

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 2017

The State Board of Education met Thursday, June 22, 2017, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Dr. Jay Barth called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Dr. Jay Barth, Chair.

Present via phone: Susan Chambers; Mireya Reith; Diane Zook; Ouida Newton; Brett Williamson; and Johnny Key, Commissioner.

Absent: Joe Black, Vice-Chair; Dr. Fitz Hill; Charisse Dean; and Meghan Ables, 2016 Teacher of the Year.

Action Agenda

Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts (Updated)

Standards Monitoring Director Mr. Willie Morris said on Monday, June 12, 2017, he was notified that incorrect information had been provided to the State Board regarding Action Item B-11 Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2016-17: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts.

After careful review of the information the following items have been addressed:

- **Lakeside** (Garland County) had successfully resolved issues prior to the submission of the report and should have been removed from the June 8 report.
- **Bauxite, Berryville, Heber Springs, and Rector** resolved their issues prior to the June 8 State Board meeting. The schools should have been announced as updated at that time so that the updates could have been included in the final report.
- As a result of the need to revisit the report, additional time permitted **Dumas** to submit paperwork that has removed them from probationary status.
- In addition, as the team reviewed the documentation they also identified **Stuttgart, Watson Chapel, and Exalt Academy** as having resolved their issues and recommend they be removed from probationary status.
- On June 8, 2017, the State Board approved waivers for three districts: **Bryant, Woodlawn, and Greenwood**. These three districts were removed from probationary status.

Mr. Morris said he will notify each district affected. He thanked the Accreditation team and Ms. Melissa Jacks from Licensure for going back through the report and making the appropriate updates. He said it is important that the updates be approved and made public as soon as possible. He asked the Board to approve the updated report.

Commissioner Key thanked the Accreditation and Licensure teams. He said the agency made a mistake and will make every effort to correct procedures to ensure accuracy in the future. He apologized to the districts for any negative impact as a result of the previous report.

Ms. Chambers moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to rescind the June 8, 2017, approval of the Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to approve the Final Accreditation Report Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Summary of Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts (Updated). The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Williamson moved, seconded by Ms. Chambers, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman



Johnny Key, Commissioner



Dr. Jay Barth, Chair