

AGENDA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday, March 10, 1996

4:30 p.m.

The Blair Room, Holiday Inn West
201 South Shackleford
Little Rock, AR

**Connecting Secondary and Post Secondary Programs
and Credits Through Articulation Agreements
Mr. Lonnie McNatt**

**Graphic Presentation on
Institutional/Instructional Delivery System
for Secondary Vocational Education
Mr. Lonnie McNatt**

**Report from the AEA Poll
Cora McHenry/Grainger Ledbetter**

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Dinner
7:00 p.m.

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Monday, March 11, 1996

8:30 a.m. Meeting of
Board of Vocational Education

1:00 p.m. or immediately afterwards
Meeting of the Board of General Education
Auditorium, Arch Ford Education Building

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3. Education Legal Update --- Ms. Elizabeth Boyter C3-1
4. Act 1211 - Stipends for Boards and Commissions --- Mr. Gene Wilhoit ... C4-1
5. State Board Mission Statement --- Mr. Jim McLarty C5-1
6. Personnel Recommendation---Ms. Hood C6-1

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
2. Comments by Mr. Sloan Turnbow A2-1
3. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations Governing
the Distribution of Fiscal Crisis Funds --- Dr. Robert Shaver A3-1
4. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing Charter Schools --- Mr. Jim Boardman A4-1
5. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing Service Learning --- Mr. Boardman A5-1
6. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing the Distribution of Education Excellence Trust Funds ---
Dr. Shaver A6-1
7. Recommendation for Approval for English as a Second Language
(ESL) as an Endorsement Licensure Area ---
Mr. Frank Anthony/Mr. Rodger Callahan A7-1

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- 8. Budget Issues --- Dr. Bobbie Davis A8-1
- 9. Final approval of Rules and Regulations Governing
the Distribution of New Debt Service Funding Supplements ---
Dr. Shaver A9-1
- 10. Request by Four Garland County School Districts to Appeal a
Waiver Committee Ruling Regarding the 56% Requirement ---
Dr. Davis A10-1
- 11. Final approval of Rules and Regulations Governing
the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing and Assessment Program ---
Mr. Boardman A11-1
- 12. Final approval of Rules and Regulations Governing
the Standards/Proposed Standards Document ---
Dr. Emma Bass A12-1
- 13. Final approval of Rules and Regulations Governing
the Certification/Licensure of Speech-Language Pathologist ---
Mr. Rodger Callahan A13-1
- 14. Affirmative Action Workforce Data as of June 30, 1995 ---
Ms. Clemetta Hood A14-1
- 15. Monthly Report on Pulaski County Desegregation
Settlement Agreement --- Mr. Anthony A15-1
- 16. Comments by Dr. Bill Ray Lewis A16-1

Board Committee Reports

Board Conference Reports

COMING EVENTS

- March 7-8 Third Annual Conference on Educational Access, HYPER Complex,
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- March 10-12 Fourth Annual Statewide Youth Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn,
Pine Bluff
- March 13-15 Student Selection for Arkansas Governor's School, Academic Selection, ADE
- March 17-19 CCSSO Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.
- March 23-27 National Association of Elementary School Principals, Washington, D.C.
- March 26-27 Education Summit, sponsored by the National Governors' Association and
the Education Commission of the States, Palisades, New York
- March 27 Arkansas Association of School Bus Mechanics, Room 201A, ADE
- March 28-31 National Science Teachers Association, St. Louis
- March 31-April 2 Arkansas Association of Middle Level Education, Arlington Hotel,
Hot Springs
- April 7-8 State Board of Education Meeting

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996**

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Monday, March 11, 1996, in the auditorium of the Arch Ford Building. The meeting began at 1:25 p.m.

Members present: Richard Smith, Chairman
Gary Beasley
Luke Gordy
Mitch Llewellyn
Jim McLarty
Betty Pickett
Elaine Scott
Sherry Walker
James Whitmore

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members absent: Carl Baggett
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board was presented with a revised copy of the February 26, 1996, minutes. **Dr. Whitmore made the motion to approve the February 26, 1996, minutes as presented. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. McLarty made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilhoit discussed the following issues:

- 1) Education Summit.** There will be a meeting of U.S. Governors on March 26 & 27, 1996, in New York to the issues of standards and technology.
- 2) Workforce Development.** Mr. Wilhoit discussed Federal changes relating to block grants, a statewide delivery system of education and a statewide workforce plan.
- 3) Delivery of Education in Arkansas.** Mr. Wilhoit gave a brief slide presentation regarding high levels of learning, standards, frameworks, accountability, creating opportunities for excellence, licensure and distress.

COMMENTS BY MR. & MRS. SLOAN TURNBOW

Mr. & Mrs. Turnbow gave a 10 minute presentation outlining the events that lead to the revocation of Mr. Robert Jean's teaching certificate. Mr. Curt Huckabee, attorney for the Turnbows, informed the Board of the litigation status between the Turnbows and representatives of the Walnut Ridge School District. Mr. Dan Bufford, attorney for Walnut Ridge School District, stated his clients deny any civil liability and choose to confront the Turnbows in court and not before the State Board of Education.

Mr. McLarty made the motion to table this issue until litigation between the Turnbows and the Walnut Ridge School District is concluded. Mr. Llewellyn seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Mr. Gordy	Mr. Beasley	Mrs. Scott
Mr. McLarty		
Mrs. Pickett		
Mr. Llewellyn		
Dr. Whitmore		
Mrs. Walker		

The motion carried by a majority vote.

**INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FISCAL CRISIS FUNDS**

Dr. Bob Shaver presented background information. The following issues were discussed:

1. Defining "fiscal crisis" and/or "adverse impact"
2. Criteria used to identify districts experiencing fiscal distress
3. Separation of actual fiscal crisis from poor management practices
4. Documentation to verify fiscal crisis or adverse impact
5. Formula for distribution of funds

**APPROVE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Mr. Jim Boardman presented background information. The following issues were discussed:

1. Local Petition Approval Process
2. Petition Requirements
3. Financial Accountability
4. Submission of Reports
5. Revocation/Appeal Process

Dr. Whitmore made the motion to proceed with public comment. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING SERVICE LEARNING**

Mr. Boardman presented background information. After a discussion regarding service learning requirements, **Mr. Gordy made the motion to proceed with public comment. Dr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATION EXCELLENCE TRUST FUNDS**

Dr. Shaver presented background information. **Ms. Pickett made the motion to proceed with public comment. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

The Board recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) AS AN ENDORSEMENT LICENSURE AREA

Mr. Rodger Callahan presented background information. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Arkansas Tech, Henderson State, Ouachita Baptist, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas Baptist College and University of Central Arkansas replied that a program already existed or would be developed to respond to this need by the upcoming summer. **Ms. Scott made the motion to approve ESL as an endorsement licensure area. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

BUDGET ISSUES

Dr. Bobbie Davis presented background information regarding deferred funding for Parents as Teachers. After a brief discussion, **Ms. Pickett made the motion to approve the release of funds deferred to fund Parents as Teachers for 1995-96. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.** Dr. Davis presented background information regarding the Public School Health Insurance Contribution Rate for 1996-97. After a discussion regarding the current health insurance rate, **Mr. Gordy made the motion to approve the contribution rate of \$105 for the Public School Health Insurance Contribution for 1996-97. Mr. Beasley seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Llewellyn made the motion that a resolution be created to eliminate disparity between state employees and teachers. Dr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW DEBT SERVICE FUNDING SUPPLEMENTS

This agenda item was removed.

REQUEST BY FOUR GARLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO APPEAL WAIVER COMMITTEE RULING REGARDING THE 56% REQUIREMENT

Superintendents Mr. Don Henson, Lake Hamilton School District; Mr. Danny Slay, Lakeside School District; Mr. Roy Rowe, Hot Springs School District; and Mr. George Foshee, Jessieville School District, gave a presentation regarding the Waiver Committee's ruling of the 56% requirement and its impact on their districts. Dr. Shaver provided a response to the presentation. After a brief discussion, **Ms. Pickett made the motion to table this issue until auditors can determine an actual dollar amount regarding the 40% pullback in FY91-92. Mr. Llewellyn seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Boardman provided background information. After a brief discussion regarding student attendance and dates for administering tests, **Mr. Beasley made the motion to approve rules and regulations governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing and Assessment Program. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
STANDARDS/PROPOSED STANDARDS DOCUMENT**

Dr. Emma Bass provided updated information from the February 26, 1996 Standards' discussion. Dr. Bass noted the staffing requirement changes for media specialists. After a brief discussion regarding State Goals, **Mr. McLarty made the motion to remove the State Goals for consideration at a later date. Dr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Llewellyn presented the Board with his views regarding input standards and education. After discussing teacher preparation, infusion of keyboarding, computer technology and career awareness, oral communications, Arkansas history and the terminology of "world-of-work or higher education" on page A12-42, **Mr. McLarty made the motion to table the Standards for a later discussion. Ms. Scott seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

FOR	AGAINST
Mr. Gordy	Mr. Beasley
Ms. Scott	Ms. Pickett
Mr. McLarty	
Mr. Llewellyn	
Dr. Whitmore	
Ms. Walker	

The motion carried by a majority vote.

The Board recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

**FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

Mr. Callahan provided background information. **Dr. Whitmore made the motion to approve the rules and regulation for the certification/licensure of speech-language pathologists. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried**

unanimously.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WORKFORCE DATA AS OF JUNE 30, 1995

Ms. Clemetta Hood presented and reviewed the affirmative action workforce data as of June 30, 1995. **Mr. McLarty made the motion to accept the affirmative action workforce data as presented. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

MONTHLY REPORT ON PULASKI COUNTY DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Frank Anthony presented and reviewed the February 29, 1996 Project Management Tool. **Ms. Pickett made the motion to accept the February 29, 1996 Project Management Tool as presented. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

COMMENTS BY DR. BILL RAY LEWIS

Dr. Bill Ray Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of the Harrison School District, and Mrs. Linda Houge, Arkansas Teacher Retirement Board member, gave a presentation regarding funds that were withheld from the Arkansas State Teacher Retirement System in 1987. The Board was informed that there is the possibility of a lawsuit. **Mr. Llewellyn made the motion to table this issue. Dr. Whitmore seconded and Chairman Smith requested a roll call vote:**

FOR

**Mr. Gordy
Mr. Llewellyn
Mr. McLarty
Ms. Scott
Ms. Pickett
Ms. Walker
Dr. Whitmore**

AGAINST

Mr. Beasley

The motion carried by a majority vote.

RESOLUTION FOR MS. RAE PERRY

On February 20, 1996, Ms. Rae Perry informed the Board that she was relinquishing her position with the State Board of Education. In light of this, **Ms. Scott made the motion to have a resolution in the minutes recognizing Ms. Perry for her services. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

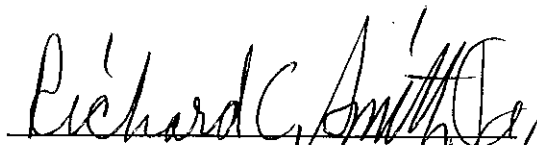
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL COURSES/RICE BELT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Llewellyn made the motion to have Mr. Lonnie McNatt, Director of Vocational Education, compare the vocational technical courses that were offered by the post-secondary schools which were transferred to the Department of Higher Education in 1991 with their vocational technical offering at this time and to assess the performance of the local Board of Directors and Administration at Rice Belt Technical Institute. Mr. Beasley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Scott made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Recorded by Angela White


Richard C. Smith Jr., Chairman


Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary