

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
Friday, June 13, 2014

The State Board of Education met Friday, June 13, 2014, in the Auditorium of the Department of Education Building. Chair Brenda Gullett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Brenda Gullett, Chair; Sam Ledbetter, Vice-Chairman; Alice Mahony; Dr. Jay Barth; Vicki Saviers; Diane Zook; Mireya Reith; Joe Black; Alexia Weimer, Teacher of the Year; and Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Commissioner.

Absent: Toyce Newton

Reports

Chair's Report

Ms. Saviers gave a report on Strong-Huttig. The special committee recommended no action.

Ms. Mahony said 256 girls attended the GLAM conference.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Kimbrell thanked the Board for the reception and the kind words.

Dr. Kimbrell introduced Ivy Pfeffer. Ms. Pfeffer will replace Dr. Walters as the Assistant Commissioner of HR, Teacher Effectiveness and Licensure.

Dr. Kimbrell introduced Wayne Ruthven. Mr. Ruthven replaced Michael Smith as PLSB Chief Education Investigator.

Dr. Kimbrell explained that New Mexico volunteered to procure the PARCC assessment. The procurement process is currently being litigated. New Mexico expects to resolve the issue. Dr. Kimbrell contacted PARCC and gave them a deadline of July 9. Ms. Morgan said Arkansas is making sure that we have proper procurement procedures in place. Ms. Zook said she has all confidence in the work that Ms. Morgan is doing on behalf of Arkansas.

Recognition of the Parkview High School Mock Trial Team

Department General Counsel Jeremy Lasiter recognized the many contributions of Ms. Patricia Treadway, teacher at Parkview. Mr. Lasiter recognized the Parkview High School Mock Trial Team as the 2014 Arkansas High School Mock Trial Team champions. The team competed in the national championship.

Ms. Hannah Burdette said the mock trial experience teaches high school students a real-world understanding of the legal system. She said the experience is an example of how Common Core looks in application.

Update on Common Core State Standards, PARCC, Schools of Innovation and School Improvement

Dr. Witonski said the English Language Learners task force would meet next week.

Dr. Witonski said the Common Core State Standards Video Contest Winner was Chicot Primary Elementary School in Little Rock.

Dr. Witonski said the classes that implemented LDC and MDC are showing gains in student achievement.

Dr. Morgan said the PARCC field-testing has concluded. Teams are now examining data to frame necessary changes. She said the NCSC pilot also went very well. A fall pilot will be available for the NCSC assessment.

Digital Learning Study

Dr. Ed Franklin gave an overview of the Arkansas Digital Learning Study. The full report is available on the ADE website:

[http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Legislative_Services/Quality%20Digital%20Learning%20Study/Facts/COMPLETE Arkansas Digital Learning Study 051914.pdf](http://www.arkansased.org/public/userfiles/Legislative_Services/Quality%20Digital%20Learning%20Study/Facts/COMPLETE%20Arkansas%20Digital%20Learning%20Study%20051914.pdf)

He said this is a report that begins the work of securing greater broadband access for student learners.

Dr. Barth said he worked on the digital learning study as a committee member and he supported the recommendations.

Ms. Harriman said the state is overpaying for broadband. Cody Decker said that 1% of an iPhone access is equal to the amount that is currently serving 204 students in public schools.

Ms. Gullett requested talking points for Board Members.

Ms. Mahony made a motion, seconded by Dr. Barth, to adopt the Arkansas Digital Learning Report. Seven members voted yes. Ms. Zook abstained. The motion carried.

2013 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Report

Ms. Weimer thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the teacher's voice on the State Board of Education. She said the ATOY experience has been a great learning opportunity. Ms. Weimer introduced Jonathan Crossley, the 2014 Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Weimer presented the 2013 Teacher of the Year report, "Why Professional Development Should Mirror the Kindergarten Classroom" and read a letter of request. She encouraged leaders to embrace the professional growth plan and Bloomboard.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman



Sam Ledbetter, Chair



Tony Wood, Commissioner