

Missouri State Board of Education

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION October 25, 2016

The Missouri State Board of Education met on October 25, 2016, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Present: Charlie Shields, President
Vic Lenz, St. Louis, Vice President
Joe Driskill, Jefferson City, Member
Peter Herschend, Branson, Member
Mike Jones, St. Louis, Member
Russell Still, Columbia, Member
Maynard Wallace, Thornfield, Member
Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education
Robin Barbour, Executive Assistant
Deputy Commissioners Stacey Preis and Roger Dorson
Assistant Commissioners Stephen Barr, Blaine Henningsen, Jeanne Loyd, Paul Katnik and Chris Neale
Bill Thornton, General Counsel; Jeff Falter, Chief Data Officer; 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

No. 12854
Call to Order
(10/25/2016)

President Shields called the meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. 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. 12855
Recognition of
Staff
Achievements
(10/25/2016)

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

No. 12856
Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the agenda for the October 25, 2016 meeting of the State Board of Education, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12857
Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 State Board of Education meeting, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12858
President's
Report

President Shields acknowledged that students from the Kirkwood 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.

President Shields announced that the December 1-2 State Board of Education meeting is being held in Kansas City. The Board will be visiting several area schools on December 1, and the regular business meeting will be held on December 2 at the Truman Medical Center offices. Audio livestreaming can be monitored in the State Board Room in Jefferson City and online.

Board members commented that they enjoyed the Teacher of the Year banquet held on October 24 in Jefferson City.

No. 12858
President's
Report
(cont.)

Mr. Wallace reported that he attended the State Board panel discussion at the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) annual conference.

Mr. Still reported that he attended the regional meeting held in Sedalia. He also attended the National Association of State Boards of Education's (NASBE) annual meeting in Kansas City.

Mr. Jones reported that he attended the regional meeting held in Pattonville.

Dr. Lenz reported that he attended board meetings of the St. Louis elected board and the Normandy Joint Executive Governing Board. He also attended the regional meetings held in in Salem, Sedalia, and Pattonville. He attended meetings of the St. Louis Superintendents Round Table, a meeting of the St. Louis Public Schools Special Administrative Board, a work session of the St. Louis Public Schools elected board, and a St. Louis county superintendents meeting. He met with Professor Jack Kirkland and three Washington University students regarding Missouri education. Dr. Lenz also reported that he attended the State Board panel discussion at the MSBA annual conference as well as the entirety of the conference. He also attended NASBE's annual conference in Kansas City.

Mr. Driskill reported that he attended the regional meeting in Pattonville and the State Board panel discussion at MSBA's annual conference. He also reported that he and Commissioner were at Whiteman Airforce Base with Gov. Nixon as he talked about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education.

No. 12858
President's
Report
(10/25/2016)
(cont.)

President Shields reported that he met with Dr. Dale Herl, Superintendent of the Independence School District, and toured Three Trails Elementary School. He and Dr. Martin met with the governmental affairs subcommittee of the Kansas City Public Schools. To wrap up the President's Report, Mr. Shields introduced a video, Project Sparkle, a beautification initiative between Truman Medical Center and Kansas City Neighborhood Academy.

No. 12859
NASBE Report

Dr. Lenz reported on details of NASBE's annual meeting which was held in Kansas City. He served as the Board's voting delegate. Dr. Lenz and Commissioner Vandeven gave a welcome to conference attendees on behalf of the Board and the Department. One of the sessions was presented by Manny Scott, one of the original Freedom Writers. A few of the other session topics included early learning, school turnarounds, ensuring equal opportunity for all students, stakeholder engagement, and helping teachers improve practice through sound policy. During the conference, Dr. Lenz also attended a meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee. Elections were held during the conference and Dr. Lenz was selected to serve on NASBE's Board of Directors as the central region representative.

No. 12860
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 1-2, 2016, 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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(cont.)
(10/25/2016)

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 Dr. Lenz and carried.

Vote: Yes Driskill, Herschend, Jones, Lenz, 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 Mr. Wallace and carried.

(Yes: 7)

No. 12861
Consent
Agenda

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

Consideration of Personnel Report (Exhibit 2)

Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Summary (Exhibit 3)

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12862
Consideration
of Adopting a
Resolution in
Honor of
Darbie Valenti,
Missouri
Teacher of the
Year

It was moved by President Shields, seconded by Mr. Herschend, that the following resolution be adopted in honor of Darbie Valenti, Missouri Teacher of the year:

Whereas, Darbie Valenti has been selected as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017 and will represent nearly 68,000 public school teachers across the state in the National Teacher of the Year Program; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti has 14 years of teaching experience, including her current position teaching fifth grade mathematics and science at Minnie Cline Elementary School in Savannah, Missouri, elementary teaching positions in King City and Rosendale, Missouri, and as an adjunct professor at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti excels at making learning meaningful for each student and teacher with whom she interacts and reflects a deep knowledge of research-based instructional practices drawn from her dedication to her own lifelong learning; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti is an instructional leader in her school, providing professional development for more than 100 of her colleagues in the Savannah R-III School District as well as successfully leading training in active learning strategies for teachers in the Northwest Missouri area; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti has worked for the Northwest Regional Professional Development Center as a curriculum writer, putting in extra time and effort to ensure that the curriculum resource for her grade level is of the highest quality and truly supports teachers in their instruction; and

Whereas, Ms. Valenti is recognized as the type of educator that parents want for their children and teachers want to teach alongside, and her compassion and dedication are deeply affecting for her students and colleagues; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Darbie Valenti on her selection as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017, and extends its congratulations to Ms. Valenti, her students and the Savannah R-III School District; and

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

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 4)

No. 12863
Consideration of
Missouri
Content and
Performance
Assessment:
Qualifying
Scores
(10/25/2016)

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Driskill, to approve a qualifying score of 38 for the School Counselors Performance Assessment beginning August 29, 2016.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6; No: 1) (Exhibit 5)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to approve a qualifying score of 45 for the Librarians Performance Assessment beginning August 29, 2016.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 5)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve a qualifying score of 55 for the Journalism Content Assessment beginning August 29, 2016.

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

No. 12864
Consideration of
a Notice of
Proposed
Rulemaking to
Adopt Rule 5
CSR 20-
400.385,
Beginning
Teacher
Assistance
Program

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize publication in the *Missouri Register* of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Adopt Rule 5 CSR 20-400.385, Beginning Teacher Assistance Program, and that the State Board finds the proposed rule necessary to carry out the purposes of Section 161.092, RSMo Supp. 2014, and Sections 168.021 and 168.400 RSMo Supp. 2015.

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

No. 12865
Consideration of
a Notice of
Proposed
Rulemaking to
Amend Rule 5
CSR 30-
261.025,
Minimum
Requirements
for School Bus
Chassis and
Body
(10/25/2016)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize publication in the *Missouri Register* of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Amend Rule 5 CSR 30-261.025, Relating to Minimum Requirements for School Bus Chassis and Body, and that the State Board finds this amendment necessary to carry out the purpose of Sections 161.092 and 304.060, RSMo.

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

No. 12866
Consideration of
Adoption of
Personnel Policy
200-210 Annual
Leave and
Personnel Policy
200-230 Sick
Leave

It was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Driskill, to adopt the personnel policies, as presented.

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

No. 12867
Consideration to
Discipline the
License to
Teach of Terry
R. Hendrickson,
HR 16-049

It was moved by Mr. Driskill, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to accept Terry R. Hendrickson's statement of surrender and revoke his certificate of license to teach in disposition of his criminal conviction.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 9)

No. 12868
Consideration to
Discipline the
License to
Teach of
Michael
Cothorn, # HR
16-017

It was moved by Mr. Driskill, seconded by Mr. Jones, to accept the agreed settlement and surrender of Michael Cothorn's certificate of license to teach.

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

No. 12873
Adjournment
(10/25/2016)

The open session meeting of the State Board of Education adjourned at 2:51 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. The Board moved into closed session.

The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on December 1-2, 2016, in Kansas City, Missouri.

President

Executive Assistant