

# Missouri State Board of Education

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION April 18, 2017

The Missouri State Board of Education met on April 18, 2017, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Present: Charlie Shields, St. Joseph, President  
Vic Lenz, St. Louis, Vice President  
Joe Driskill, Jefferson City, Member  
Peter Herschend, Branson, Member  
Mike Jones, St. Louis, Member  
Russ Still, Columbia, Member  
Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education  
Robin Barbour, Executive Assistant  
Deputy Commissioners Stacey Preis and Roger Dorson  
Assistant Commissioners Stephen Barr, Blaine Henningsen, Paul Katnik, Jeanne Loyd, and Chris Neale; Jeff Falter, Chief Data Office; Andrea Beck, Chief Operating Officer; Robin Coffman, Chief of Staff; Sarah Potter, Communications Coordinator; and Constance Rush, Coordinator of Legislative Outreach

Absent: John Martin, Kansas City, Member  
Maynard Wallace, Thornfield, Member

No. 12962  
Call to Order  
(04/18/2017)

President Shields called the meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education to order at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. 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.

No. 12963  
Recognition of  
Staff  
Achievements  
(04/18/2017)

A staff recognition reception was held to honor staff for their years of service and other awards. (Exhibit 1)

No. 12964  
Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Herschend, to approve the agenda for the April 18, 2017 meeting of the State Board of Education, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12965  
Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Driskill, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 State Board of Education meeting, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12966  
President's  
Report

President Shields acknowledged that students from the Columbia 93 School District recently submitted artwork for display in the Board Room and 6<sup>th</sup> floor offices of the Department. The artwork showcases the excellent quality of students and teachers in Missouri. Each student who submits artwork receives a thank you letter from the State Board of Education.

President Shields announced that the slideshow running before the start of the meeting was from the Citizenship Awards Luncheon held the previous day. The quotes were from the students who received the awards.

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President's  
Report  
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President Shields informed that Board that Mr. Wallace recently received the Distinguished Service Award by the Missouri School Public Relations Association for his work as an advocate for the children of Missouri. As an educator, legislator, and State Board of Education member, he has been a steady voice for public education.

Mr. Jones reported that he participated in a community-based event in North St. Louis regarding reimagining high schools.

Dr. Lenz reported that he attended two meetings of the St. Louis Public Schools elected board, a meeting of the St. Louis Special Administrative Board, and a meeting of the St. Louis County superintendents. He also attended a school board candidate forum in the Lindbergh School District and participated in a kindergarten field trip to Purina Farms. He also gave a welcome greeting at the Citizenship Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Missouri Bar Association and the Department.

No. 12967  
NASBE Report

Dr. Lenz informed the Board that he attended the NASBE Legislative Conference in Washington, DC on March 18-21, 2017. The Board of Directors met in conjunction with the conference. He attended a session in which Betsy DeVos, U.S. Secretary of Education, said the Department of Education (DOE) has gone outside its authority to control education. She

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also indicated it is time for DOE to get out of the way and let state boards do their job. The goal is to provide all children an equal opportunity to get an outstanding education. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) gives State Boards the authority to develop education plans to meet the needs of their students. Dr. Lenz indicated that in another session, Senator Christopher Murphy (Connecticut) said ESSA calls for each state to set goals and to be bold, set rigorous standards, and develop a system of accountability that builds higher standards.

There were a number of other speakers with the general trend of the message being that we have an opportunity with ESSA to strip off unnecessary regulations and build an education system that prepares students for the 5.9 million job openings that require postsecondary training, but not necessarily a four-year college degree.

On the final day of the conference, visits were made to the offices of Senator McCaskill, Senator Blunt, Congresswoman Hartzler, and Congressman Graves to discuss Missouri educational needs.

No. 12968  
Closed Session  
(04/18/2017)

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 May 16, 2017, 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.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried.

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

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

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notice be filed with the minutes of the meeting which it announces.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Herschend and carried.

(Yes: 6)

No. 12969  
Consent  
Agenda

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

Consideration of Personnel Report (Exhibit 2)

Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Summary (Exhibit 3)

Consideration of Designation of Non-Public A+ High School (Exhibit 4)

Consideration of Adoption of Personnel Policy 000-010, Nondiscrimination in Department Programs/Activities (Exhibit 5)

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12970  
Consideration  
of Approving  
an Alternative  
Measure of  
Content Area  
Competency

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Jones, to set the alternative measure of content competency for candidates who have a content area grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 to 2.99 at +1 standard error of measure above the Missouri Qualifying Score.

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

No. 12971  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the License to  
Teach of Leslie  
M. Ackman, #  
HR 16-031

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to accept the surrender of Leslie M. Ackman's certificates of license to teach.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 7)

No. 12972  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the License to  
Teach of  
Megan B.  
Baker, # HR 16-  
052  
(04/18/2017)

It was moved by Mr. Driskill, seconded by Mr. Jones, to  
accept Megan B. Baker's statement of surrender and revoke  
her certificate of license to teach.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 8)

No. 12973  
Consideration  
to Discipline the  
License to  
Teach of  
Michael R.  
Smock, # HR 16-  
024

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Jones, revoke  
Michael R. Smock's certificates of license to teach. Mr. Driskill  
abstained from the vote of this item.

Motion carried. (Yes: 5) (Exhibit 9)

No. 12974  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the License to  
Teach of Julia  
A. Sills, # HR 16-  
023

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones,  
to revoke Ms. Sills' certificate of license to teach.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 10)

No. 12975  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the License to  
Teach of  
Daniel P.  
McSparin, # HR  
16-036

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Jones, to  
revoke Daniel P. McSparin's certificate of license to teach.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 11)

No. 12976  
Consideration  
of Appeal by  
Chelsey R. Flieg  
of the Denial of  
Certification

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Still, to  
approve the application of Chelsey R. Flieg for a substitute  
certificate of license to teach for a period of four years.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 12)

No. 12977  
Reports  
(04/18/2017)

The following reports were presented to the State Board  
of Education on April 18, 2017:

Update on Professional Learning Series (Exhibit 13)

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Report (Exhibit 14)

Governmental Affairs Update (Exhibit 15)

Update on the Department's Strategic Plan (Exhibit 16)

Two-Months in Advance of Current Meeting (Exhibit 17)

No. 12978  
Adjournment  
(04/18/2017)

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to  
adjourn the open session meeting of the State Board of  
Education at 12:19 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 and move  
into closed session.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be  
held on May 16, 2017 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

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President

Executive Assistant