

State Board of Education

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:00 AM

ADE Auditorium

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition: Cynthia Murphy

Ms. Murphy was the focus of the Teach Again campaign.

Presenter: Ivy Pfeffer

III. Recognition: Arkansas Biliteracy Award

The Arkansas Biliteracy Award recognizes Arkansas high school students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages. The award is the product of a collaboration between AFLTA (Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association), ARKTESOL (Arkansas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages), K-12 teachers, university faculty, and members of the community. The collaborative is also working toward an Arkansas Biliteracy Seal on high school diplomas for future graduates.

Presenter: Tricia Kerr, AR Department of Education ESOL Director and ARKTESOL President and Kristen L. Novotny, President with AFLTA

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes

Presenter: Deborah Coffman

13April2017 SBE Minutes.pdf

2. Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations

The applicant data from this information is used to compile the Applicant Flow Chart forms for the Affirmative Action Report, which demonstrates the composition of applicants through the selecting, hiring, promoting and terminating process. The information is needed to measure the effectiveness of the agency's recruitment, hiring and promotion efforts and is in conformity with federal government guidelines, which require the agency to compile statistical information about applicants for employment.

Presenter: Greg Rogers and Clemetta Hood

State Board - Newly Employed Promotions Separations April 2017.pdf

3. My Child/My Student Report

The ADE Communications Unit provides a quarterly report about the My Child/My Student public awareness campaign. The latest campaign resources are available on the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>.

Presenter: Kimberly Friedman

My Child - My Student Report - May 2017.pdf

4. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #17-015 – Rebecca Gramling

Violation of Standard 1. An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom. Violation of Standard 2. An educator maintains competence regarding his or her professional practice, inclusive of skills, knowledge, dispositions, and responsibilities relating to his or her organizational position; The Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee recommends that the State Board order a one (1) year probation; assess a \$75.00 fine; required training, coursework; ArkansasIDEAS - IAD14491 Classroom Management: Managing Challenging Behavior (2 hours); and IAE14017 The Learning Classroom: Feelings Count (.5 hours); with a required written reflection on how each training will affect her interaction with students in the classroom; submitted to PSLB office within 60 days of SBOE final order; fine to be paid within 90 days of SBOE final order; (All cost paid by the educator). Mrs. Gramling did not respond within the required (30) day period.

Presenter: Eric James

5. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #17-080 - Alicia Everhart

Standard 3. An educator honestly fulfills reporting obligations associated with professional practices. The Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee recommends that the State Board order the revocation of Educator Everhart's license. Mrs. Everhart did not respond within the required (30) day period.

Presenter: Eric James

6. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #17-097 - Roy Lamb

Violation of Standard 1. An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom. Violation of Standard 2. An educator maintains competence regarding his or her professional practice, inclusive of skills, knowledge, dispositions, and responsibilities relating to his or her organizational position; Standard 3. An educator honestly fulfills reporting obligations associated with professional practices. The Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee recommends that the State Board order a two (2) year suspension; assess a \$100.00 fine; required training - ArkansasIDEAS - SOE 14002: Social Studies in Action Exploring Unity and Diversity (2 hours); and IAD14492: Classroom management: Building Effective Relationships, 2nd Edition (11 hours); with a required written reflection on each training indicating how this will impact his interaction with students to the PLSB office within 60 days of SBOE final order; fine to be paid within 90 days of SBOE final order; (All cost paid by the educator).

Presenter: Eric James

7. LRSD Community Advisory Board Quarterly Report

CAB - quarterly report - 4-28-2017.pdf

V. Action Agenda A. 10:00am

1. Consideration of Arkansas Better Chance 2016-2017 Funding Increase for Classrooms

The funding request for the programs is needed to assist in one time start-up costs to purchase classroom/ playground materials and supplies to prepare for serving additional children in the upcoming school year. The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education respectfully requests approval for this one time funding that will increase each programs' approved 2016-2017 budget.

Presenter: Mary Kaye McKinney

One time funding for start up from 2016-17 for 2017-18.pdf

2. Consideration of Additional Funding for Paris School District

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education has been working closely with the Division of Children and Family Services to ensure that services are made available to children who have been placed into Foster Care. ABC Programs have been asked to prioritize services to these children due to the trauma that they suffer when removed from their homes and to allow for temporary arrangements when possible. This has resulted in the Paris School District incurring costs beyond their budget approved for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$6,318.00 to serve three additional children. For the 2016-2017 school year, the Paris School District was initially approved for \$315,900.00 and the new budget request is for a total of \$322,218.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Presenter: Mary Kaye McKinney

3. Consideration of Arkansas Better Chance 2017-2018 Professional Service Contracts

Pursuant to the authority granted to the State Board of Education, the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education respectfully requests approval of the Arkansas Better Chance Professional Service Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year.

Presenter: Mary Kaye McKinney

Copy of ABC PD Contracts FY18 FINAL 4.7.17.pdf

4. Considerations of Enhancement Grants

A recommendation for use of the AR Better Chance funding remaining at the end of the 2016-2017 school year is requested to assist ABC Programs with the following: ability to purchase ABC classroom materials /supplies, outdoor equipment; provide summer services beyond the school year of 178 days and the continuation of AmeriCorps for schools through the Southeast AR Education Cooperative. ABC funding is being proposed to support the participation of ABC programs with the Arkansas RISE/ Imagination Library Initiatives. The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education respectfully requests approval for these purposes.

Presenter: Mary Kaye McKinney

Summary of Remaining 2016-17 ABC Balance 2.pdf

5. PLSB Case No. 16-149 Clinton Irving Clay, Educator's proposal to settle case prior to State Board Review.

Mr. Clay is represented by Tom Donaldson. The Department recommends the settlement proposal be declined and the Review go forward.

Presenter: Bilenda Harris-Ritter

6. State Board Review of PLSB Evidentiary Hearing Findings and Recommendations- PLSB Case No. 16-149; Clinton Irving Clay

Violation of Standard 1: An Educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom. Recommendation: Following an evidentiary hearing on February 10, 2017, the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee hearing panel recommended that the State Board suspend Mr. Clay's license for six (6) months, assess a \$100 fine and require completion of training on the AETN/ArkansasIDEAS online portal consisting of course IAD 14491: Classroom Management; Managing Challenging Behavior (2 hours); course IAD 14492: Classroom Management: Building Effective Relationships, 2nd Edition (11 hours); and course LAB 1501; Closing the Attitude Gap (2 hours); with written reflections on how each respective training will impact his future conduct with students. Mr. Clay is represented by attorney Tom Donaldson.

Presenter: Bilenda Harris-Ritter

7. Consideration of Waiver Request for Teaching License- Carol McCollum (Isenhower)

Ms. Carol McCollum (Isenhower) is a licensed educator who applied for renewal of her license. On December 9, 2016, the Department notified Ms. McCollum that she is disqualified from holding a teaching license under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410. Ms. McCollum requested a waiver of the disqualification from the State Board. Ms. McCollum is represented by attorney Clayton Blackstock. The Department recommends that the waiver request be GRANTED.

Presenter: Bilenda Harris-Ritter

8. Consideration of Revocation of Teaching License William Hardiman

Arkansas law provides that the State Board of Education shall revoke the license of any person who pleads guilty or no contest or is convicted of certain enumerated offenses. William Hardiman is a licensed educator who pleaded guilty to A.C.A. 5-14-124, felony 1st degree sexual assault in Pulaski County on January 12, 2016.

Mr. Hardiman is ineligible for employment in any public school under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-411. The Department recommends that the State Board of Education REVOKE his license.

Presenter: Bilenda Harris-Ritter

9. Consideration of Revocation of Teaching License - Lester Dwayne Curry

Arkansas law provides that the State Board of Education shall revoke the license of any person who pleads guilty or no contest or is convicted of certain enumerated offenses. Lester Dwayne Curry is a licensed educator who pleaded guilty to A.C.A. 5-14-110, two counts of felony 1st degree sexual indecency with a child in Garland County on March 6, 2017.

Mr. Curry is ineligible for employment in any public school under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-411. The Department recommends that the State Board of Education revoke his license.

Presenter: Bilenda Harris-Ritter

10. Consideration of Revocation of Teaching License - James C. Arender

Arkansas law provides that the State Board of Education shall revoke the license of any person who pleads guilty or no contest or is convicted of certain enumerated offenses. James C. Arender is a licensed educator who pleaded guilty to A.C.A. § 5-64-443(b), felony possession drug paraphernalia manufacture meth cocaine in Craighead County on August 16, 2016 and had pled guilty to A.C.A. § 5-3-201 Criminal attempt in Craighead County on August 18, 2003.

Mr. Arender is ineligible for employment in any public school under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-411. The Department recommends that the State Board of Education REVOKE his license.

Presenter: Bilenda Harris-Ritter

11. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Office of Educator Effectiveness, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Subcommittee, for Suspension of License – Melissa Adamson (Rice)

Melissa Adamson (Rice) holds an Arkansas Standard Teaching License. The Office of Educator Effectiveness, National Board Advisory Committee, recommends suspension of this license for nonpayment of funds expended by the Arkansas Department of Education for National Board Candidacy. Efforts have been made to contact Ms. Adamson concerning her nonpayment of funds. The recommendation is for the teaching license to be suspended until payment is made in full.

Presenter: Ivy Pfeffer

12. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Office of Educator Effectiveness, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Subcommittee, for Suspension of License – Evelyn E. James

Evelyn E. James holds an Arkansas Standard Teaching License. The Office of Educator Effectiveness, National Board Advisory Committee, recommends suspension of this license for nonpayment of funds expended by the Arkansas Department of Education for National Board Candidacy. Efforts have been made to contact Ms. James concerning her nonpayment of funds. The recommendation is for the teaching license to be suspended until payment is made in full.

Presenter: Ivy Pfeffer

13. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Office of Educator Effectiveness, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Advisory Subcommittee, for Suspension of License – Yvette Green

Yvette Green holds an Arkansas Standard Teaching License. The Office of Educator Effectiveness, National Board Advisory Committee, recommends suspension of this license for nonpayment of funds

expended by the Arkansas Department of Education for National Board Candidacy. Efforts have been made to contact Ms. Green concerning her nonpayment of funds. The recommendation is for the teaching license to be suspended until payment is made in full.

Presenter: Ivy Pfeffer

14. 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

Arkansas Code Annotated §6-17-309 requires local school districts to secure a waiver when classrooms are staffed with unlicensed teachers for longer than 30 days. Requests were received from 27 school districts covering a total of 49 waivers. There were also requests for long-term substitutes from 40 school districts requesting a total of 79 waivers for long-term substitutes. These requests have been reviewed, were either approved or denied by Department staff, and are consistent with program guidelines.

Presenter: Ivy Pfeffer

ALP_Academic_Distress_Priority_May2017.pdf

ALPReportMayStateBoard2017.pdf

May2017_StateBoard_LongTermSubReport.pdf

VI. Action Agenda B 1:00pm

1. District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Cedar Ridge School District

Act 1240 of 2015 allows a school district to petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to Open-Enrollment public charter schools that serve students who reside in the school district. Representatives of the Cedar Ridge School District are appearing before the Board with a petition of waivers.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

Cedar Ridge School District Board Packet

Cedar Ridge Presentation

2. District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Greenwood School District

Act 1240 of 2015 allows a school district to petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to Open-Enrollment public charter schools that serve students who reside in the school district. Representatives of the Greenwood School District are appearing before the Board with a petition of waivers.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

Greenwood School District Board Packet

3. District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Marvell-Elaine School District

Act 1240 of 2015 allows a school district to petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to Open-Enrollment public charter schools that serve students who reside in the school district. Representatives of the Marvell-Elaine School District are appearing before the Board with a petition of waivers.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

Marvell-Elaine School District Board Packet

4. District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: Mountain Home School District

Act 1240 of 2015 allows a school district to petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to Open-Enrollment public charter schools that serve students who reside in the school district. Representatives of the Mountain Home School District are appearing before the Board with a petition of waivers.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

Mountain Home School District Board Packet

Mountain Home Presentation

5. District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: North Little Rock School District

Act 1240 of 2015 allows a school district to petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to Open-Enrollment public charter schools that serve students who reside in the school district. Representatives of the North Little Rock School District are appearing before the Board with a petition of waivers.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

North Little Rock School District Board Packet

North Little Rock Presentation

6. Consideration of the Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on the District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment Request: Cross County High School, Cherry Valley

On April 19, 2017, representatives of Cross County High School appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. By an unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at a later State Board meeting.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

Cross County High School Decision Letter

Cross County High School Voting Sheet

Cross County High School Amendment Request as Presented to Charter Authorizing Panel

7. Consideration of the Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on the District Conversion Public Charter School Amendment Request: Farmington Career Academies, Farmington

On April 19, 2017, representatives of Farmington Career Academies appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. By an unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at a later State Board meeting.

Presenter: Kelly McLaughlin

Farmington Career Academies Decision Letter

Farmington Career Academies Voting Sheet

Farmington Career Academies Amendment Request as Presented to the Charter Authorizing Panel

8. Consideration of the Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment Request: Arkansas Arts Academy, Rogers

On April 19, 2017, a representative of Arkansas Arts Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to the charter. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at a later State Board meeting.

Presenter: Virginia Perry

Arkansas Arts Academy Decision Letter

Arkansas Arts Academy Voting Sheet

Arkansas Arts Academy Amendment Request as Submitted to the Charter Authorizing Panel

9. Consideration of the Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Review Hearing: Covenant Keepers Charter School, Little Rock

On April 19, 2017, representatives of Covenant Keepers Charter School appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel for a Full Review of the charter. By a vote of 6-to-1, the Panel voted for the revocation of the charter. A request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel has been submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at a later State Board meeting.

Presenter: Mary Perry

Covenant Keepers Decision Letter

Covenant Keepers Voting Sheet

Request for Review

Correspondence from Covenant Keepers Regarding State Board Review

Information Provided by Covenant Keepers Charter School

Covenant Keepers Charter School Presentation

Information Provided by ADE Staff

2016 ESEA Covenant Keepers Charter School

10. Consideration of the Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Review Hearing: Rockbridge Montessori Charter School, Little Rock

On March 15, 2017, representatives of Rockbridge Montessori Charter School appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel for a full review of the charter. The Panel tabled the review until its next meeting. On April 19, 2017, representatives of Rockbridge Montessori Charter School appeared before the Panel to continue the full review of the charter. By a vote of 5-to-1, the Panel decided to place the charter on Probation for 1 year with reports due every 90 days to the Charter Unit in the areas of special education, governance, finance, and required reporting. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at a later State Board meeting.

Presenter: Mary Perry

Rockbridge Montessori Decision Letter

Rockbridge Montessori Academy Voting Sheet

2016 ESEA for Rockbridge Montessori Charter School

- a. Information Provided at the March 15, 2017 Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting

Hearing Letter

Rockbridge Montessori Charter School Presentation

Information Provided by ADE Staff

- b. Information Provided at the April 19, 2017 Charter Authorizing Panel Meeting

Hearing Letter

Information Provided by Rockbridge Montessori Charter School

Information Provided by ADE Staff

11. Consideration for Final Approval: ADE Rules Governing Education Service Cooperatives

Changes to these rules are necessary to better comport with the laws regarding education service cooperative evaluations and review. A public comment hearing was held on April 12, 2017. The public comment period ended on April 24, 2017. Public comments were received, but no substantive changes were made. Governor's approval was received on April 11, 2017. Department staff respectfully requests that the State Board give approval for these rules.

ADE staff respectfully requests the State Board release this rule for public comment.

Presenter: Jennifer Davis

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Public Comment Matrix.pdf

12. Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair

On or before the first day of March of each year, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Board Members, all of whom shall have served at least two years on the Board. The Committee shall secure the consent of its nominees to serve and report to the Board at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be allowed. The election shall take place by voice vote at the June meeting. The outgoing Chair shall serve through the conclusion of the meeting, at which time the newly elected Chair shall take office.

VII. Reports

1. 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Report

The 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year will report on current topics of opportunities for educators.

Presenter: Meghan Ables

Meghan's May Blog.pdf

2. Computer Science Report

Presenter: Anthony Owen

SBECReportMay2017.pdf

3. Educator Recruitment and Retention: Educators Rising

Initiative announcement and brief presentation

Presenter: Jeff Dyer

4. Team Up for School Nutrition Success

The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) along with its Applied Research Division (ARD) collaborated with USDA to develop, pilot, and manage the Team Up for School Nutrition Success workshops across the country in 2015. Team Up is a face-to-face peer mentoring program that brings school nutrition professionals together to share solutions using a research-based model that encourages participants to identify their strengths, barriers, and best practices. The Arkansas Child Nutrition Unit has hosted two Team Up events since the introduction of this model. CNU will report on the growth, momentum, and positive outcomes from the Team Up for School Nutrition Success in Arkansas Retreat.

Presenter: Stephanie Alsbrook

State Board Report on Team Up 2017.pptx

VIII. Adjournment