MINUTES
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Time
1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Sharon Wall, EdD, Chair
Del-Gratia Jones, 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 1:20 p.m. Chair Sharon Wall, EdD, Eleventh Judicial Circuit called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Jon Butzon, First Judicial Circuit; Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit; Janice Murray Gamble, Ed.D., Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Mara Horton Jones, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Cynthia A. Downs, Ed.D., Eighth Judicial Circuit; Debby Howard, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Jean W. Pearson, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Valaree C. Smith, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Trevor Strawderman, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee. Absent with apologies were J.R. Green, PhD, Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; David Mathis, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; John Payne, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Community and Federal Resources; Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of District Operations and Support; Ryan Brown, Chief Communications

Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Cody McGee, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Travis Huggins, Information Technology Manager I, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara A. Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Paralegal, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2018.

Chair Wall asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on October 9, 2018. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Chair Wall asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the November 13, 2018, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Wall recognized all visitors who were present.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wall stated that there will be a work session for all SBE members on December 10, 2018, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Rutledge Conference Center, to discuss the state assessments and why the SCDE does what it does. Dr. Wall stated that this work session is voluntary; however, encouraged everyone to attend. This concluded her report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Wall recognized Superintendent Spearman and congratulated her on her recent reelection to serve another four years as State Superintendent. Superintendent Spearman thanked everyone stating that she was looking forward to working with SCDE staff and the SBE for the next four years. Superintendent Spearman stated that this has been another busy month, noting her recent surprise visit to River Bluff High School where Dr. Lucas "Luke" Clamp received the 2019 NASSP National Principal of the Year Award. Superintendent Spearman reported that she had the opportunity to travel to Myrtle Beach to attend the SC Teacher Forum Conference and explained that this is a time of the year when all the district teachers of the year, former state teachers of the year, and former honor roll teachers come together, noting that this is a most inspiring event and a great representation of the teachers in South Carolina. Superintendent Spearman reported that she traveled to Charleston, to be present for a special announcement in support of Joseph P. Riley's, former mayor of Charleston, dream of having the International African American Museum built in Charleston. Superintendent Spearman stated that thus far, $75 million has been raised for the museum and will be breaking ground soon. She stated that the special announcement was that Rosalind and Jerry Richardson, of Charlotte, North Carolina, presented a

gift of $5 million to the museum for the purpose of providing assistance for student visits from the schools across the state.

Superintendent Spearman stated that three of our largest high school bands from South Carolina were invited to participate in the 2018 Bands of America Grand National Competition; Wando High School, Charleston County School District and Fort Mill High School and Nations Ford High School both from York School District Four. She stated that Wando High School placed sixth in the nation. Superintendent Spearman extended her congratulations to the high schools and Districts for their accomplishments.

Superintendent Spearman stated that she had sent out an email announcing the delay in releasing the State Report card, noting that as stated in her email, the data received from the vendor, AdvancEd, was questionable with regard to indicator five which deals with the student engagement survey. She stated that she believes that this was the right decision and advised that the new release date is set for November 29, 2018.

This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Fox signed up for public comments.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PH PUBLIC HEARING—REPORT

Chair Wall recognized Emily Heatwole who stated that the proposed changes to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-241 (R.43-241), Medical Homebound Instruction, only consisted of two changes and explained in detail how this will keep the SCDE in compliance with the Nurse Practice Act which was passed this past year by the General Assembly. Chair Wall asked if there were any questions for Mrs. Heatwole. Since there were no questions, Chair Wall called for the motion to approve the second reading of the proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-241 (R.43-241), Medical Homebound Instruction as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Howard that item PH-01 be approved for second reading as presented. Dr. Gamble seconded the motion. Chair Wall called for the question, hearing no objections she called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

01. Proposed Amendments to the State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-241 (R.43-241), Medical Homebound Instruction (Second Reading)—Emily Heatwole, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, Division of Legal Affairs

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Wall reported that the subcommittee met and heard one action item which was related to multiple online testing waiver request from various Districts. Chair Wall stated it was the recommendation of the

committee to place this item on the consent agenda. Chair Wall reported further that the information item was the regular update regarding the school district waiver request that are resolved by SCDE staff.

This concluded Chair Wall's report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. Multiple School District Online Testing Waiver Requests of General Appropriations Act, 2018, S.C. Act 97, Proviso 1.76 (Proviso 1.76)—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

FOR INFORMATION

02. School District Waiver Requests Update—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS —COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Wall reported that Educator Professions did not meet this month.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chair Wall recognized Mrs. Harmon who reported that the sub-committee met and heard one action item. She recognized Dr. Anne Pressley who provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board relative to the first reading of the South Carolina Social Studies College and Career Ready Standards. Dr. Pressley provided a thorough explanation regarding the content changes and noted that as with all the other standards developed, the Social Studies Standards have been developed to align with the *Profile of the SC Graduate*. She noted that work on these standards began in August of 2016 with the Education Oversight Committee's (EOC) cyclical review of the 2011 Social Studies Standards. Dr. Pressley explained upon compilation of all data and feedback from public comments, additional revisions were made which are in the draft document being presented today for first reading. Dr. Pressley noted that if all goes well, the Social Studies Standards will be presented to both the SBE and EOC for second reading and final approval in January 2019.

After brief discussion, Chair Wall asked if there were any additional questions or concerns, there being none she called for a motion. It was moved by Mr. Brenan that the first reading of the South Carolina Social Studies Standards be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Howard. Chair Wall called for the question, hearing no objections she called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously. This concluded Dr. Pressley's report.

Mrs. Harmon stated that the committee also heard two information items and recognized Ms. Nicole Adams to come forward and provide the Board with a brief presentation regarding the Standard Setting for South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt)-High School in the areas of English 1, Algebra 1, Biology 1, and United States History and the Constitution. Ms. Adams provided the Board with some historical information regarding the South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt) explaining that No Child Left Behind and ESSA requires that all students are tested, noting that this includes students with significant cognitive disabilities. She explained that of this group of students that equates to approximately 1 percent,

and of those students, approximately 37 percent are nonverbal. Ms. Adams explained thoroughly the entire standards development process and how the cut scores were established to determine how students would meet the criteria to take the alternate assessment in high school in the recommended areas presented. This concluded Ms. Adams report.

Mrs. Harmon stated that the committee heard one final information item and recognized Mr. Bradley Mitchell to make a brief presentation to the Board. Mr. Mitchell explained that VirtualSC is required by the legislature to provide an annual report to the General Assembly and provide highlights regarding this report in a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Mitchell stated that all the courses provided online are aligned with state standards and stressed that VirtualSC is a learning program, and not a school, that serves students from grades 6–12 who are in public, private, or homeschool programs, as well as Adult Education programs. Mr. Mitchell explained that enrollment has grown since the inception of the learning program, noting that the program was unable to serve approximately 2,500 students in 2016–17 and approximately 3,500 students in 2017–18 due to budget constraints. Mr. Mitchell advised that the program has not had a budget increase since 2015–16, noting that they have still been able to serve the same amount of students and that students are still trying to enroll in the program to take courses.

Superintendent Spearman asked Mr. Mitchell to provide the Board information regarding the Franchise Program. Mr. Mitchell stated this program began in 2014 with Aiken County School District serving as the pilot district. He explained in great detail how the program works and highlighted that the SCDE provides all of the curriculum, computers, and technological support to the District and the District in turn provides the teachers and determines the timing and pace of the courses offered to their students. Mr. Mitchell made one final note that the program has grown from one district to sixteen districts since 2014. This concluded Mr. Mitchell's report.

Mrs. Harmon stated that this concluded her committee report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. South Carolina Social Studies College and Career Ready Standards (First Reading)—Anne Pressley, PhD., Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness

FOR INFORMATION

02. Standard Setting for South Carolina Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt)-High School (English 1, Algebra 1, Biology 1, and United States History and the Constitution)—Ms. Nicole Adams, Education Associate, Office of Assessment, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement

03. VirtualSC Annual Report Update—Mr. Bradley Mitchell, Director, Office of Virtual Education, Division of College and Career Readiness

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Wall reported that Innovation and Finance did not meet this month.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Wall recognized Mrs. Sharon Bynum to provide the Educator Licensure Committee (ELC) report. Mrs. Bynum stated that the committee met and took action upon the following: One Permanent Revocation, Two Revocations, and Six Suspensions (three Breach of Contract and three Unprofessional Conduct). This concluded Mrs. Bynum's report.

Chair Wall stated that the Board ratified the actions taken by the committee during the Full Board Educator Licensure meeting.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Wall called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. It was moved by Dr. Downs to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. M. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

03. Multiple School District Online Testing Waiver Requests of General Appropriations Act, 2018, S.C. Act 97, Proviso 1.76 (Proviso 1.76)—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

04. South Carolina Social Studies College and Career Ready Standards (First Reading)—Anne Pressley, PhD., Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Wall recognized John Payne, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement, who provided the following updates for the SCDE managed school districts on behalf of Dr. Dixon:

Florence Four

- The District audit is taking place as part of the Shared Service Agreement with Florence School District One;
- The District held a number of professional development training opportunities, to include but not limited to, MAP Skills &Navigator Training. Teachers met on October 20, 2018, to finalize their School Improvement Plan and work with District Transformation Coaches to discuss and identify the root causes for reading and math deficiencies;

- Timmonsville and Brockington Elementary students advanced to round two in the Florence One School District Spelling Bee;
- Students at Johnson Middle School, under the leadership of Jermaine Rogers, planted beautiful gardens at all of the schools through his partnership with the School & Community Garden;
- On October 31, 2018, several Timmonsville High School students were able to attend the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Youth Leadership Conference; and
- Timmonsville High JROTC cadets were recognized by the United States Army for their outstanding color guard presentation at the Youth Success Ceremony at Southeast Express.

Allendale

- A community meeting was held on October 22, 2018, with approximately 250 parents, students, and community partners in attendance;
- SRP Federal Credit Union has partnered with the District, and has been introducing financial literacy and the infinity card to the community;
- Dr. Gilmore, Superintendent for Allendale School District, has provided an update on the state of Allendale School District to the Allendale County Council on October 18, 2018, and to the Allendale Retired Teachers Association on October 17, 2018;
- The District has held a number of staff professional development sessions to include but not limited to, Principals Coaching Conversations, Vertical Articulation, Saturday Academy, and Teacher Induction training;
- Allendale-Fairfax High School had over 100 students signup for the Academic Intervention Afterschool Program;
- Allendale-Fairfax High School celebrated Manufacture Day by sending 20 students to Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing in Bamberg to tour their facilities;
- Mrs. Alfreda Jamison, Director of Technology, presented at the State Education Technology Conference on October 25, 2018, in Greenville; and
- On October 30–31, 2018, the District held its first Teacher and Student District Advisory Committee meeting.

Williamsburg

- On October 1, 2018, Dr. Wilder facilitated a community meeting at Kingstree High School, providing an update on District events;
- District staff continues to review their District Strategic Plans and are in the process of creating a Strategic Planning Committee that will include business partners, teachers, parents, administrators, and faith-based organizations just to name a few;
- A Special Education Program assessment was conducted and they have begun training their special education teachers with System Forty-Four and have been working closely with the Office of Special Education Services to evaluate, develop and implement programs for students who have been identified as a student with Autism;
- The District's Special Education division has closed 49 of the 56 systemic violations of non-compliance found by the SCDE;
- All District administrators participated in the "Leader In Me" training held on October 5, 2018, and are implementing this initiative at all schools within the District;
- All Pre-K teachers and their assistants participated in the CERDEP training on October 23, 2018;

- The District's audit is close to completion. Two items that were found in last year's audit will be resolve matters related to the CATE program and Procurement Policy practices this year; and
- A library collection review was conducted and it was determined that the average age of reading materials in the library were at least twenty years old. Mr. Payne noted that in order for a District library to be considered at risk the copyright must be sixteen years from the current calendar date, noting there are currently eight schools who aren't compliant.

This concluded Mr. Payne's report.

Chair Wall recognized Mrs. Heatwole to come forward and proved the Board with an update regarding the SCDE budget. Mrs. Heatwole reported that approximately two weeks ago the SCDE presented its initial budget request to the Executive Budget Office, advising that this was step one in the nine step process. Mrs. Heatwole shared some of the following highlights of the SCDE's budget request:

- An increase of $173 million in the EFA, which would result in a base student cost of $2,647 for our school Districts, this includes a student safety weighting that would be applied to all students in grades K–12;
- A request of $154.5 million has been made to support teacher salary increase. This would result in a five percent increase across the board for all teachers; noting that this is important tool as it relates to the recruitment and retention of teachers;
- A request of $5 million recurring dollars has been made to support bus lease purchase, which will allow the SCDE to continue the lease to own process of our buses, in addition to a request for 40 million dollars in non-recurring funds which will keep the agency in line with the fifteen-year replacement cycle.
- A request for hazardous transportation funding has been made;
- A request for $2 million has been made for professional development, which would cover the cost in the rollout of professional development for the new Computer Science Standards, specifically for teachers in grades 9–12 to help support the new teacher certification, as well as school safety trainings; and
- A request for $5.1 million has been made to help support the SCDE's Virtual Education program. Mrs. Heatwole noted that this request has been made for the past three years and the SCDE has not received funding.

Superintendent Spearman asked Mrs. Heatwole to thoroughly explain the critical state of our Instructional Materials in full detail. She stated that EIA carry forward funds were used in the past to assist with purchasing of for current Instructional Materials to support the District's needs; however, these funds are no longer available at this time.

This concluded her report.

Chair Wall recognized John Payne, to provide a brief presentation to the Board about the State Report Card. Mr. Payne provided background information about our State Accountability System and how it relates to the State Report Card. He stated that it has been three years since the state has given report cards, stating that during this period there have been changes at both State and Federal levels. Mr. Payne explained in great detail the difference between past report cards and the new report cards, advising that in the past the District would get the ratings, now the schools will get ratings. He also explained in great detail how the weighting of the total 100 points that can be earned will be broken down to determine the cut scores used to provide schools with their report card ratings/scores. Mr. Payne stressed that this

whole process has been very complexed for all involved trying to pull approximately 11 points of data into one system.

Mr. Payne provided a brief explanation regarding the delay in the release of the State Report Card. He noted that there were some discrepancies in the data relative to the Student Engagement Survey, advising the importance to the SCDE that the data being released to the public as part of the State Report Card is accurate and valid since this is being used for an accountability system.

This concluded Mr. Payne's report.

FOR INFORMATION

01. **Florence County School District Four Update**—Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

02. **Allendale County School District Update——**Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

03. **Williamsburg County School District Update**— Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

04. **South Carolina Department of Education Budget Update**—Emily Heatwole, Director of Governmental Affairs, Division of Legal Affairs

05. **State Report Card Update**—John Payne, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability, and School Improvement

X. OTHER BUSINESS

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:10 p.m.