

# Missouri State Board of Education

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION February 18, 2014

The Missouri State Board of Education met on February 18, 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  
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, Jeanne Loyd, and Leigh Ann Grant Engle; Mark Van Zandt, General Counsel; Robin Coffman, Chief of Staff; and Sarah Potter, Communications Coordinator

No. 12248                      President Peter Herschend called the meeting of the Missouri State  
Call to Order  
(02/18/2014)                      Board of Education to order at 9:04 a.m. on Monday, February 18, 2014. The  
meeting was held in the Governor's Office Building in Jefferson City.

No. 12249                      The agenda for the February 18, 2014 meeting of the State Board was  
Agenda                              approved as presented.

No. 12250                      It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Shields, to approve the  
Minutes                              minutes of the January 13-14, 2014 and February 10, 2014 meetings of the  
State Board of Education, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12251  
President's  
Report  
(02/18/2014)

President Herschend acknowledged that students from the Rolla 31 School District recently submitted artwork for display in the Board Room and 6<sup>th</sup> floor offices. Each student will receive a letter from the State Board of Education thanking them for their good work.

President Herschend reminded the Board they were recently invited to attend a luncheon in Jefferson City on April 14 honoring students for their outstanding achievement in citizenship.

President Herschend also reminded the Board that the dinner to honor Debi Demien for her years of service on the State Board of Education would be held in Jefferson City on March 10.

President Herschend announced the March State Board of Education meeting dates have changed and will be held on March 21.

President Herschend reported that the 53<sup>rd</sup> Cooperative Conference for School Administrators will be held on July 27-29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia.

No. 12252  
NASBE  
Report

Dr. Lenz reported on his attendance at a meeting hosted by NASBE on January 23 in Arlington, VA regarding the issues, practices and policies around implementing the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Still reported that NASBE's 2014 Legislative Forum is scheduled for March 13-14, 2014 in Arlington, VA.

No. 12253  
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 21, 2014, 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

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- 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 Dr. Martin and carried.

Vote: Yes Herschend, Jones, Lenz, Martin, 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 therefor 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, 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: 6)

No. 12254  
Consent  
Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Shields, 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 Designation of A+ Schools (Exhibit 3)

Motion carried. (Yes: 6)

No. 12255  
Consideration  
of Charter  
School  
Application  
Renewal for  
North Side  
Community  
School  
(02/18/2014)

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Lenz, based on compliance with the application process, to authorize the North Side Community School to continue operations pursuant to the charter renewal granted by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, beginning July 1, 2014 for a five (5) year period.

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

No. 12256  
Consideration  
of Charter  
School  
Application  
Renewal for  
Frontier  
Schools

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Martin, based on compliance with the application process, to authorize the Frontier Schools to continue operations pursuant to the charter renewal granted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City, beginning July 1, 2014 for a five (5) year period.

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

No. 12257  
Consideration  
of Charter  
School  
Application  
Renewal for  
St. Louis  
Language  
Immersion  
School

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Dr. Martin, based on compliance with the application process, to authorize the St. Louis Language Immersion School to continue operations pursuant to the charter renewal granted by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, beginning July 1, 2014 for a five (5) year period.

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

No. 12258  
Consideration  
of an Order of  
Rulemaking to  
Rescind Rule 5  
CSR 20-  
100.170,  
Missouri  
School  
Improvement  
Plan

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to authorize publication in the *Missouri Register* of an Order of Rulemaking to Rescind Rule 5 CSR 20-100.170, Relating to Missouri School Improvement Program, and that the State Board finds this rescission necessary to carry out the purpose of Sections 168.081, 162.081 and 167.131 RSMo.

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

No. 12259  
Report on  
Draft  
Statewide Plan  
for Support of  
and  
Intervention in  
Unaccredited  
Districts/  
Consideration  
of Interim  
Financial Plan  
for Normandy  
School District  
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Deputy Commissioner Margie Vandeven presented a draft statewide plan for support of and intervention in unaccredited districts. The draft plan is a result of the State Board of Education's feedback at the study session on February 10 at which time the concepts submitted to the Department in various proposals were presented.

The Board directed the Department to notify students in Normandy and their parents that they will be able to complete their school year in their current location. Current seniors, who otherwise qualify to graduate under local and state requirements, will graduate this year as scheduled from Normandy.

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Martin, to direct the Department to impose financial oversight over the Normandy School District, effective immediately. All expenditures, contracts, financial obligations, and any other action with fiscal implications must be approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education starting immediately and through the remainder of the year. The oversight will ensure that any and all monies appropriated through the legislature are monitored and expended judiciously, and that any and all measures necessary to ensure the completion of the school year are taken.

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

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Jones, to direct the Commissioner to appoint a Transition Task Force immediately to develop a detailed plan for the operation of the Normandy Schools starting in July 2014, should the legislature fail to appropriate additional funding, and/or should the District lapse due to financial issues or action by the State Board of Education.

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The Task Force will have representatives of Normandy and the extended community including parents, local officials, existing partners and others. The Task Force will be charged with developing a transition plan, recruiting and identifying high quality teachers and leaders, and advising the Department on other operational issues during the transition if this becomes necessary.

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

No. 12260  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the License to  
Teach of Yusef  
Rahaman

It was moved by Mr. Shields, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to suspend Yusef Rahaman's certificate to teach based upon the settlement agreement submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Mr. Rahaman.

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

No. 12261  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the License to  
Teach of  
Rebekah Holt

It was moved by Mr. Shields, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to revoke Rebekah Holt's certificates to teach based upon the settlement agreement submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Ms. Holt.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 10)

No. 12262  
Consideration  
to Discipline  
the Licensure  
to Teach of  
Jamia N. Dock

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Dr. Martin, to revoke Jamia N. Dock's certificates to teach based upon the settlement agreement submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Ms. Dock.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 11)

No. 12263  
Reports  
(02/18/2014)

The following reports were presented to the State Board of Education on  
February 18, 2014:

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Report

Report on the First Draft of the Annual Performance Report for  
Educator Preparation Programs

Governmental Affairs Update

Agenda Items for Two Months in Advance of Current Meeting

No. 12264  
Adjournment  
(02/18/2014)

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. on February 18, 2014. The next  
meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on March 21, 2014, in  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

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President

Executive Assistant