

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING - STANDARDS DISCUSSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1996**

**MINUTES**

The State Board of Education met Monday, April 1, 1996, in the auditorium of the Arch Ford Building. The meeting began at 10:15 a.m.

Members present: Richard Smith, Chairman  
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman  
Carl Baggett  
Gary Beasley  
Luke Gordy  
Mitch Llewellyn  
Jim McLarty  
Betty Pickett  
Elaine Scott  
Sherry Walker

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members absent: James Whitmore

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

**STANDARDS DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Pickett gave a brief statement regarding the Standards and its objectives. **Mrs. Pickett made the motion for the Board to review and discuss only the financial issues that would impact school districts in the 1996-97 school year due to the new funding formula and continue the Standards discussion over the next several months. Mr. Beasley seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Mrs. Pickett	Mr. Fisher
Mrs. Scott	Mr. Llewellyn
Mr. Beasley	
Mr. Gordy	
Mrs. Walker	
Mr. Baggett	
Mr. McLarty	

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mr. Llewellyn made the motion that the Board conduct a philosophical discussion in May regarding what direction the Board will lead the state of Arkansas regarding whether or not to have performance based/content Standards or to continue with seat-time requirements. Mr. Fisher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Llewellyn made the motion that the Board take up no other business until the Standards are resolved during the May meeting unless the Board, by a majority vote, moves to suspend the rules. Mr. Fisher seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Mr. Llewellyn	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Fisher	Mr. McLarty
Mrs. Pickett	
Mr. Gordy	
Mr. Baggett	
Mrs. Walker	
Mrs. Scott	

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mr. Fisher made the motion that during this meeting the actions taken by the Board relating to the Standards, will only be items that will have a financial impact on school districts in the 1996-97 school year and that additional discussion on any other items pertaining to the Standards will not take place until May. Mrs. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Pickett listed the following items for discussion regarding the revised Standards:

Teacher Contracts	5.01.2	page 8
Student/Teacher Ratio	5.02.1	page 9
School District Superintendents	5.03.2	page 11
Principals	5.03.3	page 11
Media	5.03.4	page 11
Counselors	5.03.5	page 11
Guidance & Counseling	6.07.2	page 25
Media	6.07.3	page 25 & 26

With Board consensus, it was recommended to insert 5.03.2 into the May 1993 Standards.

The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

Mr. Llewellyn stated that there was rumor that Board members had met for a secret discussion prior to 10:00 a.m and asked Chairman Smith if that rumor was true. Chairman Smith stated that the rumor was not true.

**Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt 5.01.2 with an amendment to include “administrator contracts.” Mr. Gordy seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mr. Fisher  
Mr. Gordy  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. Baggett  
Mrs. Walker  
Mrs. Scott  
Mr. McLarty

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

After a discussion regarding student/teacher ratio for kindergarten, **Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt 5.02.1. Mrs. Walker seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mr. Fisher  
Mr. Gordy  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. Baggett  
Mrs. Walker  
Mrs. Scott

**AGAINST**

Mr. McLarty

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt 5.03.2. Mrs. Walker seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mr. Fisher  
Mr. Gordy  
Mrs. Walker  
Mr. Baggett  
Mrs. Scott  
Mr. McLarty

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn  
Mrs. Pickett

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt 5.03.3. Mr. Gordy seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mr. Fisher  
Mr. Gordy  
Mr. Baggett  
Mrs. Walker  
Mrs. Scott  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. McLarty

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt 5.03.4. Mr. Gordy seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mr. Fisher  
Mr. Gordy  
Mr. Baggett  
Mrs. Walker  
Mrs. Scott  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. McLarty

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt 5.03.5. Mr. Gordy seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mr. Fisher  
Mr. Gordy  
Mr. Baggett  
Mrs. Walker  
Mrs. Scott  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. McLarty

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mrs. Scott made the motion to adopt 6.07.2. Mrs. Pickett seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mrs. Scott  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. Gordy  
Mr. Baggett  
Mr. McLarty  
Mr. Fisher  
Mrs. Walker

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

**Mrs. Scott made the motion to adopt 6.07.3. Mrs. Pickett seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

**FOR**

Mrs. Scott  
Mrs. Pickett  
Mr. Gordy  
Mr. Baggett  
Mr. McLarty  
Mr. Fisher  
Mrs. Walker

**ABSTAIN**

Mr. Llewellyn

**The motion carried by a majority vote.**

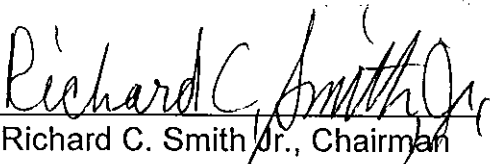
Dr. Emma Bass discussed ADE's desire to allow school districts flexibility regarding the teaching of mathematics. If approved, Dr. Bass stated that guidance would be given in a Regulatory Director's Memo. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to allow school districts flexibility in mathematics with guidance through a Regulatory Director's Memo. Mrs. Pickett seconded and the motion carried by a majority vote.** Dr. Bass received permission from the Board to send out copies of the proposed Standards in a Regulatory Director's Memo.

There was a discussion regarding 5.03.2 of the proposed standards and page 15 of the May 1993 standards pertaining to full-time superintendents. **Mrs. Walker made the motion to amend 5.03.2 to state "500" instead of "300". Mrs. Pickett seconded. After further discussion and clarification, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Pickett withdrew their motion and second.**

**Mr. McLarty made the motion that once the Board makes its final decision regarding the Standards' that no further changes will be made that will affect the 1996-97 school year. Mrs. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Fisher made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Gordy seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.**

Recorded by Angela White

  
Richard C. Smith Jr., Chairman

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Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary