

MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, August 8, 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; 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, EdD, 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; 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 JUNE 13, 2017.

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on June 13, 2017. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR AUGUST 8, 2017

Chair Randolph asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the August 8, 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 stated in accordance with state statute § 59-5-150 the State Board of Education is tasked with initiating an awards program to recognize business and industries, civic organizations, school improvement councils, and individuals contributing most significantly to public education. This program became known as the Volunteer Awards Program of which its purpose is to annually recognize those individuals and organizations that contribute to students in their communities through their volunteer hours to public education. Dr. Randolph stated that the Volunteer Awards Program has four designated categories: Individual, Business, Civic Organization, and School Improvement Council (SIC). Dr. Randolph recognized the following Volunteer Award Recipients:

- Individual Category: Leslie Williams, Anderson School District Five
- Business Category: Mr. Matt Tebbetts, Greenville Federal Credit Union, Greenville County School District
- School Improvement Counsel: Harolyn Hess, Principal, Fort Dorchester Elementary School, Dorchester County School District 2
- Civic Organization: Dr. Stephen Burnette, First Baptist Church, Williston, SC, Bamberg County School District 29

This concluded his report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman stated that she wished we had enough time to allow the volunteer award recipients to speak about their relationships with their students and the schools in their communities. She stated that the work that educators have to do is hard work and they can't do it alone, indicating that we

need volunteers from every aspect. Superintendent Spearman thanked the award recipients again and encouraged them to continue to do great work.

Superintendent Spearman stated that there was excitement in the air as school is about to begin. She stated that she'd visited Horry County School District for their convocation of new teachers where nearly 300 teachers were in the audience. Superintendent Spearman stated that we expecting nearly 800,000 students to return to our schools and almost 60,000 teachers to return to our 82 school districts, all ready to make a difference in these students' lives and helping them grow to their full potential over the next school year.

Superintendent Spearman reported that over the summer we had a very successful reading program. The SCDE has worked and sponsored this program, stating that there was great participation with over 150 schools serving as reading camp sites and that a more detailed report would be provided at the September meeting. Superintendent Spearman explained that legislation regarding Read to Succeed will be fully implemented this school year, stating that the SCDE is getting a lot of questions from the media and parents about what this will exactly mean for their third graders. She explained that this will be the first year that assessments will be used to decide if students are prepared and reading at grade level and if not, the decision will be made at that time as to whether the student will be retained. Superintendent Spearman stated that this assessment will not be the only thing considered during this process, explaining that student work portfolios will be reviewed and considered, and they will be provided an opportunity to work with principals and teachers to demonstrate their reading ability.

Superintendent Spearman commended the SCDE's Career and Technology Education (CATE) educators and departmental staff, for being awarded the Excellence in Action Award for outstanding state support for advance careers from the Southern Region Educational Board (SREB). Superintendent Spearman thanked Dr. Fowler, her staff, and the CATE programs across the state. She stated that even though we won an award, there is always room for improvement and becoming better.

Superintendent Spearman stated she was happy to report that the SCDE will be partnering to operate and implement the Read Your Way to the Big Game program. She stated that the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) has been doing this for many years. The concept behind the contest is to get our students to read more. Superintendent Spearman stated that there will be a list of books that the students can choose from, of which six of the designated books must be read in order to qualify to have their name placed in the hat for the drawing before the "Big Game" (Carolina vs. Clemson).. If they are chosen, the student and their family will attend the game in November.

Superintendent Spearman stated that due to the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, the Legislature gave schools permission to start school early. Superintendent Spearman stated that the SCDE is partnering with the State Museum and the Children's Museum to witness this great event. Superintendent Spearman pointed out that this is the first transcontinental total solar eclipse in 99 years.

Superintendent Spearman recognized Dr. Walter Tobin, Interim Superintendent of Allendale School District and other staff present, reporting that since the last meeting in June the SCDE has become very involved in Allendale. She stated that more details will be provided regarding the matter of Allendale School District later during the meeting. This concluded her report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 with item PL-02 being tabled at this time. Chair Randolph stated that action on item PL-01 which is the first reading of the 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. Chair Randolph stated that this item was coming out of committee and did not require a second. Chair Randolph called for question, hearing no objections he called for the vote on item PL-01. The first 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 passed unanimously. Chair Randolph stated that the committee was provided a brief update regarding the waiver which was their only information item. This concluded his report.

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 (First Reading)**—Richard Podmore, Director, Safety and Information, Office of Transportation, Division of Operations and Support, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
- 02. State Board of Education (SBE) Project Funding of General Appropriations Act, 2017–2018 S.C. Acts 97, Proviso 1.66 (Proviso 1.66)**—Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs

FOR INFORMATION

- 03. 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 two action items. Mr. Reeves provided a detailed and thorough explanation on each item. Mr. Reeves noted item EP-01 was the 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 (PADEP), was coming before the board for approval, explaining that this item goes along with ADEPT. Mr. Reeves stated that the other action item, EP-02, was placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Reeves recognized Mary Hipp to provide specific information to the board regarding EP-01-(R.43-165.1). Chair Randolph stated that this item was coming out of committee and did not require a second. Chair Randolph called for question, hearing no objections he called for the vote on item EP-01. The first reading of 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 passed unanimously. Superintendent Spearman stated that teacher recruitment is a huge issue that not only South Carolina faces, but other states as well. She stated that the SCDE will be convening with the Legislature at their request to discuss this issue. They have organized a task force that will meet to take a look at teacher recruitment and retention and Dr. Sharon Wall will represent the SBE. Superintendent Spearman stated that the SCDE staff will be reporting on this matter, and that she was glad that the legislature has given us the responsibility for setting guidelines for alternative certification. She emphasized that this is an area that requires balance in making certain that we are securing qualified individuals and ensuring the quality of teachers in the classrooms. Mr. Reeves stated this concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **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 (First Reading)**—Lilla Toal-Mandsger, Education Associate, Office of Educator Effectiveness, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
02. **Guidelines for Teachers of Tomorrow**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

FOR INFORMATION

03. **State Board of Education (SBE) Project Funding of General Appropriations Act, 2017–2018 S.C. Acts 97, Proviso 1.66 (Proviso 1.66)**—Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Ewart who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item and three information items. Mr. Ewart explained that the action item dealt with the first reading of the proposed amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-172 (R.43-172), Accounting and Reporting. Mr. Ewart provided detailed information relative to the proposed amendments to the (R.43-172) advising that the proposed changes were dates and updating some of the terminology in the regulation. Chair Randolph stated that this item was coming out of committee and did not require a second. Chair Randolph called for question, hearing no objections he called for the vote on item IF-01. The first reading of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-172 (R.43-172), Accounting and Reporting passed unanimously.

Mr. Ewart also reported that there were three information items presented to the committee. Mr. Ewart provided a thorough review on all matters and highlighting that the sub-committee was updated and brought up to speed on the Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund matter and advised how those monies would be disbursed. He also stated that a financial update was provided on the 2017–18 fiscal year.

Superintendent Spearman stated that the Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund matter is very important and that everyone present as well as the public need to be aware that the legislature has appropriated \$54,000,000 to go towards safety and health improvements in the plaintiff districts and any other districts that have 80 percent poverty or higher. She stated that we are just getting in the request, indicating that the SCDE has asked districts to submit their top three safety and health improvements. Superintendent

Spearman stated that the money is probably going to run out and that we want to be certain that we get these funds to the most needy and the most important safety improvements, expressing that her goal along with the help of SCDE staff, is to have all of the monies disbursed before January 2018, when the Legislature returns for session. Superintendent Spearman explained that there are some desperate safety needs in districts right now. Mr. Ewart stated that he wanted to reiterate that an assessment of all the school districts was conducted prior to determine who would receive these funds and suggested that districts utilized these assessments in prioritizing these projects that will be provided to the SCDE. Superintendent Spearman referenced the facility study which was conducted last year wherein 12 architects went out across the districts to do assessments of top needs. Based on those assessments, 48 districts qualified for funding. Mr. Ewart stated this concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Proposed Amendment to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-172 (R.43-172), Accounting and Reporting (First Reading)**—Melissa Myers, Director, Office of Auditing Services

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. State Board of Education (SBE) Project Funding of General Appropriations Act, 2017–2018 S.C. Acts 97, Proviso 1.66 (Proviso 1.66)**—Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent, for Legal Affairs
- 03. Abbeville Capital Improvement Fund**—Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support
- 04. Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2017–18**—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 explaining that item SLA-01 at the request of Dr. Fowler was deferred until the September meeting. He stated that item SLA-02 was the first reading of the proposed new State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-235, Employability Credential for Students with Disabilities. Mr. Kizer stated that this item was recommended for approval by the sub-committee. Mr. Kizer recognized John Payne, Director of the Office of Special Education Services, to provide a brief presentation to the board regarding this new regulation. Mr. Payne provided a detailed specific presentation regarding the new regulation. Chair Randolph stated that this item was coming out of committee and did not require a second. Chair Randolph called for question, hearing no objections he called for the vote on item SLA-02. The first reading of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-235, Employability Credential for Students with Disabilities passed unanimously.

Chair Randolph asked Mr. Payne to have the members of the committee that worked on this matter to stand, and thanked them for all of their hard work. Superintendent Spearman stated that she was so proud that the board is involved in some very important work. She stated that this regulation is something that has been long overdue in South Carolina. Superintendent Spearman thanked Mr. Payne,

Dr. Fowler, and staff for all of their hard work stating that this employability credential regulation was a great step in the right direction for our students with disabilities.

Mr. Kizer also reported that the sub-committee had one information item of which Dr. Susan Creighton provide the sub-committee with the submissions results from the 2016–17 Adoption List of Formative Assessments. This concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. South Carolina Preschool Curriculum Review Process**—Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness
- 02. Proposed New State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-235, Employability Credential for Students with Disabilities (First Reading)** —John Payne, Director, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness and Tabitha Strickland, Education Associate, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness.

FOR INFORMATION

- 03. Call for Submissions Results for the 2016–17 Adoption List of Formative Assessments**—Susan Creighton, Education Associate, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
- 04. State Board of Education (SBE) Project Funding of General Appropriations Act, 2017–2018 S.C. Acts 97, Proviso 1.66 (Proviso 1.66)**—Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Samuel Alston who reported that the Educator Licensure Committee met and moved that the Full Board approve and ratify the actions. 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 unanimously.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 02. State Board of Education (SBE) Project Funding of General Appropriations Act, 2017–2018 S.C. Acts 97, Proviso 1.66 (Proviso 1.66)**—Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

- 02. Guidelines for Teachers of Tomorrow**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR INFORMATION

Chair Randolph recognized Mr. Michael Lally who provided a PowerPoint that explained in detail the three revisions made to the standards since the *South Carolina Health and Safety Education Standards* were first presented for first reading. Chair Randolph called for the motion. Dr. Wall moved that the second reading of the *South Carolina Health and Safety Education Standards* (Second Reading) be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Fowler who reported that since the first reading of the *South Carolina Early Learning Standards* was presented there were no additional changes made. Dr. Fowler reminded everyone that the writing of these standards was a collaborative effort with other agencies and explained that in staying aligned with the SCDE policies and procedures in making certain that all information is ADA compliant, the SCDE staff is providing its finalized document to school districts to begin training so that the guidelines can be implemented and used. She explained that the original document which is in the possession of Department of Social Services staff is being converted so that the illustrations can be added to the SCDE document at a later time. Chair Randolph thanked Dr. Fowler for the presentation and called for the vote. Dr. Wall moved that the second reading of the *South Carolina Early Learning Standards* be approved as presented. Dr. Alston seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Randolph recognized Dr. Latoya Dixon who reported that the Florence Four School District board continues to work with the SCDE in finding a mutually agreed upon individual to serve as Superintendent for the district; however, in the interim Dr. Zona Jefferson continues to serve and is beginning preparation for the new school year. She stated that all of the certified teaching positions in Timmonsville are filled with the exception of one elementary music teacher position.

Dr. Dixon stated that student registration was held on July 31, 2017, at the Timmonsville Education Center, and the Florence Four Convocation is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017. She also reported that the Florence Four staff participated in professional development July 31–August 3, 2017. This professional development opportunity primarily focused on helping teachers develop and implement a process to collect and use data to inform their instructional practice.

Dr. Dixon introduced and recognized Dr. Margaret Gilmore who provided a report regarding the matter in Allendale County School District. Dr. Dixon stated that Dr. Gilmore is currently serving as the district transformation coach in Allendale along with Dr. Walter Tobin serving as Interim Superintendent. Dr. Gilmore reported that all of the certified teaching positions have been filled with the exception of three elementary teachers, one secondary social studies teacher, and one secondary English language arts teacher. She stated that interviews are being conducted and candidates are pending. Dr. Gilmore also reported that a community meeting was held on July 24, 2017, to provide the community with district updates and capital and facility improvement information, as well as the introduction of the Allendale

Six. Dr. Gilmore explained that the Allendale Six is a new instructional process that will be implemented in every Allendale schools this school year, stating that this process would include bell-to-bell instruction, data informed instruction, and building positive relationships between teachers and students. Dr. Gilmore stated that the Allendale convocation will be held on August 10, 2017, wherein Superintendent Spearman will be one of the guest speakers. Dr. Gilmore stated that the district has rigorous professional development opportunities for teachers scheduled for August 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, as well as throughout the school year. Superintendent Spearman thanked Dr. Dixon and Dr. Gilmore for all of their work and asked Dr. Tobin to stand to be recognized and thanked him for his contribution to the students in Allendale.

Chair Randolph recognized Cathy Hazelwood who reiterated that the matter regarding the SBE Project Funding of General Appropriations Act has been tabled until the September meeting which will allow SCDE staff time to gather some additional information to address the concerns heard by board members earlier today. Superintendent Spearman asked Mrs. Hazelwood to update the board regarding the status of the Allendale settlement. Mrs. Hazelwood provided background information that highlighted the Allendale County Board of Trustees filing a lawsuit against Superintendent Spearman upon her declaring a state of emergency in the Allendale. She stated that at that time legal counsel was retained to represent the SCDE in this matter however, prior to filing documents with the SC Supreme Court the SCDE was contacted by the district's legal counsel to propose a memorandum of agreement (MOA) discussion to resolve the pressing matters in Allendale. This proposed option was agreed upon with the understanding that this MOA would only be in place for 18 months and at the conclusion of the SCDE and the district will come back to the table and reassess matters at that time.

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. South Carolina Health and Safety Education Standards Education (Second Reading)**—Michael Lally, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness
- 02. South Carolina Early Learning Standards (Second Reading)**—Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

FOR INFORMATION

- 03. Florence County School District Four Update**—Latoya Dixon, PhD, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
- 04. Allendale County School District Update**—Latoya Dixon, PhD, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness
- 05. State Board of Education (SBE) Project Funding of General Appropriations Act, 2017–2018 S.C. Acts 97, Proviso 1.66 (Proviso 1.66)**—Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Randolph reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure. Dr. Wall stated that an email would be disseminated to all board members to determine attendance and lodging needs for the upcoming SBE Retreat. Mr. Brennan shared with the board that he attended a gathering at the Statehouse again this year where there were teachers, students, parents, and other interested persons to pray for schools, teachers, superintendents, and students for this school year.

Ms. Jones asked Superintendent Spearman about a possible cap on the number of alternative certification programs to be active at one time. Superintendent Spearman stated to her knowledge there hasn't been any discussions regarding this matter; however, this may be a discussion that the task force may have when addressing matters regarding teacher recruitment and retention. Mrs. Jones stated that her concern is not so much regarding the number of applicants applying for alternative certification but that increasing the number of programs may commercialize the profession.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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