

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2017

The State Board of Education met Friday, May 12, 2017, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Mireya Reith called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present: Mireya Reith, Chair; Dr. Jay Barth, Vice-Chair; Dr. Fitz Hill; Joe Black; Diane Zook; Ouida Newton; Brett Williamson; Charisse Dean; Meghan Ables, 2016 Teacher of the Year; and Johnny Key, Commissioner.

Absent: Susan Chambers.

Reports

Report – Educator Recruitment and Retention: Educators Rising Initiative

Recruitment and Retention Program Manager Mr. Jeff Dyer said Arkansas is becoming an affiliate state with Educators Rising. The mission is to guide young people into the education profession. The partnerships will include standards, micro-credentials, competitions, conferences and curriculum. He said this is a way to bridge Educators Rising in high schools with the Educators Rising in colleges and universities.

Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Dr. Ivy Pfeffer said ADE would be collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of recruitment practices.

Mr. Dyer said the Teacher Cadet programs are in select high schools. He said Teacher Cadet would be a program within Educators Rising.

Ms. Meghan Ables said this initiative along with tiered educator licensure is moving Arkansas to a new level.

Commissioner Key said that he attended the FFA banquet in Hermitage. This initiative can create the same level of excitement and commitment in communities.

Report-1 Chair's Report

Chair Ms. Mireya Reith said she will be providing the key note presentation at five graduations.

Report-2 Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Johnny Key said the 2017 Presidential Scholars Program winners are Ryan Kim from Fayetteville High School East Campus and Stephanie Zhao from Pulaski Academy.

Commissioner Key said as a follow up to the previous Board meeting he presented a transition of Little Rock and Dollarway Schools Districts to Act 930 timeline.

Report-3 Board Standing Committees, Special Committees, Liaisons, and Appointments Report

ForwARd Arkansas Liaison Dr. Barth said as the ForwARd liaison he has been added to the ForwARd executive committee and he attended the meeting last month. He said much focus was given to Pre-K during the legislative session. He said now ForwARd is discussing how to be involved in transition of Academic Distress and Pre-Academic Distress. He said ForwARd is planning for the next legislative session.

Deeper Learning Grant Manager Ms. Reith said the work session would highlight the components of the grant. She said ForwARd would facilitate the work session.

Ms. Reith recommended a State Board work session on June 8, 2017, to discuss community engagement successes and challenges. The Board will not meet on June 9.

ESSA Steering Committee Liaison Ms. Newton said the committee reviewed the first draft. She said Dr. Airola is modeling the data. She said that information would help the team to complete the draft. The next meeting is May 24, 2017. Ms. Zook said the student voices from Jefferson County have inspired other students to survey their peers.

Standing Committee on Academic Distress Chair Ms. Zook said Little Rock and Dollarway will present to the Board in June. She said the other identified districts will report in July.

Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholder Group Liaison Dr. Barth said the team will be prepared to present their final report on June 8, 2017. The Board requested to move the report to July.

National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Liaison Ms. Reith said June 9-10 is the new member institute. She reminded members about the new NASBE app. She said NASBE will be closing nominations for board positions on May 25. She said two decisions that will be discussed at NASBE included terms of board members and work groups.

Student Discipline Committee Chair Dr. Fitz Hill said the committee met yesterday. He said the committee is working on innovative opportunities to keep students in school. He said Sargent Willie Davis will speak at the next meeting on the OK – Our Kids program. Ms. Dean requested to join the committee.

Special Education Liaison Ms. Zook said the next meeting is May 18, 2017.

Report-4 Priority Schools 3rd Quarter Progress Reports for School Year 2016-17


School Improvement Director Dr. Richard Wilde presented the third quarter reports. He said priority and focus schools were asked to set goals at the beginning of the year and then follow the data through-out the year. He said if the plans are being implemented with fidelity then the data should indicate progress. He said districts would be asked to expand goals to move beyond one data measurement (such as ACT Aspire data) to identifying leading indicators that can be monitored during the year.

Dr. Wilde said some of the schools also have Act 1240 waivers, so Board members may want to know more about how the waivers helped to improve the school. He said as the state transitions from NCLB to ESSA, the state will support districts, and districts will support schools, therefore, the district will be reporting school progress. He invited the State Board to provide feedback on the forms, reports, and process. He asked the Board to email him directly with any recommendations.

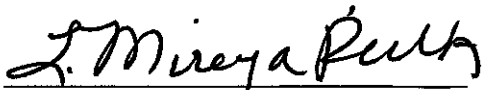
Adjournment

Ms. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman



Johnny Key, Commissioner



Mireya Reith, Chair

