

MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, June 13, 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; Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit; Janice Murray Gamble, EdD, Third 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; Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. Members absent with apologies were: Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Mara Horton Jones, Fifth 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; Travis Huggins, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office;

Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; LaTonia Holloway, Paralegal, Division for Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2017.

Chair Randolph advised the Board that there would be a minor amendment to the agenda asking if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on May 9, 2017. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JUNE 13, 2017

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the June 13, 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 news media who were present.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Randolph reported that he attended the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) conference in Atlanta in May, stating that it was a very informative meeting and he learned a lot of information regarding the various teaching styles. Chair Randolph also reported that the SBE would not have a meeting in July, advising that the next meeting would take place in August. This concluded Chair Randolph's report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman congratulated the 42,000 plus students who walked across the stage recently and received their South Carolina high school diplomas. She stated that we are very proud of them and all of their hard work, stating that they are now ready to go out and take on and change the world and make it a better place. Superintendent Spearman stated that she attended a graduation for the South Carolina Whittemore School, which is one of the state's virtual schools. Superintendent Spearman stated that approximately sixty students and that this was a very moving ceremony because you could tell that each student had a story. Superintendent explained that these students did not finish schools in the traditional school settings and very well may not have received their high school diploma but for their ability to complete their studies through the virtual school setting. She stated that it was a wonderful experience and hats off to the students and all the choice options that we are giving families in South Carolina, and express how proud she is of this program and hopes that it continues to grow. Superintendent Spearman reported that the summer foods service programs have started, stating that the SCDE offers free meals to individuals eighteen years old and under at over 1,500 sites across the state. She explained that anyone could go and provided the web address information for those who were interested in finding a designated summer food program in their area. Superintendent Spearman stated that SCDE is proud to report that they sent out more than 2,000 military cords to high school seniors

who would be entering the military or attending a military service academy. She stated that the red, white, and blue cords were given to the students during a ceremony in May at Richland Northeast High School and that they wore the cords at their high school graduation. Superintendent reported that the SCDE name the following students as United States Presidential Scholars: Jennings Chen, Spring Valley High School, Devin Srivastav, Spartanburg Day School, and Frelicia Tucker, Aiken High School, Aiken. Superintendent Spearman stated that this award was established in 1964 by executive order from the president of the United States to honor some of our most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Superintendent Spearman explained that one hundred sixty-one seniors are named each year as presidential scholars and that this is one of the highest honors that a student can receive. She stated that the students received an all-expense paid trip to the honors recognition program in Washington, DC, where they will receive their presidential medallion at a White House sponsored ceremony. Superintendent Spearman introduced and welcomed the State Teacher of the Year, Erin Fox, who made the following address to the Board:

“Chairman Randolph, Superintendent Spearman, and Distinguished Members of the Board,

Thank you so much for having me here today and for your introduction. I am thrilled to join you and excited to begin my year as the 2018 South Carolina State Teacher of the Year, but I am also humbled at the enormity of the task laid at my feet. To say that my professional dreams came true on May 3rd would be to put it mildly; but the importance and gravity of my role as an ambassador for the educational profession and an advocate for both teachers and students has truly awakened my mind and heart for the needs of our state. You see, my goal as a teacher has always been to make individual students fall in love with literature and to allow it to transform their lives, but I have come to realize that my goal as the state teacher of the year must be to show all students how vital education as a whole is for their lives and help them realize its truly transforming power. I am an ardent believer that every child has within him or herself true talents and abilities that give each one a potential to know success. I know without a doubt in my heart that South Carolina students are gifted in myriad avenues that will allow them to secure a solid road to the fruition of their endeavors. And I also know without a single moment's hesitation that it is my job, and the job of my colleagues in Cherokee County and Spartanburg and Lexington and Richland and Laurens and Horry and in every district across our state, and it is YOUR job as our leaders to show our state's students all of the potential and talents and gifts they possess and to provide them with the opportunities to lead their generation into a brighter future for themselves and for our country.

As the 2018 State Teacher of the Year I want to challenge students to find their niche and life's purpose. I want to educate each “whole child” so that he and she knows his or her own vitality and possibility to affect our state, our country, and our world. I want for them to set personal goals and smash their own expectations so that they can set newer and higher ones. I want to bring more energy into our classrooms and into our schools for the betterment of teacher morale and to battle the epidemics of both apathy and obesity among our student populations. You see, we have a growing problem in our schools: many students don't have a desire to be there. They are sometimes absent physically, but more often than not they are absent in

mind and certainly in spirit. Sometimes they don't care. It's not always because they don't want to care; it is sometimes simply that they have grown despondent. There are so many obstacles pushing against them that they've become too jaded to continue to hope that education can still be their guiding light. Physically, they are unable to "play" and enjoy activities the way they did as young children, and our schools have the potential to help them learn to love to be active learners again! By re-energizing our classrooms and schools, students will find that desire to be present once again in body, mind, and spirit.

I have known since I entered my first South Carolina school and my first South Carolina classroom that I was working with some of the best educators I had ever met. I have encountered amazing administrators and have been mentored by teacher leaders who have shaped my ability to lead students. I have also had the privilege to teach some of the best people I have ever known. I have taught future doctors, lawyers, mechanics, soldiers, nurses, chefs, artists, and...teachers. When I realize how much I have the opportunity to affect...the profundity is both daunting and uplifting. And when I think of how much is at stake if I fail, if our teachers fail, if our schools fail to make our students see their own worth...It puts all of this work into perspective, and it galvanizes me. So I have laced up my running shoes and have prepared myself for this ultramarathon of a year. I cannot be gracious enough for the race set before me; it is one I wanted with every fiber of my being, and it is one that I will run not only for myself but for every student and educational advocate who is willing to affect the life of a child.

Thank you for your time and recognition today and for your service to our state, our schools, and our students."

Superintendent Spearman thanked Ms. Fox and expressed how proud the SCDE is of her, stating that her community and SBE representative Jane Harmon were equally proud to have her representing the community of Gaffney and the state of South Carolina. Superintendent Spearman extended her best wishes to Ms. Fox. This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report. Chair Randolph thanked Ms. Fox for her inspiring words.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Randolph recognized the following individuals who made public comments:

- Brandi Ellison,
- Beth Ann Rohaly, and
- Erin Bryan.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

P&L POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph reported that the P&L subcommittee met to address one action item and one information item. Chair Randolph provided information regarding the update Item PL-01 was placed on the consent agenda. This concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Horry County School District (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), Defined Program, Grades 6–8—**Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. 02. Update to the Policy and Legislative Committee on Monthly Waiver Requests Approved by the Office of Federal and State Accountability—**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 three action items which were placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Reeves provided a detailed and thorough explanation on each item. Mr. Reeves noted for clarification that the word "exemption" should be reflected in item EP-01 because educators who score high enough on the ACT or SAT would be exempted from taking the praxis core. Mr. Reeves stated that if anyone had any additional questions they could ask Dr. Burns. Mr. Reeves stated this concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs—**Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 02. Professional Review Committee (PRC) for a New Educator Preparation Program at Winthrop University—**Rachel Burns, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 03. Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Praxis® Core) Cut Scores—**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 one action item and four information items. Mr. Ewart explained that the action item dealt with the selection of the state textbook depository noting that the recommended vendor for approval was R. L. Bryan stating that

the subcommittee voted to place this item on the consent agenda. Mr. Ewart provided detailed information relative to each information item listed. Mr. Ewart also reported that a financial update was provided, stating that the Board was in good standing, and is fiscally in balance, with carryover monies from the 2016–17 fiscal year which will be discussed at a later date. Mr. Ewart stated this concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Selection of State Textbook Depository**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. Instructional Materials Allocation Methodology 2016–17 School Year**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance
- 03. Schedule of Liquidated Damages**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance
- 04. Requirements to Employ Retired Individuals – School Year 2016–17**—Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance
- 05. Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2016–17**—Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Wall who reported on behalf of Mr. Kizer that the sub-committee met and heard two action items explaining that these items were the first reading of the *South Carolina Health and Safety Education Standards* and the other matter addressed the first reading of the *South Carolina Early Learning Standards*. Dr. Wall recognized Mr. Michael Lally who presented a detailed PowerPoint that included some background information relative to the standards. He stated that the standards are all the same for grades K–12, with the indicators changing for every grade level for K–8, and a set of indicators for high school students since it's only required to be taught once out of their four years of high school.

Dr. Wall recognized Jennifer Anderson to present information to the Board relative to the *South Carolina Early Learning Standards*. Ms. Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the vital aspects of the standards. Chair Randolph stated that since these items are standards, a motion and a second is required for approval. Chair Randolph called for the vote to approve the first reading of the *South Carolina Health and Safety Standard* as presented. Mr. Brennan moved that the *SC Health and Safety Standards* be approved as presented, the motion was seconded by Mr. Whittemore. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Superintendent Spearman thanked the Board for their vote of confidence with regards to the standards. Additionally, Superintendent Spearman stated that she wanted to take the time to recognize the following employees who have accepted new positions outside the SCDE they are as follows, Jennifer Anderson, Ronald Roveri, Rachel Burns, Bruce Moseley (retired),

and Susan Bell (retired). She extended her well wishes to them all and advised if she has missed mentioning additional names she will do so at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Randolph called for the vote to approve the first reading of the *South Carolina Early Learning Standards* as presented. Mr. Brennan moved that the *SC Early Learning Standards* be approved as presented, the motion was seconded by Dr. Gamble. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. South Carolina Health and Safety Education Standards**—Mr. Michael Lally, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness
- 02. South Carolina Early Learning Standards**—Jennifer Anderson, Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy, Division of College and Career Readiness

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Samuel Alston moved that the Full Board Educator Licensure Committee approve and ratify the actions with the following amendments of items three and nine of the ratification agenda to reflect a one year suspension not a public reprimand on each of these items. Chair Randolph advised that these recommendations were coming out of committee and didn't require a second. Chair Randolph called for the vote. The motion was approved with 12 members approving and 2 members disapproving.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Randolph called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Randolph called for the vote to approve the consent agenda as presented; indicating that it didn't require a second. The motion passed unanimously.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Horry County School District (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), Defined Program, Grades 6–8**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Exemptions to the Program Admission Assessment Requirements for Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs**—Rachel Burns, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
02. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) for a New Educator Preparation Program at Winthrop University**—Rachel Burns, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
03. **Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Praxis® Core) Cut Scores**—Rachel Burns, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Selection of State Textbook Depository**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR INFORMATION

Chair Randolph called for the vote to approve the second reading of the *South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency Standards* (Second Reading). Dr. Wall moved that the second reading of the *SC College-and Career-Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency* (Second Reading) be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bynum. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Quinn who reported on behalf of Dr. Dixon. Dr. Quinn reported that there are still two transformational coaches remaining in Florence Four, stating that they are working full-time this summer and are engaged in professional development opportunities with teachers. She stated that the district has signed up for two full weeks of professional development opportunities for their teachers and staff with the first session occurring June 12–15, 2017, and the second taking place July 31–August 3, 2017. Dr. Quinn explained that the district organized these professional development opportunities around four key initiatives from their diagnostic review, stating the following:

- Establishing a district wide instructional process;
- Data from their formative assessments;
- A system for response to interventions; and
- How the district will embedded professional development within the school day.

Dr. Quinn reported that the Florence Four Board rescinded the offer to Dr. Fannie Mason to serve as their Superintendent. She stated that the Board and Dr. Mason were unable to come to a mutually agreed upon contract, therefore, the district is now looking at two finalist that was included in the original search along with one other candidate. Finally, Dr. Quinn reported that two students, Chris Taylor and Deandre McFadden have been selected to represent Florence Four at Palmetto Boys State. She stated this is the first time that Florence Four has been represented in quite some time.

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR APPROVAL

01. South Carolina College- and Career- Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency (Second Reading)—Carrie Ann Power, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness

FOR INFORMATION

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Randolph reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure. Mr. Brennan requested that the full text of Erin Fox's speech be placed in the minutes and on the SCDE webpage, stating that her words were both motivational and inspiring.

LaTonia Holloway provided an update regarding the October 9–10, 2017, SBE Retreat in Charleston, SC. She stated that she has been in constant contact with the Event Manager, Besty Winsor at Embassy Suites. She indicated that to date, it was her understanding that talks have taken place to secure a time for the SBE members to tour the Boeing Facility on the morning of October 9, 2017, followed by discussions on topics important to the Board in the afternoon. Ms. Holloway stated that the only matters that remain undecided were what agenda items would be discussed and logistical matters regarding lodging and SBE meeting preparation which would be handled by the appropriate SCDE staff.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:00 p.m.