

**Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2013**

The State Board of Education met Monday, December 16, 2013, 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; Toyce Newton; Diane Zook; Mireya Reith; Alexia Weimer, Teacher of the Year; and Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Commissioner

Absent: Joe Black

Reports

Chair's Report

No report from Ms. Gullett.

Dr. Barth reported the Quality Digital Learning Study Group met recently and came to an agreement on the direction of the report. The report will highlight the great need for digital learning in the state. The final report should be released early 2014.

Commissioner's Report and Recognition of Jim Boardman, Assistant Commissioner

Commissioner Kimbrell recognized Assistant Commissioner Jim Boardman. Mr. Boardman has 43 years of service with the Department. Mr. Boardman was the key architect in getting Arkansas schools connected to the internet. He led the data quality campaign. Mr. Boardman will retire from the Department effective December 2013.

Update on Common Core State Standards, PARCC and School Improvement

Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services Dr. Megan Witonski reported Dr. Patricia Conner is the Department's new PARCC grant coordinator. Data show 4,000 plus unique visits to the STEM website on Arkansas IDEAS. Literacy Design Collaborative and Math Design Collaborative modules have been submitted to national panels for LDC/MDC. Educator Leader Cadre and Phoebe Bailey, Southwest Co-op Director, are working on open education resources available at www.oercommons.org. Jane Dearworth, new literacy program manager, is working on a survey for literacy teachers related to the next resources needed by educators. NAEP test results were released recently and Arkansas reading scores were improved with

math scores holding steady. PARCC field test training was provided on December 2 and 4. AETN/Arkansas IDEAS recorded the training and it is posted on <http://ideas.aetn.org/commoncore/assessment>. ADE, DIS, and Co-ops are making on-site visits in districts to provide support for digital learning.

Ms. Mahony observed in a middle-school pre-algebra class and primary math class and was impressed with the students' mathematical understanding.

Dr. Barth asked if the PARCC field test results would be released. Dr. Witonski noted the state field tests items every year. Results from field-testing are not released; instead the data are used to determine the best test items. Dr. Witonski also reported every school will have the opportunity to participate in a practice test from PARCC. This opportunity will give schools an example of the test and an opportunity to check the infrastructure.

Ms. Saviers asked about the next steps for priority schools. Dr. Witonski outlined the intensive support available to priority schools. School improvement specialists are in priority schools each week. Ms. Saviers would like to have a better understanding of the needs of priority schools and schools in academic distress. She suggested this topic for a Board work session. Dr. Barth requested data to develop a strategy to meet future take-over needs.

Ms. Gullett reported receiving several emails regarding concerns, fears, and misinformation regarding Common Core and next generation assessments. Dr. Witonski and team will continue to work on communication tools for schools, parents and communities. Ms. Gullett asked the team to continue to respectfully attempt to educate misinformed patrons.

Dr. Kimbrell reported states have the opportunity to request an ESEA Flexibility extension. The Department considers the extension a better option for Arkansas. The Department has requested a one-year wavier from USDOE for finalizing the test data that will be considered in the teacher evaluation calculation. Dr. Karen Walters reported that school leaders have received professional development regarding coaching and professional growth plans and these trainings are available on Arkansas IDEAS. Dr. Walters will collect feedback in the spring to design training for summer 2014.

Settlement Report

Department Attorney Jeremy Lasiter reported the tentative desegregation settlement agreement is posted <http://arkansasag.gov/our-office/notice-of-proposed-pulaski-county-school-desegregation-settlement/>.

Recognition of the National Distinguished Educator for 2013-2014 – Michelle Hayward

Commissioner Kimbrell recognized Michelle Hayward as one of the best and the brightest. Ms. Hayward was recognized as the National Distinguished Educator for 2013-2014. She is the first Arkansan to receive this award. Ms. Hayward thanked the Board for their support of middle level students. Ms. Zook shared that her grandsons attend Ms. Hayward's school. Ms. Reith also recognized the great work of Ms. Hayward.

Recognition of 2014 Teacher of the Year - Jonathan Crossley

Commissioner Kimbrell recognized Jonathan Crossley as the 2014 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. Mr. Crossley is a first generation college graduate. Jonathan Crossley is in his fourth year of teaching as a high school literacy teacher at Palestine-Wheatley School District. His students have made remarkable gains on the state assessments and ACT. Mr. Crossley thanked Dr. Kimbrell and the Board for their support of students in the Delta.

Consent Agenda

The Board pulled C-7 and C-8 from the consent agenda.

C-7 Adoption of State Board of Education Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2014

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Mahony, to pull item C-7 from the consent agenda and move the item to the action agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

C-8 Annual Reports for Academics Plus Charter School, Arkansas Virtual Academy, and Benton County School of the Arts

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to pull C-8 from the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Zook, to approve the consent agenda less C-7 and C-8. The motion carried unanimously.

Items included in the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes - November 4, 2013
- Commitment to Principles of Desegregation Settlement Agreement: Report on the Execution of the Implementation Plan
- Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations
- Report on Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out of Area for

Longer than Thirty (30) Days, Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-309.

- Review of Loan and Bond Applications
- Review of QZAB Allocation Application
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #12-148 – LaKenya Takako Riley
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #T13-006 – Angela Mynette Drennan
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #13-146 – Jeremy Rondal Wortham
- Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case #13-151 – Edward Lynn Jones
- Consideration of Voluntary Surrender of Arkansas Educator's License – Case #14-006 – Harold William Cotton
- Consideration of Voluntary Surrender of Arkansas Educator's License – Case #13-034 – Courtney Elizabeth Speer

Action Agenda

The Board considered A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 together.

A-1 Consideration for Removal of Alpena School District from Fiscal Distress Classification effective December 9, 2013

A-2 Consideration for Removal of Brinkley School District from Fiscal Distress Classification Effective December 9, 2013.

A-3 Consideration for Removal of Hartford School District from Fiscal Distress Classification Effective December 9, 2013

A-4 Consideration for Removal of Hermitage School District from Fiscal Distress Classification Effective December 9, 2013

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Saviers, to remove Alpena School District, Brinkley School District, Hartford School District, and Hermitage School District from fiscal distress classification effective December 9, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration for Adoption of the Revised Foreign Language Frameworks

Dr. Tracy Tucker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained Arkansas Law and ADE rules require the periodic revision of all curriculum frameworks. Content areas are due for revision every six years. The Arkansas frameworks for foreign languages were last revised in 2007; therefore, the ADE convened a revision committee during the summer of 2013 to develop recommendations to revise the frameworks. In accordance

with Arkansas law and ADE rules, the committee consisted of representatives of urban, suburban, and rural districts and all five ACTAAP regions. The group included instructors of seven foreign languages ranging from kindergarten through the university level. The Curriculum and Instruction Unit recommended the adoption of the following revised frameworks: Modern Languages I-IV, to replace the group of twenty separate frameworks that currently guide the instruction of modern languages at the secondary school level; Spanish for Heritage and Native Speakers I-III, to replace the group of three frameworks that currently guide Spanish instruction at the secondary school level for students whose native or home language is Spanish; Latin I-II, to replace the pair of frameworks that currently guide the instruction of Latin at the secondary school level; K-8 Foreign Languages Acquisition; and K-8 Foreign Language Experiences. Contingent upon approval, these curriculum frameworks will be used in instruction in the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Saviers moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the Revised Foreign Language Frameworks. The motion carried unanimously.

A-6 Consideration for Public Comment: Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing How to Meet the Needs of Children With Dyslexia

Department staff requested A-6 be pulled from the December agenda.

Consideration for Final Approval: Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Administration of Glucagon to Arkansas Public School Students Suffering From Diabetes

Act 1232 of 2013 amended Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-103 regarding the administration of glucagon by volunteer trained school personnel. The revisions to these rules are based on the legislative changes. The State Board released these rules for public comment on October 14, 2013. A public hearing was held on October 31, 2013. Written comments were received during the public comment period. No changes were made based on the comments. Department staff requested the State Board give final approval to these rules.

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to approve the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Administration of Glucagon to Arkansas Public School Students Suffering From Diabetes. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Zook and Ms. Mahony recognized the work and expertise of the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School, North Little Rock,

Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. Representatives of Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School appeared before the panel on November 13 and requested that Lighthouse Academies of Central Arkansas, Inc., the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in North Little Rock to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 750. Representatives of the North Little Rock School District and the Little Rock School District spoke in opposition to the charter. By a 5-1 vote, the panel denied the application for Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ray Girdler, a North Little Rock School District employee, spoke in opposition to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Ms. Mahony moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to not review the application for Capitol City Lighthouse Charter School. The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Crittenden County, Sunset, Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. Representatives of Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Crittenden County appeared before the panel on November 14, 2013, and requested that Osceola Communication, Business and Arts, Inc., the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in Sunset to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 250. A representative of the South Mississippi County School District spoke to the panel. By unanimous vote, the panel tabled the application for Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Crittenden County. The hearing for the Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Crittenden County charter application continued on November 21, 2013. Representatives from the Marion School District and the West Memphis School District responded to inquiries from Charter Authorizing Panel members. With a vote of 5-1, the panel denied the application for the Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Crittenden County. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Saviers moved, seconded by Ms. Mahony to not review the application for Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Crittenden County. The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Application: Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Mississippi County, Osceola, Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. Representatives of Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Mississippi County appeared before the panel on November 14, 2013, and requested that Osceola Communication, Business and Arts, Inc., the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in Osceola to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 250. A representative of the South Mississippi County School District spoke to the panel. By a vote of 3-2 with one panel member absent for the vote, the panel tabled the application for Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Mississippi County. The hearing for the Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Mississippi County charter application continued on November 21, 2013. By unanimous vote, the panel denied the application for Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Mississippi County. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Newton to not review the application for Young Adult Magic Johnson Bridgescape Academy of Mississippi County. The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: Arkansas Virtual Academy (ARVA)

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for ARVA on October 13, 2004. The charter is approved to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 3,000. Representatives of ARVA appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and the panel approved the requested amendments to the current charter. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Mahony moved to review the ARVA application. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Saviers, to not review the amendments for Arkansas Virtual Academy (ARVA). Five voted yes, Dr. Barth abstained and Ms. Mahony voted no. The final vote was 5-2. The motion carried.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: KIPP Delta Public Schools

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for KIPP Delta Public Schools on March 11, 2002. The charter is approved to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 1,550. Representatives of KIPP appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and the panel approved the requested amendments to the current charter. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Mahony moved to review the KIPP Delta Public School amendments. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Saviers moved, seconded by Ms. Newton to not review the amendments for KIPP Delta Public Schools. Six voted yes and Ms. Mahony voted no. The final vote was 6-1. The motion carried.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy on November 1, 2012. The charter is approved to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 685. Representatives of Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and requested multiple waivers of laws and rules via the charter amendment request process. The panel approved some of the requested waivers and denied some of the requested waivers. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to not review the amendments for Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy. The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: Premier High School of Little Rock

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for Premier High School of Little Rock on November 1, 2012. The charter is approved to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 240. Representatives of Premier High School of Little Rock appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and requested multiple waivers of laws and rules via the charter amendment request process. The panel granted approval for Premier High School of Little Rock to withdraw some of the requested waivers and approved all of the waiver requests that were not withdrawn. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Saviers moved, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter, to not review the amendments for Premier High School of Little Rock. The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendments: Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff on November 1, 2012. The charter is approved to serve students in grades 5-12 with a maximum enrollment of 460. Representatives of Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and requested multiple waivers of laws and rules via the charter amendment request process. The panel granted approval for Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff to withdraw some of the requested waivers and approved all of the waiver requests that were not withdrawn. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Dr. Barth, to not review the amendments for Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff. The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment: Arkansas School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech)

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for SIATech on January 14, 2011. The charter is approved to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 275. Representatives of SIATech appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and the panel approved the requested amendment to the current charter. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Ms. Reith moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to not review the amendments for Arkansas School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech). The motion carried unanimously.

Charter Authorizing Panel Action on Requested District Conversion Public Charter School Amendments: Washington Academy in the Texarkana School District

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated the State Board of Education approved the application for Washington Academy on January 14, 2013. The charter is approved to serve students in grades 9-12 with a maximum enrollment of 160. Representatives of Washington Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel on November 13, 2013, and the panel approved the requested amendments to the current charter. 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 of a determination made by the Charter Authorizing Panel and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel determination at the State Board's January 2014 meeting.

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Saviers, to not review the amendments for Washington Academy in the Texarkana School District. The motion carried unanimously.

Little Rock School District Request for Review: Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. Representatives of Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock appeared before the panel on November 13 and requested that Exalt Education, Inc., the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in Little Rock to serve students in grades K-8 with a maximum enrollment of 540. A representative of the Little Rock School District spoke in opposition to the charter. By unanimous vote, the panel approved the application for Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-701 et seq., the Little Rock School District requested the State Board

of Education conduct a hearing at its January 2014 meeting to review the decision made by the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Ellen Smith, attorney for Little Rock School District, asked for a review of the Exalt Academy regarding economic viability of the school. LRSD is concerned the charter may open but not have the financial viability to economically sustain the charter school. LRSD asked the Board to review the charter school's financial plan.

Ben Lindquist, CEO of Exalt, said the budget was submitted to the Charter Authorizing Panel. The team has previous experience managing a charter school budget.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to not review the application for Exalt Academy of Southwest Little Rock. Six voted yes and Ms. Mahony voted no. The final vote was 6-1. The motion carried.

Little Rock School District Request for Review: Quest Middle School of West Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. Representatives of Quest Middle School of West Little Rock appeared before the panel on November 14, 2013, and requested that Responsive Education Solutions, the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in Little Rock to serve students in grades 6-12 with a maximum enrollment of 490. A representative of the Little Rock School District spoke in opposition to the charter. By unanimous vote, the panel approved the application for Quest Middle School of West Little Rock. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-701 et seq., the Little Rock School District requested that the State Board of Education conduct a hearing at its January 2014 meeting to review the decision made by the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Ellen Smith, attorney for Little Rock School District, asked for a review of the Quest application based on economic viability of model, plan to provide required curriculum/courses, and the effect of removing affluent students from LRSD.

Dr. Edwin Strickland, Arkansas Director of Responsive Solutions, said the Charter Authorizing Panel asked the same questions as brought forth by LRSD.

Sam Jones, representing PCSSD, raised the issue of sustainable enrollment for the proposed demographics.

Ms. Saviers moved, seconded by Ms. Zook, to not review the application for Quest Middle School of West Little Rock. Two voted yes and five voted no to the motion. Motion failed.

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Reith to review the application for Quest Middle

School of West Little Rock. Five voted yes and Ms. Saviers and Ms. Zook voted no to the review. The final vote was 5-2. The motion carried.

Applicant Request for Review: Ozark College and Career Academy, Springdale, Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. A representative of the Ozark College and Career Academy appeared before the panel on November 13, 2013, and requested that Ozark, Inc., the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in Springdale to serve students in grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 250. A representative of the Springdale School District spoke in opposition to the charter. With a vote of 5-1, the panel denied the application for the Ozark College and Career Academy. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-701 et seq., the applicant requested the State Board of Education conduct a hearing at its January 2014 meeting to review the decision made by the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Clay Hendrix, Assistant Superintendent at Springdale, requested the Board uphold the decision of the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Mr. Ledbetter moved, seconded by Ms. Reith, to not review the application for Ozark College and Career Academy. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant Request for Review: Redfield Tri-County Charter School, Redfield, Arkansas

Mary Perry, Director of Charter Schools, stated on November 13-14, 2013, the Charter Authorizing Panel conducted hearings for open-enrollment charter applicants wanting to open schools in 2014-2015. A representative of the Redfield Tri-County Charter School appeared before the panel on November 14, 2013, and requested that Redfield Tri-County Charter School, the sponsoring entity, be allowed to open a charter in Redfield to serve students in grades 5-12 with a maximum enrollment of 375. By unanimous vote, the panel denied the application for Redfield Tri-County Charter School. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-701 et seq., the applicant requested the State Board of Education conduct a hearing at its January 2014 meeting to review the decision made by the Charter Authorizing Panel.

Amanda Kighte asked the Board to review the application because the Panel did not review the correct Redfield budget. A complete curriculum was not submitted but was outlined as requested in the application. No one spoke in opposition during the Panel review.

Ms. Zook moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to review the application for Redfield Tri-

County Charter School. Five voted yes and Mr. Ledbetter and Ms. Reith voted no to the motion. The final vote was 5-2. The motion carried.

Hearing on Waiver Request for Teaching License – Steven Trulock

Steven Trulock is a licensed educator who has requested a waiver of the grounds for nonrenewal of his standard teaching license. In 2005, Mr. Trulock was found guilty of a disqualifying offense under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c). Mr. Trulock represented himself.

Ms. Mahony moved, seconded by Dr. Barth, to waive the disqualifying offense with a two-year probation for licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

A-23 Hearing on Recommendation for Revocation of Teaching License – Cody Martin

Action item A-23 was removed from the agenda.

Adoption of State Board of Education Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2014

Arkansas statute requires that each constitutional board and commission set proposed dates for the next calendar year at the last regular meeting of each calendar year. Department staff proposed to change the regular meeting dates to the second Thursday and Friday of each month with voting on the first date and reports on the second date of the month.

The proposed meeting dates include:

- January 9-10, 2014
- February 13-14, 2014
- March 13-14, 2014
- April 10-11, 2014
- May 8-9, 2014
- June 12-13, 2014
- July 10-11, 2014
- August 14-15, 2014
- September 11-12, 2014
- October 9-10, 2014
- November 13-14, 2014
- December 11-12, 2014

Dr. Barth moved, seconded by Ms. Saviers, to adopt the proposed State Board of Education Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2014, with the provision of voting on January 10th. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Public Comment: Karen Lamoreaux

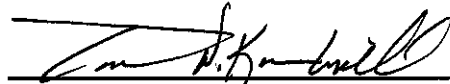
Ms. Karen Lamoreaux spoke in opposition to the Common Core State Standards.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman.


Brenda Gullett, Chair


Dr. Tom W. Kimbrell, Commissioner