership, and strong family and community involvement. The winners for this year were as follows:

- Monarch Elementary School– Greenville County School District
- Round Top Elementary School– Richland County School District Two
- Dutch Fork Middle School– Lexington-Richland School District Five
- Seneca High School– Oconee County School District
- Campobella-Gramling School– Spartanburg County School District One

Superintendent Spearman congratulated the schools and wished them the best. This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Randolph recognized and welcomed the seven individuals who signed up for public comments. These individuals include:

- Bo Petersen,
- Larry Kobrovsky,
- Joe Williams,
- Jim Moody,
- Judy Williams,
- Gloria Paterson, and
- Lee Jenkins.

Superintendent Spearman thanked Mr. Williams and his supporters for being present and speaking on behalf of their book "Washing Our Hands in the Clouds."

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

P&L POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph reported that the P&L subcommittee met to address two action items and one information item stating that both items for approval were placed on the consent agenda. This concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Clarendon School District Two's (District) Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-1-425(C) (§ 59-1-425)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

02. **Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) Revisions—**Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; and Dr. Sheila Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness

FOR INFORMATION

03. **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

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Gerald Reeves who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item which was to fill a position on the Professional Review Committee. He stated that Jason Roop is the individual that has been nominated and has accepted to serve as a member of the committee and the committee has approved this appointment, placing this action item on the consent agenda. Mr. Reeves stated this concluded his report.

01. **Professional Review Committee Member Approval**—Rachel Burns, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Ewart who reported that the sub-committee met and heard two action items and one information item. Mr. Ewart explained what each action item was about in detail indicating that the committee approved to place both items on the consent agenda. Mr. Ewart stated that the committee also received a financial update, stating that the Board has spent forty percent of their budget and it has been determined that the Board will have a carry forward of approximately $28,000. Additionally, Mr. Ewart stated that the committee is seeking direction on the best way to utilize these funds going forward into the new fiscal year. This concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **2017 Call for Bids for Instructional Materials**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

02. **Report of Review Panel Recommendations for Alternate Achievement Standards and District-Requested Materials**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

FOR INFORMATION

03. **Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2016–17**—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 two action items and provided a brief detailed explanation regarding each item. Mr. Kizer stated that a presentation would be made regarding item SLA-01 which was the first reading of the South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards and that item SLA-02 was approved by the sub-committee to be placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Kizer recognized Lindsay Boozer, who provided a thorough presentation highlighting the proposed content provided in the Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards. Dr. Edwards asked how this would affect Districts who had issues with adequate technology for online testing. Dr. Fowler stated that as we continue to work towards all Districts being ready to test online, the SCDE still allows paper and pencil option. Dr. Fowler further explained that state statute requirements for computer science credits emphasis is currently on keyboarding which now requires schools to start teaching keyboarding skills to students in earlier grades to make certain that they are prepared for online testing.

Dr. Edwards also asked if money would be provided to those districts that have technology challenges so that students could obtain keyboard training. Dr. Fowler stated that currently there are approximately 62,000 to 67,000 students that receive keyboard training through Virtual South Carolina Charter Schools for free, which is a viable option for students in districts who may have technology challenges. Superintendent Spearman thanked SCDE staff for all of their hard work on the standards. Chair Randolph stated that the recommendation to approve the first reading of the Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards was coming out of the committee and did not require a second. He called for the vote. The vote carried unanimously.

FOR APPROVAL

01. South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards (First Reading)—Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness.

02. Evaluation Criteria for the Adoption List of Formative Assessments, Evaluation Criteria, Phase One—Ms. Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Alston who reported that the Education Licensure Committee met and moved that the actions taken during that meeting be ratified in accordance with the ratification agenda. Chair Randolph stated that this recommendation was coming out of the committee and didn't require a second. The motion carried unanimously.

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR INFORMATION

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Dixon who reported that the Florence Four School Board of Trustees has selected Dr. Fannie Mason to be the new Superintendent of Florence Four. Dr. Mason joins Florence Four from Scotland County schools in Laurinburg, NC, and has experience at the Elementary, Middle, High School and District levels. Dr. Mason is currently serving as the Director of Special Education as well as their Interim Elementary Education Director. Dr. Dixon stated that Dr. Jefferson will work with her during this transition period. Dr. Dixon shared that the district's leadership team has spent extensive time reviewing their improvement priorities from their diagnostic review and has planned professional

development for the following weeks, June 12–15, 2017 and July 31, 2017–August 3, 2017, that aligns with those improvement priorities. Additionally, Dr. Dixon stated that staff from the district has been attending recruitment fairs in an effort to get a head start on filling an vacancies that they are aware needs to be filled. It is their intent to have those vacancies filled prior to the professional development training so that all staff will be able to participate.

Chair Randolph thanked Dr. Dixon for all of her hard work and for her report.

FOR INFORMATION

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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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X. OTHER BUSINESS

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 1:45 p.m.