

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Alan Walters., Chair
Crissy Stapleton, 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.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members physically attended: Chair Alan Walters, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Chair-Elect Crystal Stapleton, Second Judicial Circuit; Maya Slaughter, First Judicial Circuit; Delaney K. Frierson, Third Judicial Circuit ; Cathy D. Chapman, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Joyce Crimminger, Sixth Judicial Circuit; David O'Shields, Eighth Judicial Circuit; and Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Sallie R. Lee, Tenth Judicial Circuit; and Mary Cordray, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. Cheryl Collier, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; attended virtually. Carl Hinze, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Kristi Woodall, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Michael Brenan, Governor's Appointee were absent.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were physically attending: Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs; Barbara A. Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs; Katie Nilges, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, Division of Legal Affairs; Tracy Moore, SBE Minutes Taker/Administrative Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs; Kenzie Riddle, Program Manager, Office of Governmental Affairs,

Division of Legal Affairs; Frances “Cricket” Katsos, Administrative Coordinator, Office of Governmental Affairs, Division of Legal Affairs; David Mathis, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Kimberly E. Mack, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement; Derek Phillips, Public Information Director, Office of Communications; Travis Huggins, Information Technology Manager I, Chief Information Office, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; Quinn Murphy, IT Specialist III, Chief Information Office, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; Rashard Huntley, IT Specialist II, Chief Information Office, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations; and Raymond Dues, IT Specialist II, Chief Information Office, Division of Data, Technology and Agency Operations.

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SBE meeting convened at 1:01 p.m. Chair Walters called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone who attended either physically or virtually.

Chair-Elect Stapleton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Due to the pandemic, all JROTC performances are discontinued until further notice.)

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 2022, AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Chair Walters asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on August 9, 2022, and the Special Called Meeting minutes for September 13, 2022. Mr. Kobrovsky noted he attended the meeting virtually and attempted to participate. Hearing no other objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Chair Walters asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the September 13, 2022, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND NEWS MEDIA

Chair Walters welcomed any media and asked if any visitors had signed in. Jenna Hallman from CERRA, B. McKinzie Appling, from SCSHA, Cody Kriegsman from the SCEA, Patrick Kelly from the PSTA, and Nicole Davis from the SCEA.

STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Walters reported on the passing of Dr. Rose Wilder. “Certainly, she was a legendary educator in South Carolina. Most recently she was serving as superintendent in Williamsburg County, and she was working right up in that last week. It was just really incredible. That was her level of dedication to education.” Chair Walters requested a moment of silence to remember her contributions and offer up prayers for those affected by her loss. A moment of silence was observed.

V. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Walters noted that the Superintendent was not at the meeting and asked the Parliamentarian if she had any information to relay.

VI. PARLEMENTARIAN COMMENT

Chair Walters recognized Cathy Hazelwood, Parliamentarian. “Superintendent Spearman is not here today because she is having her portrait unveiled at SCASA. It's being presented today at SCASA. She hoped to get a picture of the picture. The Superintendent had not prepared a report for today beyond what her location is. I did want to just take a moment to, and I definitely appreciate Mr. Walter's moment of silence for Dr. Rose Wilder. I worked closely with her in Williamsburg, and she was an amazing woman. I cannot say enough about her. Mr. Brennan might have been the only one that would have been here in 2018. She came only once, to be with you all, because her work was in Williamsburg County. She seldom left the district. Dr. Wymbs called her the day before she passed away to talk about a school matter that she gave advice on. The district is devastated, we are working with them just to keep it going. They are doing a great job, but she was a force to be reckoned with in the best possible way. I just wanted to take a moment to recognize her.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thank you for being with us this afternoon. We do not have any public comment and will move on to our state board items.

VII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walters reported that the sub-committee did not meet.

This concluded Chair Walters’ report.

EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walters reported that the sub-committee did not meet.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walters recognized Ms. Frierson, who reported that the subcommittee met and heard one action item which was placed on the consent agenda and zero item(s) for information.

FOR APPROVAL

Approval of the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee Recommendations to Fill Vacancies.

FOR INFORMATION

No items.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walters recognized Ms. Chapman who reported the sub-committee met and took action upon the following 23 cases; 21 suspensions and 2 public reprimands.

FB-ELC FULL BOARD EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walters reported that the Full Board ELC met and took action upon the following case; a suspension. Chair Walters also confirmed that the FB ELC ratified the work of the ELC.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

All Committee Items presented to the State Board for approval by motion make up the Consent Agenda. Dr. O'Shields made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Crimminger seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

X. SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

01. No items.

FOR INFORMATION

02. Quarterly Review of State Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2022–23 Budget—Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

"I stand before you to go over your budget as of August 31st, 2022. For fiscal year 2023, you have a budget that's reflected on this first handout, passed out to the members. Under the current budget column, you will see a budget of \$258,034. That amount is broken down into two components. One, for state board operations, and the other related to educator cases, which you'll see toward the bottom of the spreadsheet. The operations component of the budget is budgeted at \$226,034, and educator cases portion is budgeted at \$32,000. Included in that \$226,000 is a personnel component, which is budgeted at \$182,000, of which \$151,061 remains. That is right on target. \$12,000 is budgeted to cover the cost of per diem, and down towards the middle of the page, you'll see \$32,034 is budgeted for other operating expenditures, to cover items like meals, lodging, mileage reimbursements, and video conferencing. As of August 31st, you'll see in that year to date actual expenditure column, you have expended \$420.01 to date for web conferencing services. After considering a purchase order establishing future web conferencing services, there's about \$28,827 remaining. Toward the bottom of the page, as it relates to the educator services, or the educator cost portion, you've expended \$593.10 to date, leaving a balance of \$15,847 after we consider those purchase orders. Now, the second handout you have, that provides more of the details on the year-to-date expenditures. As always, Mr. Chair, we'll continue to monitor the expenditures to make sure we have things loaded in the correct portion, in the correct components of your budget. And so that we can ensure that they're utilized for the intended purposes, and I'm available if there are any questions.

03. Literacy Update—David Mathis, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

Dr. Mathis reported the SCDE is fortunate to have talented directors leading our offices. They are recognized by school districts as our 'resident experts.' Clearly, they are masterful at building capacity. The SCDE Organizational Chart outlines those in leadership in the agency. I will point out a couple of changes worth noting. Dr. Quincie Moore joined the agency as the Director of Early Learning and Literacy. Earlier in the summer, she accepted the move to become the Director of Career and Technical Education. She is a natural fit for this position, as a former district superintendent, high school principal, and built a new career center in her district. As you know, this practical hands-on experience adds to the quality of her leadership. The SCDE is fortunate that Dr. Abbey Duggins is joining the agency as the Director of Early Learning and Literacy. Dr. Duggins most recently served as the assistant superintendent in Saluda County Schools. Prior to that role she was assistant principal of Saluda High School where she was named Assistant Principal of the Year in 2017. Dr. Duggins also chaired the

revision of the English language arts Standards that will be presented to you at your November meeting.

Assessment Results:

- State summative, SC READY test scores were released last week, and I would like to review those with you now.
- End of Course Examination Program scores will be released on September 19th.
- District and School Report Cards will be released on October 13th.

What are we doing to assist districts in improving student learning?

- Dreambox Learning: K-5 Math
- Math Nation: 6-12 Math
- Rally Tool: Tool to analyze summative and interim assessment data
- Instruction Hub: Mega digital library with resources for all educators
- Tutor.com: free tutoring service for all students

Financial Literacy: Next Steps

In a called meeting last week, you approved regulations around new legislation requiring high school students to earn a high minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit in financial literacy. Here is our timeline and next steps:

- Identify key stakeholders to develop financial literacy standards
- Identify instructional materials and resources that align to new standards
- Determine certification areas for those who will teach financial literacy
- Assist districts in developing courses to be offered to students
- Provide professional learning to teachers in delivering instruction in financial literacy

This work will be facilitated by Dr. Quincie Moore and staff from the Career and Technical Education Office.

This concluded Dr. Mathis' report.

Mr. Kobrovsky asked for clarification of the math fluency through model strategies. Dr. Mathis responded with examples to assist in understanding.

Mr. Walters asked about how educators will be chosen to teach the financial literacy classes. Dr. Mathis reported that there would not be a separate certification for that, but there are teachers who are certified in certain areas right now that would have the background to teach that. The important thing is to give them the professional development, professional training, to be able to teach that. That's why the standards are important, so that they can be trained with those, and any coursework and materials that we have to share with them while we train.

04. Allendale County School District (Allendale)—Kimberly E. Mack, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

“On Saturday, August 13th, several businesses, and community partners hosted an Allendale Fairfax school supply event. The Chandler law firm, Tracy's Snack Shack, State Farm agent BJ Jordan, and the Knee Bruisers Motorcycle Club provided free school supplies and bag lunches to Allendale County school districts. On August 22nd, Allendale County School District and the Allendale County School Board hosted a joint school board and community meeting, and file diagnostic assessments were administered August 16th through August 23rd for Allendale Fairfax elementary and middle schools, as well as ninth graders at Allendale Fairfax high school.”

05. Williamsburg County School District (WCSD) Update—Kimberly E. Mack, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Federal Programs, Accountability and School Improvement

“In Williamsburg County, Mr. Chair, you did allude to Dr. Rose Wilder passing away. She passed on the 30th of August. The district and the community are mourning her loss, but they're celebrating her impact that she had during her tenure. Dr. Kelvin Williams, who was a former transformation coach for the South Carolina department of Education, is serving as the interim superintendent.

King Street Senior High School has entered into a dual enrollment agreement with Williamsburg Technical College. If you know anything about that campus, Williamsburg is right next door to the high school. This is their first real partnership with Williamsburg Tech. Additionally, the district will begin working with the South Carolina Governor's School Accelerate and Early College Virtual Program. At the August school board meeting, each Williamsburg County School District principal presented updates to the board and community regarding their schools.”

This concluded Ms. Mack's report.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Walters reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure. He advised the board members that the November meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022, which is also election day. He urged the board members to vote before coming to the November meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 1:47 p.m.