

Missouri State Board of Education

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION October 27-28, 2014

The Missouri State Board of Education met in Jefferson City on October 27-28, 2014 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
Chris L. Nicastro, Commissioner of Education
Robin Barbour, Executive Assistant
Deputy Commissioners Ron Lankford and Margie Vandeven
Assistant Commissioners Stephen Barr, Paul Katnik, Sharon Helwig, Dennis Cooper, Leigh Ann Grant Engle, Stacey Preis, and Jeanne Loyd; Mark Van Zandt, General Counsel; Robin Coffman, Chief of Staff; and Sarah Potter, Communications Coordinator

No. 12408
Public Hearing
(10/27/2014)

President Peter Herschend called the public hearing regarding the Missouri Learning Standards to order at 11:04 a.m. on Monday, October 27, 2014. The roll was called. Those present were: Mr. Driskill, Mr. Herschend, Dr. Lenz, Dr. Martin, Mr. Shields, Mr. Still and Mr. Wallace. The hearing was held in the State Board of Education meeting room on the first floor of the Jefferson State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. Herschend outlined the format of the public hearing. Committee reports were heard from each of the work groups. Following those reports,

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public testimony was heard from the following: Gretchen Logue, Glendale; Mary Byrne, Springfield; Ron Staggs, Paris; Pam Hedgpeth, Clever; Kevin Beckner, Manchester; Jessica Boyster, Hartville; Robert Miller, St. Louis; Edward S. Bell, II, Kansas City; Julie Thomas, Lake Ozark; Tiffany Jones, Springfield; Craig Carson, Ozark; Nancy Bergfeld, High Ridge; and Abby Volmer, Odessa. The public hearing adjourned at 12:07 p.m. (Exhibit 1)

No. 12409
Call to Order
(10/28/2014)

President Peter Herschend called the meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education to order at 8:37 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. 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. 12410
Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Driskill, to approve the agenda for the October 27-28, 2014 meeting for the State Board of Education, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12411
Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Shields, to approve the minutes of the September 15-16, 2014 and September 23, 2014 State Board of Education meetings, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12412
President's
Report

President Herschend announced that Item I. Report from the Joint Executive Governing Board and Approval of Accountability Plan, will be discussed at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday; and Item K. Consideration of Adopting a Resolution in Honor of Chris Holmes, Missouri Teacher of the Year, will be discussed at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

President Herschend acknowledged that students from the Fort

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Osage R-I 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 reminded the Board that the December 4-5, 2014 meeting will be held in Branson, Missouri.

President Herschend announced that the following will be the process in selecting a new Commissioner of Education:

1. The State Board of Education will accept all nominations and applications in an open search for the position of Commissioner of Education. Nominations will be received at the DESE office, attention Robin Coffman, Chief of Staff, until close of business on Friday, November 21, 2014. Complete application information will be posted on the DESE website.
2. The public is invited to provide recommendations on the factors/characteristics to be considered by the State Board in evaluating candidates. Additional factors to those already identified under "Characteristics of a Qualified Applicant" should be forwarded to the attention of Robin Coffman by close of business on November 21, 2014.
3. All nominees will be contacted to determine the nominee's interest in becoming a candidate for the Commissioner of Education. All candidates are asked to submit a letter of application, resume with references, and a personal essay no later than December 1, 2014.
4. The State Board of Education will review all complete applications.
5. The most qualified candidates will be notified and invited to a personal interview with the State Board of Education.
6. The State Board of Education will vote on its selection from the finalists of the interviews and name the next Commissioner of Education. Hopefully, the selection process will be completed by December 31, 2014. The initial date of employment will be mutually agreed upon between the State Board of Education and the candidate selected as Commissioner of Education.

Nominations, applications and other recommendations can be submitted via email to: commissionersearch@dese.mo.gov.

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Dr. Martin reported that Kansas City will be the host city for the 42nd Annual Conference of the National Alliance of Black School Educators to be held on November 19-23, 2014.

Dr. Lenz reported that he attended a meeting at Riverview Gardens and several meetings in Normandy. He also attended the Missouri School Boards Association fall conference. He attended many quality sessions as well as the State Board panel discussion.

President Herschend reported that he, Dr. Lenz, Mr. Driskill and Dr. Martin participated in the panel discussion as part of MSBA's conference in September.

President Herschend also reported that he visited the Wolf School, which is a partnership between the Springfield Public Schools and Wonders of Wildlife. The school offers forty-six 5th graders the opportunity to complete their everyday classroom studies as part of a conservation science-based learning program.

No. 12413
NASBE Report

Mr. Still informed the Board that their folders contained a form for expressing interest in serving on a NASBE committee or study group. Forms must be submitted to NASBE by November 28, 2014. Completed forms should be returned to Robin Barbour for submission to NASBE.

No. 12414
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 December 4-5, 2014, as posted by the Executive Assistant, to consider the following:

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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. Shields and carried.

Vote: Yes Driskill, 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. Martin and carried.

(Yes: 7)

No. 12415
Consent
Agenda
(10/28/2014)

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

Consideration of Personnel Report (Exhibit 2)

Consideration of Appointments to the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators (Exhibit 3)

Financial Summary (Exhibit 4)

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12416
Consideration of
Adopting a
Resolution in
Honor of Chris
Holmes

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Still, to adopt the following resolution in honor of Chris Holmes, Teacher of the Year:

Whereas, Chris Holmes has been selected as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015 and will represent more than 68,000 public school teachers across the state in the National Teacher of the Year Program; and

Whereas, Mr. Holmes has taught journalism at Hazelwood West High School in Hazelwood since 2006 where he is recognized as a superior teacher who builds strong relationships with his students and helps them go beyond their own expectations to reach higher levels of learning; and

Whereas, Mr. Holmes strives to ensure his students gain the knowledge and skills they need for the future by providing opportunities for them to interact with different communities, cultures and complexities in America; and

Whereas, Mr. Holmes creates a productive classroom atmosphere where students are noticed and valued and in turn, work, learn and show respect to both classmates and themselves; and

Whereas, Mr. Holmes is committed to making students better readers, writers and thinkers; teaching them relevant information and modeling its application; redirecting poor choices and reinforcing wise decisions; and doing all of these with illogical patience; and

Whereas, Mr. Holmes understands the important relationship between a school and the community it serves and reaches out to establish effective partnerships with parents and community members to promote excellence in education; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Chris Holmes on his selection as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015, and extends its congratulations to Mr. Holmes, his students and the Hazelwood School District; and

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Be It Further Resolved, that the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Mr. Holmes for his commitment to excellence in teaching and for his outstanding service to his students, school district, community, and public education in Missouri.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 5)

No. 12417
Report from
Joint Executive
Governing Board
and Approval of
Accountability
Plan

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to approve the Accountability Plan submitted by the Normandy Schools Collaborative.

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

No. 12418
Consideration
of Approval of
the Top 10 by
20 Plan;
Targets for
2014-15

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Shields, to approve the Top 10 by 20 Plan.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 7)

No. 12419
Consideration of
Compliance of
Charter School
Application: La
Salle Charter
Schools, Inc.

It was moved by Mr. Shields, seconded by Dr. Martin, to authorize La Salle Charter Schools, Inc., to commence operations pursuant to the charter granted by University of Missouri-Columbia for five (5) years, effective for the 2015-16 school year.

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

No. 12420
Consideration of
a Notice of
Proposed
Rulemaking to
Amend Rules 5
CSR 10-2.010
Scholarship
Granting
Organizations; 5
CSR 10-2.020
Scholarships; and
5 CSR 10-2.030
Eligibility for
Scholarships

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize publication in the *Missouri Register* to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to Rule 5 CSR 10-2.010 Scholarship Granting Organizations, Rule 5 CSR 10-2.020 Scholarships, and Rule 5 CSR 10-2.030 Eligibility for Scholarships.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 9)

No. 12421
Consideration of
Issuance of a
Substitute
Certificate of
License to
Teach to
Ronnell J.
Cotton
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It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Still, to deny the application of Ronnell J. Cotton for a substitute certificate of license to teach.

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

No. 12422
Consideration of
Issuance of a
Substitute
Certificate of
License to
Teach to
Elizabeth C.
Edwards

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Jones, to deny the application of Elizabeth C. Edwards for a substitute certificate of license to teach.

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

No. 12423
Consideration of
a Request by
William G.
Nobles, Sr. for
Issuance of a
Teaching
Certificate

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to deny the application of William G. Nobles, Sr. for a substitute certificate of license to teach.

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

No. 12424
Consideration of
Disciplinary
Actions by
Stipulations

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, to accept the settlement agreements submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as follows: accept voluntary surrender of certificates of Jack. B. Briggs; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Sharon E. Clifford; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Barry S. Dobbs; accept voluntary surrender of certificates of Roberta Donaldson; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of David Dunklee; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Lisa D. Fuller; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Randall B. Jameson; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Melinda J.

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McDaniel; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Daniel W. Maxey; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Donald R. Miller; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Scott D. Reynolds; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Edward Sariego; accept voluntary surrender of certificates of Dennis E. Schneider; accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Margo J. Smith; and accept voluntary surrender of certificate of Peter W. Tuffli.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 13)

No. 12425
Consideration to
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Kyle
Naylor, Case #
HR 14-004

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Dr. Martin, to stay any action against Kyle Naylor's certificates. Should Mr. Naylor successfully complete his probation and have no other criminal history, then the petition will be dismissed and the matter closed.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 14)

No. 12426
Consideration to
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Louis
Sola, Case # HR
13-002

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Shields, to revoke the substitute teaching certificate of Louis Sola.

Motion carried. (Yes: 8) (Exhibit 15)

No. 12427
Reports

The following reports were presented to the State Board of Education on October 27-28, 2014:

Report on District/Local Education Agency (LEA) Alignment to the Seven Essential Principles of Effective Education (Exhibit 16)

Report on the Development of the New Missouri Content Assessments for Educator Preparation and Certification (Exhibit 17)

Report on Financially-Stressed School Districts and Charter Schools (Exhibit 18)

Update on Governmental Affairs (Exhibit 19)

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Report from the Normandy Joint Executive Governing Board [and
Approval of Accountability Plan] (Exhibit 6)

Agenda Items for Two Months in Advance of Current Meeting
(Exhibit 20)

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Adjournment
(10/28/2014)

The open session meeting of the State Board of Education adjourned
at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held
on December 4-5, 2014 in Branson.

President

Executive Assistant