

**Minutes
State Board of Education
Friday, October 11, 2019**

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Friday, October 11, 2019, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (Division) Auditorium. Chair Ms. Diane Zook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Zook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ms. Diane Zook, Chair; Ms. Charisse Dean, Vice-Chair; Dr. Sarah Moore; Ms. Kathy McFetridge; Mr. Chad Pekron; Ms. Stacey McAdoo, 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; and Mr. Johnny Key, Secretary

Absent: Mr. Brett Williamson; Ms. Susan Chambers; Dr. Fitz Hill; and Ms. Ouida Newton

Changes to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Reports

State Board Member Reports/Comments

Ms. Dean said that Stuttgart has been confirmed as the Family and Community Engagement pilot district. She said parental engagement plans were due October 1 and are currently being reviewed for federal and state compliance. Ms. Dean said there is continued communication and messaging around engagement through multiple venues. She said the Family and Community Engagement team has also met with the agencies that now fall under the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education umbrella to increase communication across the Division.

Ms. McAdoo discussed her disappointment with the October 10, 2019, State Board meeting decisions. She reflected that she does not feel like she is a part of the State Board or the Little Rock School District, but she would like to be a bridge between the two. However, she is unsure of how to be that bridge. She also discussed the negativity directed at her which she has faced across the state during her time so far as Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Zook said the Special Education unit had planned to go in and do training with the principals and other key people; however, the Little Rock School District had canceled the meeting scheduled for July. She said the unit still plans to do a question and answer session about IDEA with LRSD administration on November 1. Ms. Zook said she toured what will be the new Southwest High School in the Little Rock School District and noted the community support was impressive. She said she was invited to speak at the grand opening of the new LISA Academy in North Little Rock. She was invited to attend an information meeting at Hall High School where they are wanting to become a School of Innovation.

Commissioner's Report

Mr. Key said the Division, for the second year, is working with the Arkansas School Boards Association, attending regional meetings which act as both a training and a business meeting. He said the ASBA has asked the Division to provide a 45 minute to one hour presentation about that is going on within the Division. He noted that it was interesting how many people do not know about the available data on My School Info at these meetings.

Mr. Key said Public School Program Coordinator Mr. Reginald Ballard is going to act as liaison to the Little Rock communities to help identify partnerships and what requires further examination.

School Safety Coordinator Mr. Doug Bradberry talked about the Department of Justice's "Stop the Violence" grant recently received by the Division for \$500,000. Mr. Bradberry said there were specific gaps in the schools he felt needed to be addressed. The grant funding will allow the Division to create an anti-bullying campaign which will focus on grades 5-9. He said over the next year there will be initially five, regional crisis response teams created. He said he hopes to have 15 teams over the next three years. The grant will also allow work with school climate, providing funding to do professional development. His goal is to visit at least 87 schools a year and 15 education service cooperatives. He also discussed reunification materials which will be provided to the schools for use after an emergency.

Educator Preparation Annual Report

Educator Preparation Coordinator Ms. Joan Luneau discussed the routes to special education licensure. Ms. Luneau reviewed Special Education fall program enrollment totals and showed the increased in participants from 2015 to 2019. Based on data, Ms. Luneau said they want to work on MAT and first time license program number over the next year. She discussed the APPEL Program and said there were no new sites added, but they did move Great Rivers to the Education Service Cooperative. She also mentioned that they will take new site proposals in January. Ms. Luneau reviewed the APPEL program enrollment numbers and DESE Licensure Assessment reimbursements. She also provided an overview of the implementation of Act 416 and the Right to Read Act of 2017.

Special Projects Administrator Mr. Frank Servedio provided a summary of each of the section of the Educator Preparation Provider Quality Report. He noted that this is the first year that the word, "Quality," was added to the title of the report. He said they are now providing a standard for some sections of the report.

New Business

Ms. Zook said in the Covington court case, the high school attendance zones need to be redrawn by January for the Little Rock School District. She said that it may be helpful if the chair of the Little Rock Community Advisory Board or their designee and herself or designee were able to attend any meetings regarding these zones.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

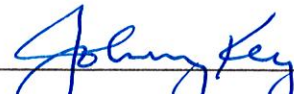
Adjournment

Ms. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. Pekron, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Meeting minutes recorded by Tiffany Donovan



Ms. Diane Zook, SBE Chair



Mr. Johnny Key, Secretary of Education