**MINUTES**
**State Board of Education Meeting**

**Date**
**Tuesday, August 14, 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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## I. WELCOME

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:04 p.m. Chair-elect Del-Gratia Jones, Second Judicial Circuit, called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Jon Butzon, First 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, Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Debby Howard, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Jean W. Pearson, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Valaree C. Smith, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee. Chair Sharon Wall, EdD, Eleventh Judicial Circuit and J.R. Green, PhD, Sixth Judicial Circuit were 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; David Mathis, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; John Payne, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Ryan Brown, Chief Communications Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Robert Benn, 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, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Paralegal, Division for Legal Affairs.

## II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2018.

Chair-elect Jones asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on June 12, 2018. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

## III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR AUGUST 14, 2018

Chair-elect Jones asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the August 14, 2018, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

## IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair-elect Jones recognized House Representative Lonnie Hosey and all other visitors who were present.

## V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair-elect Jones stated that she would be providing the Chair report in Dr. Wall's absence. She stated that the Board had received information that former SBE member Dr. Rhonda Edwards has had knee surgery and is recovering nicely as well as noting that Senator Greg Hembree is recovering in the hospital asking that everyone keeps these individuals and their families in our prayers.

## VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Superintendent Spearman stated that this is the most wonderful time of the year… the beginning of a new school year. Superintendent Spearman stated that she had the privilege to attend Allendale County School District's convocation noting that it was very inspiring. She stated that she would be leaving following today's meeting to travel to the Pee Dee area to visit schools through Friday to include the Williamsburg County School District.

Superintendent Spearman stated that the White House has announced the most recent recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching. She stated that we are proud to have two teachers from South Carolina selected to represent K–6 grade educators from across the United States. The award recipients are Sandra Bradshaw, Science teacher, Anderson County School District Five and Tami Broomall, Mathematics Instructional Services Specialist, Spartanburg County School District Six. Superintendent Spearman stated that this award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K–12 Mathematics and Science teachers including Computer Science.

Superintendent Spearman reported that two years in a row now, South Carolina has had a finalist for the National High School Principal of the Year. She recalled that not only did we have a finalist last year, we had a principal to actually win the award. This year's finalist is Luke Camp, Ed.D., Principal of River Bluff High School, Lexington School District One. He is one of three finalists for this very distinguished award. Superintendent Spearman stated that school safety is one of the SCDE's number one priorities, noting that the SCDE recently contracted with Safe Haven Safety International to develop materials to reduce the risk of school violence, which is a resource designed to help our teachers and educators support personnel more effectively in recognizing and responding to behaviors and communications that could indicate a potential active assailant situation. She stated that staff is working on videos for both teachers and students to help them to identify potential behaviors and characteristics that might indicate a problem.

Superintendent Spearman stated that she was pleased that the Legislature approved a number of bills and funding to improve safety in our schools during their last session. She stated that the Safe School Initiative requires the SCDE and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to coordinate, collect, and compile safety plans from each district and also put forth funding for facility and infrastructure safety upgrades. She noted that these applications will be coming before the SBE for approval, and advised that the districts have already been notified to put in their request to tell us about the projects they feel they need to do with their facilities to harden the entrance of their schools. Superintendent Spearman pointed out that it will be the responsibility of the SBE to determine how the funds will be disbursed. Additionally, Superintendent Spearman also noted that the General Assembly allocated funding for School Resource Officers. She stated that applications from districts are due this week, noting that the SCDE will be sending out funding for these officers based upon the need and index of tax paying ability of the District. She also reported that the SCDE and SLED have collaborated to develop guidelines for the conduct of active shooter/intruder training. These guidelines will require each school district to conduct at least two fire drills, two active shooter/intruder drills and two severe weather/earthquake drills with one drill of each category conducted each semester.

Superintendent Spearman revealed the Stop the Bleed Kit, explaining that the state of South Carolina through a grant and collaboration with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the SCDE was able to purchase 18,000 kits which are being distributed through schools across the state. She stated that the District must send an individual to training, preferably a nurse to learn how to appropriately use the kit. Superintendent Spearman described the items include in the kit and explained their purpose.

Superintendent Spearman stated that it's that time of the year again for the "Read Your Way to the Big Game" contest. She stated that this is a program that has been going on for a number of years, which encourages our children to increase their reading, all while trying to win tickets to the Clemson vs. USC game in November. Superintendent Spearman shared a video that highlights the details of the contest.

This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Professor Wilda J. Robinson from Allendale County School District provided public comments.

## VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

### PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair-elect Jones reported that the subcommittee met and heard four action items and one information item. Chair–elect Jones provided a detailed explanation regarding each item, noting that items PL-02 through PL-04 were recommended by the committee to be placed on the consent agenda. Chair-elect Jones stated that item PL-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 (First Reading) need to be brought before the Board for approval. Chair-elect Jones called for the motion to approve the first 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 Mr. Brenan that item PL-01 be approved for first reading as presented, Dr. Gamble seconded the motion. Chair-elect Jones called for the question, hearing no objections she called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair-elect Jones stated the next item for discussion, which was recommend by the committee to be placed on the consent agenda was the waiver request from Horry County School District. Mr. Butzon asked why this regulation needed to exist. Darlene Prevatt, Betsy Carpentier, and Superintendent Spearman explained to Mr. Butzon that there are guidelines, wherein the General Assembly has stipulated we do things a certain way for uniformity in our schools. After much discussion, Mr. Butzon asked if this was a regulation that the SCDE could look at changing. Superintendent Spearman and Mrs. Carpentier stated that this is a possible regulation that could be reviewed by staff at a later time, noting that in order to do this the entire process and systemic issues both at state and District levels would need to be reviewed to make certain that the student is not adversely affected.

Mr. Brenan stated that he was not certain that the Board wants to take the action that Mr. Butzon was inquiring about. He stated that during his ten year tenure on the SBE, the Board has been very gracious with its waivers over time and it appears that the process is working effectively and noted further that it was his belief that Mr. Butzon's concerns have been duly noted by SCDE staff. Mr. Brenan concluded by saying that if it was determined by SCDE staff that something needed to be done differently they would bring that information back to the Board at a later time, which may at that time require a vote by the Board.

This concluded Chair Jones' report.

### FOR APPROVAL

**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 (First Reading)—**Victoria Ladd, MSN, RN, State School Nurse Consultant, Office of Health and Nutrition, Division of Operation and Support

**02. Horry County Schools' (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

**03. Lexington School District Four (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-231 (R.43-231), Defined Program Grades K–5, Section II(C) Guidance Program—**Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

**04. Charleston County School District (District) Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-1-425 (§ 59-1-425(C)), Make-up Days—**Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

**FOR INFORMATION**

**05. School District Waiver Requests Update—**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-elect Jones recognized Gerald Reeves who reported that the committee met and heard two action items. Mr. Reeves provided an explanation on each item, noting item EP-01, dealt with guidelines for Certification Fields and item EP-02 dealt with guidelines for Certification Permits. Mr. Reeves stated that the committee was looking at making modifications and changes to the existing document and getting it up to date so that everything would align for teacher certification permits being issued to teachers. He explained that these items didn't need to be voted upon since it wasn't in regulation advising that the committee voted to place these action items on the consent agenda for approval. Mr. Reeves stated that the committee had very good discussion regarding this matter, and recognized Mrs. Mary Hipp to come forward to do a brief presentation to the Board regarding these matters. Mrs. Hipp provided a presentation that thoroughly explained in detail the content in both documents.

This concluded Mr. Reeves' report.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**01. Guidelines for South Carolina Certification Fields Pursuant to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 43-62 Areas of Certification—**Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

**02. Guidelines for South Carolina Certification Permits Pursuant to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 43-53 Credential Classification—**Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

## SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chair-elect Jones recognized Mrs. Harmon who reported that the committee met and heard only one action item today. Mrs. Harmon reported that this action item was dealing with the second reading of the South Carolina Standards for High School Computer Science. Mrs. Harmon recognized Dr. Anne Pressley to provide a brief presentation to the Board on this item. Dr. Pressley provided background information regarding the timelines for the High School Computer Standards. She stated development began during the 2017–18 academic year, the writers' convened in March and the Standards were posted for public review in April and May. Dr. Pressley stated that the first reading of these standards was presented in

June, leading up to final approval today. Dr. Pressley explained that that the proposed High School Standards were developed to drive instruction for students who are interested in very defined post-secondary outcomes, as well as those students who are interested in the area for exploration of Computer Science. She stated that the intent of the writers were to develop a set of standards that would support both of those needs for our high school students.

Dr. Pressley stated that the Standards are divided by levels, instead of grade levels. She stated that you will see four different levels of standards at the High School level, explaining that the reason for this is to bundle course pathways, therefore they're not bound by 9th grade, 10th grade, etc., noting that this provides latitude for robust course development to support students' post-secondary outcomes as she referenced earlier. Dr. Pressley stated that the key concepts in the Standards are computing systems, network and internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and the impact of computing. She stated that they included an exemplar to level standards and indicators, explaining that this is the coding you would see in the standards document.

Dr. Pressley recognized the Business and Industry partners who assisted with these standards, there were as follows:

- Peter Zambelli– Retired Project Executive with IBM;
- Linda Zambelli– Technology Manager with Pepsico;
- Bill Taylor– Co-founder and Managing Partner of kVA; and
- Jennifer Simon– Vice President for Consumer Success with Mercury Gate.

Dr. Pressley explained that the SCDE would need to maintain the partnerships with these entities and have them at the table moving forward when discussing course development and professional development opportunities for teachers to make certain that our pathway remains relevant. Chair-elect Jones asked if there were other Computer Science Standards that the Board could compare to the new Standards. Dr. Pressley stated that there were no standards prior to the development of these standards, explaining that South Carolina has cross walked these standards between other states that have a K–12 Computer Science Standards noting that there are currently 21 other states that have this which have already been approved. Dr. Gamble asked if the standards would be available for Districts to begin to review them. Dr. Pressley advised that upon approval the new Computer Science Standards would be placed on the website.

This concluded Dr. Pressley's presentation.

Chair-elect Jones called for the motion to approve the second reading of the South Carolina Computer Science Standards for High School. It was moved by Dr. Gamble to approve the second reading of the South Carolina Computer Science Standards for High School as presented. Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion. Chair-elect Jones called for the question, hearing no objections she called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

This concluded Mrs. Harmon's report.

**FOR APPROVAL**

**01. South Carolina Computer Science Standards for High School Second/Final Reading—**Dr. Anne Pressley, PhD., Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness

## ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair-elect Jones 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: 1 Initial Certification, 1 Permanent Voluntary Revocation, 1 Public Reprimand, 1 Revocation, 2 Voluntary Surrender, 17 Suspensions, and 13 ADEPT Suspensions. This concluded Mrs. Bynum's report.

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

## IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair-elect Jones called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. It was moved by Dr. Downs to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harmon. The motion passed unanimously.

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## SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair-elect Jones recognized Mrs. Yolandé Anderson, Director, Office of Family and Community Engagement, who provided information regarding the SCDE's 2018 Parent Involvement Report. She stated that the SCDE recently released the Parent Involvement Report which is a report that provides data from parents that self-report their perception on school climate, as well as parent involvement related activities and an overall explanation why they may or may not be involved in some of the activities at the school. Mrs. Anderson stated that the full report could be found on the SCDE website under the SBE tab. Mrs. Anderson provided some highlights from the report, noting that over 80 percent of participating parents believe that schools are friendly, and less than 6 percent of participating parents reported they did not feel like schools provided them with the necessary information regarding their students' academic efforts in the classroom. Mrs. Anderson reminded everyone that the full report could be found online and asked that her report be accepted as information. This concluded her presentation.

Chair–elect Jones recognized Dr. Latoya Dixon who stated that she would be providing the Florence Four report and the Superintendents from Allendale and Williamsburg would present their reports to the Board. Dr. Dixon noted the following updates for Florence Four School District:

- Convocation for the District was held on August 13, 2018.
- The SCDE has entered into a shared services agreement with Florence School District One and Florence School District Two to provide District level operational services for Florence Four. Florence School District One will now provide Florence School District Four support in areas of Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Special Education, Human Resources, Career and Technology Education (CATE) and Food and Nutrition. Florence School District Two will provide support in Maintenance, Grounds and Custodial Services.
- Ms. Tonya Addison, Principal at Johnson Middle School and Timmonsville High School and Ms. Theresa Gamble, Principal at Brockington Elementary School have worked diligently in their schools and they are now fully staffed.
- Registration for students who attend Johnson Middle School was held on August 6, 2018, and Brockington Elementary School was held on August 8, 2018. Rising 6th graders were able to participate in a two day 6th grade orientation academy on August 8 and 9, 2018, and Open House will be held on August 16, 2018.

This concludes the Florence Four Report.

Dr. Margaret Gilmore provide some of the following updates for Allendale School District:

- Dr. Gilmore recognized the following individuals Joni McDaniel, Regional Workforce Advisor, for South Carolina Department of Commerce, Robert Crenshaw, Consultant with Apprenticeship Carolina, Shelby Williams, STEM Community Outreach Project Director for he Dreams, Imagination & Gift Development Program (DIG), Christopher Hall, President of Denmark Technical College, and Demetrius Smith, Regional Program Specialist for Apprenticeship Carolina, who are all partners with Allendale County Schools.
- Allendale's primary focus is to increase student achievement; therefore, these are some things they are doing within the District to move the academic needle. Allendale operated four academic summer camps this past summer.
- Allendale has implemented an instructional program called the Allendale Six, which addresses bell-to-bell instruction, formative assessment and moving the academic needle.

- Allendale was awarded a United States 2020 STEM grant in the amount of $100,000.
- Allendale is in the process of organizing Instructional Learning Walks for both educators and students to ensure rigorous instruction is happening in Allendale classrooms.
- Allendale will introduce the Boys and Girls Club as well as the University of Possibilities Program for all 6th and 7th grade students, which will provide them an opportunity to participate in activities on a college campus.
- Allendale hosted a Back to School Bash with great community support where book bags and school supplies were provided to students.
- Allendale Schools are fully staffed this year; 16 of these teacher were new teachers.

Dr. Gilmore reiterated that there are a lot of great things going on in Allendale in an effort to attempt to change the overall climate in Allendale School District, as well as focusing on increasing student achievement and moving the academic needle for the upcoming school year. This concluded the Allendale Report.

Dr. Rose Wilder provide the following updates Williamsburg School District:

- Williamsburg County School District is currently under investigation by SLED for alleged grade tampering. Dr. Wilder stated she has met with SLED on at least three occasions to discuss this matter, noting this investigation as well as a pending lawsuit against the District was ongoing prior to her arrival.
- Dr. Wilder reported that several schools within the District did not have new textbooks for several years due to an outstanding balance for textbooks. This matter since her arrival has been remedied.
- Williamsburg County School District will implement this school year The Leader in Me district-wide initiative, which is designed to change behavior and attitudes and doing things differently within the District.
- Williamsburg County School District has 32 Juniors and Seniors who scored 20 or higher on the ACT, noting that one of these students, who is a rising senior, scored a 32 on the ACT.
- A variety of academic camps were held at all the schools this past summer in Williamsburg.
- Williamsburg County School District is now in partnership with Boeing.
- Williamsburg County School District has filled all of the District's critical needs area with a remaining shortage of approximately 4-5 teaching vacancies in the elementary school.
- The District has submitted its plan of recovery in response to being notified that the District is under Fiscal Caution.
- The District's current budget for the 2017–18 year is balanced.
- Williamsburg County School District has developed a salary scale for District staff.

Dr. Wilder noted while there are a lot of great things going on in the school district, there's still a lot of work that needs to be done and she is looking forward to working with everyone and having an exciting and productive school year. This concluded the Williamsburg Report.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**01.** **South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) 2018 Parent Involvement Report—**Yolandé Anderson, Director, Office of Family and Community Engagement

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

**03.** **Allendale County School District Update——**Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

**04.** **Williamsburg County School District Update——**Latoya Dixon, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

## X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair–elect Jones welcomed the newest member to the Board, Mrs. Jean Pearson, from Mullins, who will be representing the 12th Judicial Circuit. Chair–elect Jones reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure and stated that the next Board meeting will be held September 11, 2018.

The SBE Administrative Assistant reported that New Board Member training will be held next month on September 11, 2018, noting that more details regarding time and agenda items would be forthcoming.

Mr. Brenan thanked and expressed gratitude to Mr. Robert Benn for all of the assistance he provided to the SBE and its members.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:45 p.m.