

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Meeting**  
**Friday, June 14, 2019**

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Friday, June 14, 2019, in the Arkansas Department of Education (Department) Auditorium. Chair Dr. Jay Barth called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Dr. Jay Barth, Chair; Charisse Dean, Vice-Chair; Diane Zook; Ouida Newton; Susan Chambers; Dr. Fitz Hill; Dr. Sarah Moore; Kathy McFetridge; Brett Williamson; Randi House, 2018 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; and Johnny Key, Commissioner.

Absent: None

**Changes to Agenda**

None

**Reports**

**2018 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Report**

Ms. Meghan Ables, ADE Public Information Manager and Arkansas Teacher of the Year Coordinator, stated that 2018 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Ms. Randi House will be the first ATOY to participate in a transition year program. Ables stated that a toolkit was created for the Conway School District to help House maintain leadership roles and transition back to the classroom. House also will receive a \$3,000 back-to-the-classroom grant through the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative to assist her with upgrading her classroom.

During her last State Board report as the 2018 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, House shared pictures and a summary of highlights of her year as Teacher of the Year.

**Chair's Report**

Dr. Barth thanked everyone for the kindness expressed to him yesterday. He then gave Ms. Zook the opportunity to discuss next steps as the incoming State Board Chair.

Ms. Zook requested an overview of the Lakeview decision and how it has impacted the state's role and education funding. She also suggested a work session on Act 930 and asked the board to think about the roles of standing committees to determine if the committees need to change.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Key expressed thanks to Dr. Mike Hernandez, State Superintendent for Coordinated Support Services, for the work done to improve the State Board reports from schools under state takeover. Key also commended Dr. Barth for his tenure on the State Board.

Commissioner Key discussed the orientation he attended yesterday as the new Secretary of Education and the future of education in Arkansas.

Commissioner Key also showed a video promoting the ADE Summit June 18-21 in Hot Springs.

### **State Board Standing Committees, Special Committees, Liaisons, and Appointments Report**

Ms. Ouida Newton provided an update as liaison to the ESSA Steering Committee. She stated that the department received an inquiry about whether foreign exchange students would be included in accountability. She stated that information had been shared with districts, and the department's business rules would be updated.

Ms. Zook provided an update regarding Public School Accountability. She said Standards and Systems Support is updating the standards monitoring tool, and information would be released next week. She also said the team is updating the federal monitoring tool. The Public School Performance Unit is updating the 2020 ESSA School Index Business Rules for release soon, and the family and community engagement team is meeting with school facilitators and district coordinators to review the family and community engagement framework and toolkit.

Ms. Zook provided a Special Education report. She talked about upcoming meetings the Special Education team would attend and efforts to strengthen collaboration with other units and stakeholders.

### **2018-2019 Comprehensive Licensure Waiver Report**

Public School Program Manager Ms. Melissa Jacks provided a report on licensure exceptions/waivers. She provided data about Additional Licensure Plans, long-term substitutes, emergency teaching permits, ACT 1240 licensure waivers, and effective teacher licensure exemptions.

### **Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Division Report**

Assistant Commissioner Dr. Suzanne Bailey provided a report highlighting the division's efforts to provide support, service, and leadership to teachers, schools, and districts. She discussed efforts to build the capacity of educators through partnerships, the division's goals, and recruitment and retention efforts.

### **Student Assessment Report**

ADE Special Advisor Ms. Hope Worsham provided a student assessment report. She said this was the fourth year of testing online and that the state had a successful testing year. Worsham said there were no big concerns or issues and that testing results would be released beginning July 1.

**New Business**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Ms. Charise Dean moved, seconded by Ms. Susan Chambers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kimberly Mundell*

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*Ms. Diane Zook, Chair*

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*Johnny Key, Commissioner*