

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 26, 2013**

The State Board of Education met for its regular meeting in Room 12, Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee, at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2013.

Present..... 9 Absent..... 1

Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chairman	Ms. Vernita Justice
Ms. Janet Ayers	
Mr. Mike Edwards	
Ms. Carolyn Pearre	
Mr. Lonnie Roberts	
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers	
Ms. Teresa Sloyan	
Dr. Melvin Wright	
Dr. Richard Rhoda	

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the audience. He recognized **Mr. Christopher Cannon** who is serving as an Intern for the State Board of Education for the summer.

I. Consent Items (Voice Vote)

- A. Adoption of Agenda**
- B. Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2013 and June 21, 2013**
- C. End-of-Course (EOC) Weighting Rule Amendment**

This item was moved from Consent Items to Final Reading

D. Tennessee School Bus Technical Revision

Dr. Scott Eddins, State Board of Education, presented this technical correction relative to school bus accessory specifications.

E. Resolution on Support for Common Core Standards

Mr. Edwards introduced a resolution in support of Common Core State Standards. He commented on how important it is for the State Board of Education to support higher standards in Tennessee. The Board approved the resolution without objection.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Items (First Reading)

A. *Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment, Rule*

Ms. Dannelle Walker, State Board of Education, presented this item. She explained that this rule amendment was necessary to align private Pre-K and kindergarten programs with state law prescribing the age of enrollment in public Pre-k and kindergarten programs.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved acceptance on first reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *State Attendance Guidelines, Rule*

Ms. Walker presented this item. She explained that this new rule was necessary to comply with T.C.A. §49-6-3002(a) requiring the State Board of Education to promulgate rules on attendance.

ACTION: **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Rogers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Textbook Commission, Rule*

Ms. Walker, State Board of Education, presented this item. She described the purpose of this rule as decreasing the bond requirement of publishing companies to bid on textbooks.

Vice-Chair Pearre questioned the capacity of smaller companies to participate in the bidding process.

Mr. Edwards asked about pricing differentials.

Commissioner Huffman responded by saying that this allows more options for LEAs to select textbooks.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. *Approved High School Courses: Mathematics*

Mr. David Williams, Department of Education, presented the high school mathematics courses aligned with the Common Core State Standards. School systems will have the option of offering an integrated sequence called Core Math I, II, and III or a more traditional sequence of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. **Mr. Williams** also noted that the Mathematics Tier III Intervention course was developed as part of the Response to Instruction and Intervention Initiative.

Ms. Sloyan asked if the rigor is the same in both pathways. **Mr. Williams** confirmed this and the fact that both pathways are also aligned to the PARCC model content standards.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Approved High School Courses: English Language Arts*

Ms. Tammy Shelton, Department of Education, presented this item. She told Board members that the item adds a reading course that is a Tier III RTI course; an intensive intervention based upon a student's learning assessments rather than the grade level standards. Rubrics are available to help schools determine a student's specific needs. There are safeguards in place to monitor the fidelity of implementation.

ACTION: **Mr. Roberts** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *Textbooks, Section IV (Social Studies)*

Ms. Shelton presented this item. She noted that reviewers have recently completed their work in reviewing the textbooks under consideration and publishers can now begin the work of moving forward with revisions.

Mr. Edwards asked about the textbooks selection process.

Ms. Shelton replied that there is a teacher-led review that results in a recommendation on the book. There is also a public comment period. Teachers have the opportunity to review books during both the state and local level review comment periods.

Chairman Rolston noted that the process seemed very robust.

Vice Chair Pearre asked about how the proposed social studies standards are part of the textbook selection process.

Ms. Shelton responded that publishers have been in possession of the draft standards and will be able to make revisions based upon the final version after adoption.

Ms. Sloyan asked the Department of Education to provide her with a visual timeline of the textbook selection process and **Ms. Shelton** responded that she could accommodate that request.

ACTION: **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *Social Studies Standards Revision*

Ms. Shelton presented this item. She stated that the last revision in these standards was 2001 and that as we approach textbook adoption this year, the standards are in need of revision. Extensive feedback was received from the January course proposal and then revised in February to incorporate that feedback. There are significant revisions in terms of organization, use of primary documents, and cognitive demand. She stated that the Department will continue to ask for feedback especially in the area of modern Geography during the process.

Mr. Edwards asked that the Department take another look between now and second reading to address Geography concerns.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *English as a Second Language Standards*

Mr. Joey Hassell, Department of Education, presented this item. He explained that the English as a Second Language Standards need to change as a result of the transition to Common Core. The proposed standards would be the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) standards. There were no questions or comments from Board members.

ACTION: **Mr. Edwards** moved acceptance on first reading. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. *Action Items (Final Reading)*

A. *Approved High School Courses*

Dr. Eddins presented this item and reported no changes made since first reading. This proposed change would allow students who have met the ACT and/or SAT college readiness mathematics benchmark to meet the intended rigor of the mathematics course of study by allowing the following courses to satisfy the requirement for being enrolled in a mathematics course for a fourth (or more) credit option: Physics, Advanced Placement Physics B, C, or Advanced Placement Computer Science.

Students who opt to select these courses for mathematics credit or to fulfill the requirement of being enrolled in a mathematics course shall not be able to count these courses as additional Science or Computer Science credits.

Ms. Sloyan asked if students must meet the ACT college readiness benchmarks in order to qualify for course substitutions. **Dr. Eddins** confirmed this.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Category III Non-Public School Approval Process, Rule*

Ms. Walker presented this item. She explained that this rule is necessary to solidify the list of regional accreditation agencies recognized by the State Board of Education in the Category III non-public schools approval process.

ACTION: **Mr. Edwards** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Social Studies Standards*

Dr. Jared Myracle, Department of Education, presented this. He noted that the revision to the social studies curriculum standards is well-overdue and called the Board’s attention to a cross-walk of the Geography standards based upon question at the prior day’s workshop.

Chairman Rolston noted that although there was much discussion about Geography’s role in the new standards, this is an approval of social studies standards for all courses and grades.

Ms. Ayers pointed out that this action would result in the blending together of two distinct disciplines.

Mr. Edwards commended the Department of Education for recognizing the tough choices that needed to be made and doing a good job of respecting both the curricular content. He noted all the various disciplines under consideration and the management of these disciplines within the confines of the academic calendar and school day. He

reiterated the importance of Geography, especially as it relates to employment and citizenship. He asked that an elective course be developed that allows Geography to be taught in the context of the contemporary perspective. This course would allow students to understand the need the modern world and their place in that world.

Chairman Rolston recognized the institutional constraints of these standards, but believes that this is an opportunity to do more to support other endeavors related to Geography such as courses in GIS technology (especially in the CTE area), AP Geography, and elective course opportunities.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Special Education Programs and Services, Rule

Mr. Hassell presented this item. He explained that this rule would be eliminating short-term objectives and benchmarks in the requirements for developing Individualized Education Programs (IEP). In response to a public hearing on the rule change, the decision was made to keep the transition planning at age fourteen (14).

Vice Chair Pearre asked that the following language be included:

Definition of Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Prior to the 9th grade or age fourteen (14) (or younger; if determined appropriate by the IEP team), all students will develop an initial four (4)-year plan of focused and purposeful high school study. The plan will be reviewed annually and amended as necessary and will connect the student's goals for high school including the courses and/or training and/or skills necessary to meet their potential after high school. This required plan will include identifying possible transition service needs of the student under the applicable components of the student's IEP. This plan may be developed through a process in general education but a copy must be in the student's IEP after approval by the IEP team.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X

	Yes	No	Absent
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Teacher and Principal Evaluation Policy*

Dr. Sara Heyburn, Department of Education, presented this item. It requires that evaluators, regardless of the evaluation model, be appropriately trained and certified. This has been the case all along, but this policy codifies the practice.

ACTION: **Mr. Edwards** moved approval. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *Educator Licensure & Preparation Policies & Rules*

This item was removed and is to be placed on the August 16, 2013 Conference Call.

G. *Basic Education Program (BEP) 2.0 Allocations for Fiscal Year 2013-14*

Dr. Eddins presented the BEP 2.0 allocations for upcoming school year noting that the funding for instructional positions has exceeded \$40,000 for the first time at \$40,447. Additionally, he noted that the capital outlay component was restored and commented on the issue of the technology readiness component that was recommended by the BEP Committee last year and included in this year's budget.

Chairman Rolston noted the significant increase in the salary item in light of recent conversations about this issue.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

H. *Basic Education Program (BEP) Review Committee Appointments*

Dr. Eddins presented the new member appointments to the BEP Review Committee for 2013-2014 as required in order for work to commence in August as follows:

Representative Harry Brooks, Chair, House Education Committee
Mr. Dorsey Hopson, Interim Superintendent of Memphis City Schools

Mr. Mitchell Johnson, Interim Executive Director, Tennessee Education Association (TEA)
 Mr. Larry Martin, Interim Commissioner, TN Dept. of Finance and Administration
 Mr. Wayne Miller, Executive Director, Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, (TOSS)
 Dr. Michael Price, Superintendent of Decatur County Schools

Chairman Rolston recognized the importance of having strong members to carry out the work of this committee.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

I. *Teacher and Principal Evaluation Policy 5.201*

This item was removed and is to be placed on the August 16, 2013 Conference Call.

J. *Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the State Board of Education*

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, stated State Board of Education policy required that the election of Chair and Vice Chair be held every four years. He opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

ACTION: **Mr. Roberts** commended **Mr. Rolston** on a job well done for the past four years and nominated **Mr. Fielding Rolston** for re-election as Chair. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Nixon opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** thanked **Ms. Pearre** for her work as Vice Chair for the past four years and nominated **Ms. Carolyn Pearre** for re-election as Vice Chair. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Teacher License Actions

Ms. Walker presented these items.

A. Gregory N. Alford – Denial of restoration

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Natalie Blackmon – Revocation

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Chris Ann Hobson – Suspension, concurrent

ACTION: Ms. Sloyan moved approval. Dr. Rogers seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Sara Nicole Hyden – Revocation, concurrent

ACTION: Dr. Wright moved approval. Ms. Sloyan seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Kelly Michelle Julian – Suspension, one (1) year with contingency

ACTION: Dr. Wright moved approval. Ms. Sloyan seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		

	Yes	No	Absent
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Darrin Miller – Revocation

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Clarence Mumford – Revocation

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Clarence Mumford, Jr. – Revocation

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

I. Kelly Painter – Suspension, concurrent

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

J. James M. Perdue – Denial of restoration

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Mr. Edwards** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

K. Carl Smith – Revocation

ACTION: Dr. Wright moved approval. Ms. Sloyan seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Andrew Wilkinson – Suspension

ACTION: Dr. Wright moved approval. Ms. Sloyan seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Rolston then thanked the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations and announced that the Board will meet next for a special called conference call meeting on August 16, 2013.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____