

Missouri State Board of Education

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION May 18, 2011

The Missouri State Board of Education met on May 18, 2011, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Present: Peter Herschend, Branson, President
Rev. Stan Archie, Kansas City, Vice President
Deborah Demien, Wentzville, Member
Michael Jones, St. Louis, Member
Sybl Slaughter, Lebanon, Member
Russell Still, Columbia, Member
Chris L. Nicasastro, Commissioner of Education
Robin Barbour, Executive Assistant
Deputy Commissioner Ron Lankford
Assistant Commissioners Stephen Barr, Leigh Ann Grant
Engle, Jeanne Loyd, Kathy Thornburg, and Margie Vandeven;
Mark Van Zandt, General Counsel; Michele Clark,
Communications Coordinator and Robin Coffman, Chief of
Staff

Absent: Michael Ponder, Cape Girardeau, Member

No. 11716 President Herschend called the meeting of the Missouri State Board of
Call to Order Education to order at 9:19 a.m. The meeting was held in the State Board of
(05/18/2011) Education meeting room on the first floor of the Jefferson State Office
Building.

No. 11717 It was moved by Rev. Archie, seconded by Ms. Demien, to approve the
Agenda agenda for the May 18, 2011 meeting of the State Board of Education, as
presented. President Herschend noted that Item #11 will be taken up at 1:00
p.m.

Motion carried. (Yes: 5)

No. 11718
Minutes
(05/18/2011)

It was moved by Rev. Archie, seconded by Ms. Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting of the State Board of Education as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 5)

No. 11719
President's
Report

President Herschend thanked the West Plains R-VII School District for providing the exceptional artwork hanging in the Board Room and the 6th floor offices.

Ms. Slaughter reported that she attended an elementary principals meeting in Springfield. During the meeting there was very interesting discussion on the Common Core Standards.

Rev. Archie reported that he was part of a team from Missouri that recently attended the Educational Leadership Institute in Chicago which focused on the integration of arts in education. The team from Missouri will continue to meet and will establish objectives tied to the Top 10 by 20 initiative.

No. 11720
NASBE
Report

Rev. Archie informed the Board that NASBE had extended an invitation for Missouri State Board members to attend the Common Core Standards meeting in West Virginia or Nevada.

No. 11721
Closed Session

Ms. Slaughter moved that a closed session, with a closed record and closed vote, be held during the meeting of the State Board of Education on June 15, 2011, as posted by the Executive Assistant, to consider the following:

1. Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or legal work product relating to the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as any confidential or privileged communications between those entities and legal counsel;

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2. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of employees of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
3. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment; and
4. Other records protected from disclosure by law.

Motion was seconded by Rev. Archie and carried.

Vote: Yes Archie, Demien, Herschend, Jones, Slaughter

Following such affirmative vote, the vote of each Board member on the question of holding the closed meeting, closed record and closed vote and the statutory reason therefor was announced publicly by the Executive Assistant.

It was moved by Ms. Slaughter to direct the Executive Assistant to prepare, post, and make available to the news media notice of such closed meeting, closed record, and closed vote as required by law, and that a copy of such notice be filed with the minutes of the meeting which it announces.

Motion was seconded by Rev. Archie and carried.

No. 11722
Report of Top
10 by 20—Mo.
Education
Reform Plan

Commissioner Nicastro asked Assistant Commissioner Stephen Barr to provide an update on the goals and objectives of the Top 10 by 20 initiative.

No. 11723
Consent
Agenda

It was moved by Rev. Archie, seconded by Ms. Slaughter, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consideration of Personnel Report (Exhibit 1)

Consideration of Fiscal Year 20-12 Trust Fund Budgets for the State-Board Operated Schools (Exhibit 2)

Motion carried. (Yes: 5)

No. 11724
Consideration
of an Appeal
of the Decision
of the
Commissioner
of Education
Regarding a
Transportation
Hardship
Reassignment
(05/18/2011)

Mr. Ponder joined the Board meeting by teleconference for the discussion of this item. It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the decision of the Commissioner of Education be reversed and that the transportation hardship request made by the Prince family be denied.

Motion carried. (Yes: 5; No 1) (Exhibit 3)

No. 11725
Consideration
of Compliance
of Charter
School
Proposal:
Better
Learning
Communities
Academy

It was moved by Ms. Slaughter, seconded by Rev. Archie, to authorize Better Learning Communities Academy to commence operations pursuant to the charter granted by the University of Missouri-Columbia for five (5) years, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 4)

No. 11726
Consideration
of
Appointment
of Boards of
Arbitration
Pursuant to
Appeals Filed
with the State
Board of
Education

It was moved by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Ms. Slaughter, that a board of arbitration be appointed to resolve the school district boundary line questions which have been appealed to the State Board of Education. It is further recommended that the following individuals be designated chairperson, member, and alternate in each instance listed below:

Harrisburg R-VIII and Fayette R-III

Mr. David Trammel, Chair, Superintendent, Canton R-V
Dr. Gini Barnett, Member, Superintendent, Santa Fe R-X
Mr. Doug Whitehead, Member, Board of Education, Jefferson City
Mr. John Silkett, Alternate, Superintendent, Pattonsburg R-II

Morgan Co. R-II and Morgan Co. R-I

Dr. Tara Lewis, Chair, Superintendent, Renick R-V
Dr. David Haggard, Member, Superintendent, New Franklin R-I
Mr. Keith Dorsch, Member, Board of Education, Wellington-Napoleon
R-IX
Ms. Tina Woolsey, Alternate, Superintendent, Mexico 59

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St. Elizabeth R-IV and Maries Co. R-I

Dr. Duane Widhalm, Chair, Superintendent, Lebanon R-III
Ms. Elaine Henderson, Member, Superintendent, Silex R-I
Mr. Mike Pratte, Member, Board of Education, Gasconade Co. R-I
Mr. Jennings Wilkinson, Alternate, Superintendent, Woodland R-IV

Laclede Co. C-5 and Dallas Co. R-I

Dr. Sean Smith, Chair, Superintendent, Archie R-V
Mr. Matt Davis, Member, Superintendent, Eldon R-I
Mr. Troy Porter, Member, Board of Education, Dixon R-I
Dr. Deborah Orr, Alternate, Superintendent, Warrensburg R-VI

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 5)

No. 11727
Consideration
to Discipline
the License to
Teach of Greg
Jackson, Case
HR 10-012

The Consideration to Discipline the License to Teach of Greg Jackson
was tabled and will be taken up at the June 15, 2011, State Board of Education
meeting.

No. 11728
Consideration
to Discipline
the License to
Teach of
Santana
Barnes, Case #
HR 09-025

The Consideration to Discipline the License to Teach of Santana Barnes
was tabled and will be taken up at the June 15, 2011, State Board of Education
meeting.

No. 116729
Reports

The following reports were presented to the State Board of Education on
May 18, 2011:

MSIP Public Engagement Process

Budget Report – Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012

Governmental Affairs Update

Report on Student Growth Pilot Project

Update on Missouri Comprehensive Data System Portal

No. 11729
Reports
(cont.)

Report on Progress From School Improvement Grant (SIG) Schools:
Hazelwood East Middle School, Ferguson-Florissant R-II McCluer
South-Berkeley High, Ferguson-Florissant Berkeley Middle, Jennings
Jr. High, Normandy High, Normandy Middle

Two-Months in Advance of Current Meeting

No. 11730
Adjournment
(05/18/2011)

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. on May 18, 2011. The next
meeting of the State Board of Education will be held June 15, 2011, at Jefferson
City, Missouri.

President

Executive Assistant