

Missouri State Board of Education

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION February 17, 2015

The Missouri State Board of Education met in Jefferson City on February 17, 2015 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Present: Peter Herschend, Branson, President
Mike Jones, St. Louis, Vice President
Joe Driskill, Jefferson City, Member
Vic Lenz, St. Louis, Member
John Martin, Kansas City, Member
Charlie Shields, St. Joseph, Member
Russell Still, Columbia, Member
Maynard Wallace, Thornfield, Member
Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education
Robin Barbour, Executive Assistant
Deputy Commissioners Ron Lankford and Stacey Preis
Assistant Commissioners Stephen Barr, Leigh Ann Grant
Engle, Sharon Helwig, and Paul Katnik; Bill Thornton,
General Counsel; Sarah Potter, Communications
Coordinator; and Robin Coffman, Chief of Staff

No. 12478
Call to Order
(02/17/2015)

President Peter Herschend called the meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education to order at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. The meeting was held in the State Board of Education meeting room on the first floor of the Jefferson State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. The meeting start time was delayed due to inclement weather.

No. 12479
Agenda

President Herschend noted that the reports from Caruthersville 18 and Hayti R-II School Districts will be presented at a later date due to unsafe travel conditions related to inclement weather. It was moved by Dr. Martin,

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seconded by Dr. Lenz, to approve the agenda for the February 17, 2015 meeting of the State Board of Education, as amended with the noted changes.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8)

No. 12480
Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Still, to approve the minutes of the January 12-13, 2015 State Board of Education meeting, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8)

No. 12481
President's
Report

President Herschend announced that the report from Calhoun R-VIII School District for Item D. Reports from Provisional and Unaccredited Performance districts would be presented immediately following the consent agenda.

President Herschend acknowledged that students from the Johnson County R-VII School District recently submitted artwork for display in the Board Room and 6th floor offices. The artwork showcases the excellent quality of students and teachers in Missouri. Each student will receive a letter from the State Board of Education thanking them for their good work.

President Herschend announced that Dr. Stacey Preis has been promoted to Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services. Dr. Preis served previously as Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Early and Extended Learning. President Herschend also announced that Dr. Bill Thornton has joined the Department's Executive Leadership Team as General Counsel. Before coming to the Department, Dr. Thornton served as General Counsel for the Department of Higher Education. In addition to

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Report
(cont.)

these two appointments, Dr. Chris Neale, who is currently superintendent of schools for the Gasconade County R-I School District, will join the Department on July 1 as the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Quality Schools.

Mr. Driskill reported that he addressed the career and technical school educators at their recent meeting.

Mr. Shields attended a health care conference; however, there was some crossover into the field of education as they talked about the importance of early childhood education.

Dr. Lenz reported he attended education related meetings in St. Louis, Lindbergh and Normandy. He also brought greetings to the Missouri Music Educators Association at their conference.

No. 12482
NASBE Report

A NASBE report was not given.

No. 12483
Closed Session

Mr. Still moved that a closed session, with a closed record and closed vote be held during the meeting of the State Board of Education on March 16-17, 2015, 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;
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.

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Closed Session
(cont.)
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Motion was seconded by Dr. Martin and carried.

Vote: Yes Driskill, Jones, Herschend, Lenz, Martin, Shields,
Still, Wallace

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 therefore was announced publicly by the Executive Assistant.

It was moved by Mr. Still to direct the Executive Assistant to prepare, post, and make available to the news media notice of such closed meeting, notice of the 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 Dr. Lenz and carried.

(Yes: 8)

No. 12484
Consent
Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consideration of Personnel Report (Exhibit 1)

Consideration of Investment Transactions by Central Trust Bank
(Exhibit 2)

Consideration of a Resolution to Appoint William (Bill) Thornton,
General Counsel, as Custodian of Records for the Department (Exhibit
3)

Motion carried. (Yes: 8)

No. 12485
Consideration of
Charter School
Application
Renewals for
Gateway Science
Academy,
Carondelet
Leadership
Academy,
University
Academy,
Pathway
Academy and
Genesis School
Inc.
(02/17/2015)

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Shields, based on compliance with the application process, to authorize the following charter schools to continue operations pursuant to the charter renewals granted by the sponsors effective July 1, 2015 for a five (5) year period: (1) Gateway Science Academy, Sponsor Lindenwood University; (2) Carondelet Leadership Academy, Sponsor University of Missouri-Columbia; (3) University Academy, Sponsor University of Missouri-Kansas City; (4) Pathway Academy, Sponsor University of Missouri-Kansas City; and (5) Genesis School Inc., Sponsor University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibits 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

No. 12486
Consideration
of Charter
School
Application
Renewal for
DeLaSalle
Charter School

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to authorize DeLaSalle Charter School to continue operations pursuant to the charter renewal granted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City effective July 1, 2015 for a five (5) year period.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 9)

No. 12487
Consideration of
Charter School
Application
Renewal for
Grand Center
Arts Academy

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Dr. Martin, based on compliance with the application process, to authorize Grand Center Arts Academy to continue operations pursuant to the charter renewal granted by St. Louis University, effective July 1, 2015 for a five (5) year period.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 10)

No. 12488
Consideration of
a Notice of
Proposed
Rulemaking to
Adopt Rule 5
CSR 20-600.140
Preschool
Program
Standards
(02/17/2015)

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Wallace, to authorize publication in the *Missouri Register* of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Adopt Rule 5 CSR 20-600.140, Relating to Establishing Preschool Program Standards, and that the State Board finds the proposed rule necessary to carry out the purposes of Sections 160.031 and 163.018 RSMo.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 11)

No. 12489
Consideration of
Investment
Strategy for the
Trust Funds for
the Missouri
School for the
Blind, Missouri
School for the
Deaf and
Missouri
Schools for the
Severely
Disabled

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Driskill, to grant the award to Central Bank for one (1) year, with two (2) one-year renewals for the investment strategy for the trust funds for the Missouri School for the Blind, Missouri School for the Deaf and Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 12)

No. 12490
Consideration to
Discipline the
License to Teach
of Karen Bowyer

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Martin, to accept Karen Bowyer's statement of surrender and revoke her certificate in disposition of her criminal conviction.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 13)

No. 12491
Consideration to
Discipline the
License to
Teach of
Michael Sudholt

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Martin, to accept the surrender of Michael Sudholt's certificate based upon the settlement agreement submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Mr. Sudholt.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 14)

No. 12492 It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to revoke Ernest
Consideration to T. Carter's teaching certificates.
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Ernest Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 15)
T. Carter
(02/17/2015)

No. 12493 It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to revoke Charles
Consideration to C. Deem's teaching certificate.
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 16)
Charles C.
Deem

No. 12494 It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to revoke Steven
Consideration to Kuntz's teaching certificate or any claim of certification.
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Steven Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 17)
Kuntz

No. 12495 It was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Dr. Martin, to revoke
Consideration to Chris A. Lillard's teaching certificate.
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Chris Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 18)
A. Lillard

No. 12496 It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Dr. Martin, to revoke Nancy
Consideration to K. McClelland's teaching certificate.
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Nancy Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 19)
K. McClelland

No. 12497 The following reports were presented to the State Board of
Reports

Education on February 17, 2015:

Reports from Provisional and Unaccredited Performance Districts:
Calhoun R-VIII (Exhibit 20)

Report from the Normandy Schools Collaborative (Exhibit 21)

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request (Exhibit 22)

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Reports
(02/17/2015)

Update on Governmental Affairs (Exhibit 23)

Report on the Annual Performance Report for Educator Preparation Programs (Exhibit 24)

Agenda Items for Two Months in Advance of Current Meeting (Exhibit 25)

No. 12498
Adjournment
(02/17/2015)

The open session meeting of the State Board of Education adjourned at 3:08 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on March 16-17, 2015 in Jefferson City.

President

Executive Assistant