

**Minutes  
State Board of Education Meeting  
Thursday, August 9, 2018**

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Thursday, August 9, 2018, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Dr. Jay Barth called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

Absent: Charisse Dean, Vice-Chair

**Recognitions**

**State Awardees for Presidential Award for Excellence**

Science teacher Mr. Justin Leflar from Holt Middle School in the Fayetteville School District and math teacher Ms. Amy Sandy from Sonora Elementary School in the Springdale School District were recognized as the 2016 state awardees for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

State Science Advisor Ms. Michele Snyder and Mathematics Advisor Ms. Veronica Hebard presented the recognition.

**International Science and Engineering Fair**

Little Rock Central High School students Ms. Anusha Bhattacharyya and Ms. Meghana Bollimpalli were recognized for receiving awards for their research at the International Science and Engineering Fair.

State Science Advisor Ms. Michele Snyder and Mathematics Advisor Veronica Hebard presented the recognition.

**Changes to the Agenda**

Dr. Barth said Consent Agenda Item 5 Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-076 Britt Mounce was pulled from the agenda.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mary Ann Spears Lincoln School District Principal said her school is a R.I.S.E. school, but

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve the consent agenda minus Consent Agenda Item 5 Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-076 Britt Mounce. The motion carried unanimously.

Items included in the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes – July 12, 2018
- Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations
- Consideration of Report on Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out of Area for Longer than Thirty (30) Days, Ark. Code Ann.§ 6- 17-309
- Review of Loan and Bond Applications
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-076 Britt Mounce
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-103 Christopher Wilks
- Consideration of Suspension of Teaching License for Nonpayment of Fines – Licensure Action No. LA 18-016 – Kendra Skaggs
- Consideration of Revocation of Teaching License – Licensure Action Case No. 18-007 – Melinda Liles
- Deer Mt. Judea School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- Hermitage School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- Jasper School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- El Dorado School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- Lincoln School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report

## **Action Agenda A**

### **A-1 38 Units and Graduation Requirements**

Assistant Commissioner for Learning Services Ms. Stacy Smith said the updated form was being presented to the State Board. Ms. Smith said there were no changes to Smart Core or the 38 Units and Graduation Requirements.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve 38 Units and Graduation Requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

### **A-2a District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Little Rock School District**

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said Horace Mann Arts and Science Magnet Middle School Principal Dr. Keith McGee Sr. and Little Rock School District Superintendent Mr. Mike Poore were present to represent the item.

Dr. Keith McGee Sr. shared a presentation. He said the waiver would allow students access to Project Lead the Way.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to approve District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters made by the Little Rock School District specific to Horace Mann Arts and Science Magnet Middle School for four (4) years. The motion carried unanimously.

### **A-3 Consideration of Third Round for Arkansas Better Chance 2018-2019 Renewal Grants**

Department of Human Services (DHS) Education and Instruction Manager for Arkansas Better Chance Ms. Susan Underwood said an additional 10 slots were included. She said start-up funds were typically used for instructional materials.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to approve Third Round for Arkansas Better Chance 2018-2019 Renewal Grants. The motion carried unanimously.

### **A-4a Consideration of DCCECE Recommendation—In His Image Youth Development Center**

Attorney Supervisor Ms. Jennifer Dedman said no representative for the appeal was present. She said the State Board could choose to consider the appeal abandoned and therefore denied. She said representatives from the Department of Human Services had documentation that the program voluntarily closed their doors.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to deny the appeal from In His Image Youth Development Center. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Action Agenda B**

### **B-1 Consideration of Appeal from Denial of School Choice Application—Smith Family**

Attorney Supervisor Ms. Jennifer Dedman said Mr. Brad and Mrs. Amy Smith were the parents representing the appeal.

Ms. Dedman said the non-resident district was Ouachita School District and the resident school district was Malvern School District.

Ouachita School District Superintendent Mr. Larry Newsom said they would have accepted the student if Malvern School District had not reached their 3% cap for out-of-district transfers.

Malvern School District Chief of Staff Mr. Jace Roberts said they denied the application based on the 3% cap.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to deny school choice appeal filed by the Smith family. Opposed by five (5). Final vote 3-5. The motion was defeated.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to approve school choice appeal filed by the Smith family. Opposed by two (2). Final vote 5-2. The motion carried.

### **B-2 Praxis® English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) for English to Speakers of Other Languages Ancillary License**

Public School Program Coordinator Ms. Joan Luneau said the license area was added in April 2018.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve Praxis® English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) for English to Speakers of Other Languages Ancillary License. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B-3 Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT) Certification for Dyslexia Ancillary License**

Assistant Commissioner for Learning Services Ms. Stacy Smith said the program was nationally-recognized and rigorous.

Dyslexia Specialist Ms. Vicki King said multiple cooperatives in the state hosted training sessions for this ancillary license.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to approve Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT) Certification for Dyslexia Ancillary License. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B-4 2018-2019 Embedded Courses**

Public School Program Manager Mr. Thomas Coy said the Department was asking for a one-year approval for personal finance embedded courses.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve multiyear 2018-2019 Embedded Courses. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williamson moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve one-year personal finance 2018-2019 Embedded Courses. Opposed by one (1). Final vote 6-1. The motion carried.

**B-5 Approval of Method for Demonstrating Content Knowledge for Adding Journalism to a License**

Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Dr. Jeremy Owoh said this action would impact those currently in the program of study.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve Method for Demonstrating Content Knowledge for Adding Journalism to a License. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-6 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: Proposed ADE Rules Governing Data Reporting, the Arkansas Public School Computer Network, and Information Systems AND REPEAL OF ADE Rules Governing the Issuance of Local Education Agency Numbers, ADE Rules Governing the Processes to Ensure the Quality, Security, Validation and Timeliness of Public School Data in the Arkansas Public School Computer Network, ADE Rules Governing the Final Close of Public School Financial Records, and Ade Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting and Reporting System and Annual Training Requirements.**

Staff Attorney Ms. Mary Claire Hyatt said the Department requested that the State Board release these rules for public comment.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to approve Consideration for Release for Public Comment: Proposed ADE Rules Governing Data Reporting, the Arkansas Public School Computer Network, and Information Systems AND REPEAL OF ADE Rules Governing the Issuance of Local Education Agency Numbers, ADE Rules Governing the Processes to Ensure the Quality, Security, Validation and Timeliness of Public School Data in the Arkansas Public School Computer Network, ADE Rules Governing the Final Close of Public School Financial Records, and Ade Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting and Reporting System and Annual Training Requirements for public comment release. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-7 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: ADE Special Education and Related Services Sections 2.00 Definitions and 5.00 Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)**

Staff Attorney Ms. Mary Claire Hyatt said the Department requested that the State Board release these rules for public comment.

Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to approve Consideration for Release for Public Comment: ADE Special Education and Related Services Sections 2.00 Definitions and 5.00 Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for public comment release. The motion carried unanimously.

**B-8 Consideration for Final Approval: ADE Rules Governing the Public School Rating System on Annual School Performance Reports and the School Recognition Program**

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said the Department requested that the State Board release these rules for public comment.

Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to approve ADE Rules Governing the Public School Rating System on Annual School Performance Reports and the School Recognition Program for final approval. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

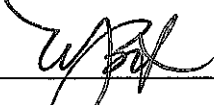
There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Kelicia Hollis*

  
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Johnny Key, Commissioner

  
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Jay Barth, Chair