

**Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
Friday, August 12, 2016**

The State Board of Education met Friday, August 12, 2016, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Mireya Reith called the meeting to order at 8:59 am.

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

Absent: None

Reports

Report-1 Chair's Report

Chair Mireya Reith said she wanted to thank the Fayetteville School District for inviting her to give remarks at a back-to-school event.

Ms. Reith announced a State Board work session planned for September 8, 2016. She said the Dr. Francis Eberle from NASBE will present a Deeper Learning audit report and Ms. Susan Harriman, Executive Director of ForwARd Arkansas, will provide an update on the ForwARd work. Dr. Eberle will facilitate the work session.

Dr. Barth said the ForwARd report would update the Board on the next steps of the ForwARd work. He said the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference will be held October 19-22, 2016, in Kansas City, MO.

Ms. Zook thanked the Everett family for their support of the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. Campaign.

The Board wished all a great school year.

Report-2 Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Johnny Key said the My Child/My Student campaign for 2016-2017 school year was available in English and Spanish. He encouraged educators to take a look at the campaign and to utilize the materials in conversations with parents.

Commissioner Key said Ms. Kimberly Friedman, Director of Communications, and Dr. Mark Gotcher, Deputy Commissioner, kicked off the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. Campaign on Channel 11. He stressed the importance of awareness from all.

Commissioner Key said the Vision for Excellence in Education webpage overviewed the work of the agency. He said the log was a transparent method to share the opportunities to speak with various groups and feedback from stakeholders.

Commissioner Key shared a video from Springdale's Papa Rap on school bus safety. The video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dlpdz5c3vY>.

Commissioner Key said the Governor's office had issued guidance for potential legislation. He said the Department would submit topics on August 26, draft recommendations by September 16, and then begin stakeholder input on priorities in October.

Report-3 Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System (ESSA) Report

Special Projects Director Ms. Tina Smith said the Department was working on the state submission to U.S. Department of Education under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The information is available on the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/every-student-succeeds-act-essa>. She said this webpage would be updated periodically.

Ms. Smith said the public may receive notification of information by signing up at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/stay-informed>.

Ms. Smith said the timeline for the work was also posted on the website at [http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/ESEA/ESSA Timeline Revised 7 29 16 .pdf](http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/ESEA/ESSA%20Timeline%20Revised%207%2029%2016.pdf).

Commissioner Key said the Steering Committee members were selected to represent the diverse regions of the state. The Steering Committee will meet monthly in a public meeting scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month in the ADE auditorium from 9:30-11:30am. The Steering Committee members are Ms. Ouida Newton, Senator Jane English, Representative Bruce Cozart, Ms. Ima Etim, Ms. Michelle Hayward, Ms. Kelli Gill, Dr. Harold Jeffcoat, Ms. Joyce Flowers, Ms. Gloria Phillips, Ms. Melissa Bratton, Mr. Anthony Bennett, and Commissioner Key.

Report-4 Report from Youth for National Change

Mr. Anthony Bennett, Southcentral Regional Director for Youth for National Change, presented two proposals to the Board.

Ms. Sara Hoopchuk, Director of Field Operations for Youth for National Change, said the first proposal addressed the request for students to serve on local school boards. She said students should have a voice in local school decisions.

Mr. Holt Ussery, Director of Finance for Youth for National Change, said the second proposal would permit students to serve on the State Board of Education and permit students a voice in state policy.

Mr. Bennett shared emails from other states that have included students on boards.

Report-5 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Report

2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Ms. Meghan Ables said her recent trip to the International Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama changed her as a teacher. She said the opportunity to talk with other teachers about what is working in their classrooms helped her to rethink her efforts. She said teachers are very knowledgeable and should be making their work more transparent to the public. She said her report will be posted on the ADE website at <http://arkansased.edublogs.org>.

Report-6 My Child/My Student Report

Director of Communications Ms. Kimberly Friedman submitted the quarterly My Child/My Student Report. She thanked Ms. Ouida Newton and Ms. Meghan Ables for their collaboration on the campaign. The campaign is available on the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>. Monthly resources are available for parents and teachers to utilize to increase communication regarding students. A monthly topic list is available at http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/Communications/My_Child_2016_17/2016-2017_My_Child_Topics_List.pdf.

Report-7 Learning Services Report

Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services Ms. Stacy Smith submitted the Learning Services Report. She introduced the new video in the series, Innovation in Arkansas Education, now available on the ADE website at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DDS7UwfgM8>. The video addressed student attendance and family literacy at Monitor Elementary School in Springdale School District.

Ms. Smith said she would provide additional information at a later date regarding the sustainability plan for the School Based Health Centers. She said the role of school counselors was to serve all students. She said the district would provide guidance for specific roles of contracted services.

Assistant Commissioner of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Ms. Ivy Pfeffer said counseling has been a shortage area in Arkansas for first time licensure area.

Ms. Smith said College and Career Readiness Planning Program competitive grants were awarded to nine institutions.

Adjournment

Mr. Williamson moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman.


Mireya Reith, Chair


Johnny Key, Commissioner of Education