

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 28, 2011**

The State Board of Education met for its regular meeting in Room 12 of the Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee, at 9:00 a.m., CST, on January 28, 2011.

**Present..... 10    Absent..... 1**

**Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair**

**Mr. Flavius Barker**

**Mr. Jim Ayers**

**Ms. Vernita Justice**

**Ms. Carolyn Pearre**

**Mr. Richard Ray**

**Dr. Jean Anne Rogers**

**Ms. Teresa Sloyan**

**Dr. Melvin Wright**

**Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio**

**Mr. Chip Woods**

**Chairman Rolston** presented a service award to Board employee, **Dr. David Sevier**, Deputy Executive Director, for 5 years of state service. **Chairman Rolston** and **Dr. Gary Nixon**, Executive Director congratulated **Dr. Sevier** and thanked him for his service.

He then recognized outgoing Board members, **Mr. Richard Ray**, **Mr. Flavius Barker** and **Ms. Carolyn Pearre**. He presented Ms. Pearre with an engraved paper weight along with the thanks of the State Board of Education for a job well done and for serving as Vice Chair. **Dr. Gary Nixon** expressed, on behalf of **Mr. Flavius Barker** who was absent due to ill health, how much he had enjoyed being on the Board and working with the members and that he hoped that his contributions helped to move the children of Tennessee forward.

**Chairman Rolston** then recognized **Mr. Dick Ray** who served on the Board for 27 years and presented him with a gift from Board members and staff. He listed the many contributions made by **Mr. Ray** through the years and the heartfelt dedication that **Mr. Ray** has for education. **Mr. Gordon Fee**, Education Liaison for the Tennessee Business Roundtable, then spoke about **Mr. Ray's** dedication to education and presented him with a knife from the Business Roundtable. **Chairman Rolston** then read a letter that was sent by **Senator Lamar Alexander** expressing his gratitude for **Mr. Ray** serving on the State Board of Education and as his scout master. **Acting Commissioner Patrick Smith** then added the thanks of the Department of Education and himself for **Mr. Ray's** many contributions.

**I.     Consent Items**

**A.     Adoption of Agenda**

**B.     Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2010 and January 7, 2011**

**ACTION:** Mr. Ray moved acceptance. Vice Chair Pearre seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## II. Report Items

### A. *Joint Report on Pre-Kindergarten through Higher Education Annual Report*

Mr. Art Fuller, State Board of Education, reviewed major areas of emphasis in the annual joint report, highlighting collaboration between K-12 and higher ed. Mr. Fuller specifically referenced page 2 related to partnerships involving teacher training, recruitment and development in connection with the common care standards, STEM, and value added achievement data. Mr. Fuller stated that the College and Career Readiness Goal Targets would be incorporated into the report, once approved by the Board, before submission to the general assembly.

Chairman Rolston asked about the 2025 educational attainment data related to higher education.

Dr. Rhoda clarified that this goal related to overarching national benchmarks in higher education, in connection with college degree attainment target of the current U.S. administration.

## III. Action Items (First Reading)

### A. *Redefining Alternative Schools, Rule*

*This item was placed On Hold.*

### B. *Introduction to Fine Arts*

Dr. Jeannette Crosswhite, Department of Education, presented this item and told the board of the need for a survey course in the fine arts to help local districts meet graduation requirements. Dr. Crosswhite commented that many students do not have an affinity to a particular art and this class will give a broad base of knowledge about music, theater, and the visual arts.

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

### C. *High School Transition Policy*

Dr. David Sevier presented this item and noted that this will not only give clarification to local districts regarding end-of- course assessments but will, in short, allow students to take college courses that substitute for, but are not necessarily aligned to, high school courses. Students do

not take the end of course exams because college courses do not have a state testing requirement.

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

**IV. Action Items (Final Reading)**

**A. Teacher Leadership Standards**

**Dr. Sevier** presented this item and noted that this is a first step toward the formation of an endorsement or licensure area based on teacher leadership.

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

**B. Curriculum Standards for 6-12 Dance**

**Dr. Crosswhite** presented these standards and stated that no changes were made since the first reading.

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

**C. Non-public Schools – Categories I and VII Rule Consolidation**

*This item was placed On Hold.*

**D. Middle Grades STEM Teacher Licensure**

**Dr. Sevier** presented this item and commented that there are licensure standards currently under development and these will be presented at the April 2011 meeting. This new endorsement will, over time, help to provide more highly trained middle grades math and science teachers.

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

**E. Tennessee College and Career Ready Goals and Indicators**

**Ms. Cory Curl**, Department of Education, presented this item and stated that no changes were made since the first reading.

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

**F. Evaluation and Grievance Rules**

**Mr. Rich Haglund**, State Board of Education, explained that the rules now include paragraph (4) in the General Requirements for Evaluations section, covering the local-level grievance procedure. Since the last reading, subparagraphs (2)(a) through (c) have been added. These require, **Mr. Haglund** said, that prior to bringing locally adopted evaluation models to the State Board for final approval, those models must receive conditional approval from the commissioner and be piloted in at least one Tennessee LEA.

**Ms. Sloyan** asked what the Board would then have for approval in April. **Dr. Nixon** answered that the complete teacher evaluation policy would come before the Board at that time. **Mr. Haglund** added that the rules incorporating the policies needed to be passed now so they could be effective by the July 2011 deadline set by the legislature.

**G. Charter School Appeals**

**Dr. Nixon** outlined the procedural history for the two charter schools appealing the denials by the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners, Global Leadership Academy and City of Life Academy. He explained that each application needed a lot of work before being ready for approval. Neither school's amended application met the minimum scores required for a recommendation for approval by the Memphis City Schools Charter School Review Committee. **Dr. Nixon** recommended affirming both denials by the Board of Commissioners.

**Dr. Nixon** then explained the history of the New Consortium of Law & Business's appeal of the denial by the Shelby County Schools Board of Education. This was, **Dr. Nixon** noted, a strong application. The Shelby County Schools (SCS) presentation at the hearing held January 24 was focused on the good job that SCS is doing and the interventions they are providing to help students. However, SCS did not give evidence at the appeal why the points were deducted from the application. **Dr. Nixon** said that the SBE staff review showed the sections were in fact fairly strong, and that the SCS review committee used an outdated application and deducted points for not having a facility, something that is not required (and that is difficult) prior to approval. **Dr. Nixon** recommended remanding the decision back to the Shelby County Schools Board of Education with instructions to approve the charter.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Ray** moved approval. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Teacher Licensure Actions**

**A. William W. Hofman – Revocation, three (3) years**

*This item was removed.*

**B. Lisa M. Kitchen – Suspension, one (1) year**

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

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Alvertis London – Revocation, permanent**

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

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Deborah McCormick – Suspension, one (1) year**

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

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		

	Yes	No	Absent
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Julie Perdue – Suspension, one (1) year**

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

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Ray E. Walsh – Revocation, permanent**

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

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

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

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jim Ayers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Flavius Barker</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Vernita Justice</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Dick Ray</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Jean Anne Rogers</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Fielding Rolston</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Melvin Wright</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Chip Woods</b>	<b>X</b>		

**VI. Adjournment**

**Chairman Rolston** then thanked the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations and announced that the Board will meet next on April 15, 2011 for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_