

A G E N D A

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday, June 11, 1995

4:00 p.m.

Silver City One, Riverfront Hilton Inn
2 Riverfront Place
North Little Rock, AR

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Dinner

7:00 p.m.

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Monday, June 12, 1995

8:30 a.m.

Auditorium, Arch Ford Education Building
Meeting of the Board of General and
Vocational Education

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- June 16-17** NASBE Board/Topical Meeting, Chicago
- June 19-23** Arkansas Association of Pupil Transportation,
Holiday Inn, Conway
- June 19-20** Statewide Technology Institute, Hot Springs High School,
Hot Springs
- June 26-28** Fourteenth Annual Assessment and Instruction Conference,
Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs
- July 12-14** Education Commission of the States' National Forum and
Annual Meeting, Denver
- July 17-19** Rural Education Association Summer Conference, Eureka Springs
- July 18-20** Multicultural Reading and Thinking (McRat) Summer Conference,
Excelsior Hotel, Little Rock

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1995

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Sunday, June 11, 1995, in the Silver City One conference room of the Riverfront Hilton Inn at 2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The meeting began at 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Smith, Chairman
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman
Mitch Llewellyn
Jim McLarty
Elaine Scott
Sherry Walker
Betty Pickett

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members Absent: Rae Rice Perry
Gary Beasley
James Whitmore
Carl Baggett

Mr. Smith welcomed, Ms. Betty Pickett as the new board member.

SUNDAY ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF
MODEL RURAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSORTIUM

Mr. Jim Boardman presented the rules and regulations to the Board. After some discussion, the following suggestions were made: (1) Section 2.02 should be changed to read: "It would further be the purpose of this consortium to **support and enhance other efforts of the Arkansas Department of Education** to serve as a training and development site for both students and teachers within the cooperating school district(s)." (2) Section 4.01.06 should be changed to read: "Identification of **and cooperation with** community resources **including Preschool Early Childhood Providers** which can be used to enrich the instructional program."

Mr. Llewellyn made the motion to approve the adoption of the emergency rules and regulations for the formation of Model Rural Early Childhood Consortium with the recommended changes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Scott and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 280 TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN PURCHASING
TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Dr. Bobbie Davis presented background information requesting to submit for public comment, rules and regulations implementing Act 280. After some discussion of the information presented, the following suggestions were made:

- (1) A statement should be included in the rules and regulations of the right of appeal to the State Board upon a disagreement with the determination that requested materials are not considered appropriate to the curriculum and educational goals of the State Board.
- (2) Submission of contracts by an entity seeking to establish a contract with the State of Arkansas for textbooks and instructional materials should include both private and public contracts.
- (3) Specification should be made in the rules and regulations that while there are restrictions on instructional materials that a school district may purchase with state funds, there are no such restrictions on the materials that may be purchased with their own funds.

Ms. Scott made the motion to approve for public comment. Ms. Walker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR DISTRICT STUDENT DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Mr. Boardman presented the rules and regulations for district student discipline guidelines to the Board. The following suggestions were made:

- (1) The item should be stated in section 6.02.13
- (2) Section 6.02.14, the disruptive characteristic should not merely be included with the more serious offenses, but the commentary should suggest that an administrator may bar publication of something he determines is potentially disruptive. Also, along with the mandated items, local school district policies may include a policy against anything that would create the potential for disruption in the classroom.
- (3) In section 6.02.12, the first "excessive" should be removed from the first sentence of the commentary so that it reads "Each school district's attendance policy must state a certain number of unexcused absences which the district considers excessive."
- (4) In section 6.02.12, the sixth paragraph of the commentary, the word "excessive" should be removed so that it reads: "Whenever a student exceeds

the number of unexcused absences provided for in the district's attendance policy, the district shall notify the prosecuting authority."

(5) Mr. Wilhoit indicated the Department would check on how school districts were filing their student discipline and school safety policies with the Arkansas Department of Education as required by the law indicated in section 7.01.

The motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the rules and regulations for district student discipline guidelines to be submitted for public comment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scott and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM SPECIALIST

After Ms. Mary Kaye McKinney presented background information, the following suggestions were made:

(1) In section 4.00 Qualifications another item should be added stating that required training delineated by the Arkansas Department of Education is to include K-4 staff development, pre-crusade, assessment training, etc. to indicate other facets of training that need to be included to broaden and clarify what is expected of a qualified individual beyond Reading Recovery.

(2) In section 4.01 the second asterisk item should be changed to read: "have a minimum of two years of successful teaching experience, preferably in early childhood education"

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the rules and regulations for Early Childhood Curriculum Specialist to be submitted for public comment. It was seconded by Ms. Walker and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL-TO-WORK COORDINATION ISSUES

Mr. Wilhoit discussed three areas:

(1) Curriculum Alignment - The state should be working toward infusing career awareness, career explorations, and career preparation in the primary through twelfth grade and later.

Particular emphasis needs to be placed upon restructuring the curriculum in the middle grades (math).

(2) Assessment - Consideration should be given to administering norm referenced tests at the 5th, 7th, and 11th grades with an 8th grade assessment being administered as a diagnostic tool. (performance/based))

The CES would be given at the end of the 10th grade. Students would have multiple opportunities to pass the CES, but until such time, appropriate

remediation would be in place for them during the 11th and 12th grades. Successful completion of the CES would ensure knowledge and understanding of mathematics in addition to essential knowledge in language arts, science, and workplace skills.

(3) Realignment of Curriculum - Realignment of the curriculum with an appropriate assessment component moves us toward more shared programming. Once there is agreement in the proposed direction, the development of standards will outline expectations for schools in a sequential manner, with multiple options. The format would be very different from the current one and might possibly be developed according to appropriate expectations of students at the P-4, 5-8, and 9-12 levels.

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE PERTAINING TO ACT 1310 OF 1995

Mr. S.T. Hibblen presented the background information for an initial policy discussion of rules and regulations pertaining to Act 1310 of 1995 to the Board. **Mr. Llewellyn made the motion to revise the revocation process for convicted felons. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLarty and carried unanimously.**

ADOPT THE TEACHER LICENSURE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION FOR ACT 236

Mr. Rodger Callahan presented background information concerning areas and levels of licensure to the Board. **Ms. Scott made the motion to accept the recommendation made by the Teacher Licensure Task Force. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker and carried by majority vote. Mr. Llewellyn voted against the motion.**

Mr. Llewellyn made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Ms. Walker and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Recorded by Reginald Wilson

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1995**

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Monday, June 12, 1995, in the auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building. The meeting began at 8:40 a.m.

Members Present: Richard Smith, Chairman
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman
Mitch Llewellyn
Jim McLarty
Elaine Scott
Sherry Walker
Betty Pickett
Gary Beasley

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members Absent: Rae Rice Perry
James Whitmore
Carl Baggett

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. McLarty made the motion to adopt the consent agenda items with the removal of item numbers seven and ten for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Dr. Beasley and carried unanimously. (See attachment #1)

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilhoit made the director's report.

REQUEST BY GENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Dr. Randy Barrett, Superintendent of Gentry Public Schools, made a lengthy presentation and requested a waiver from the Board. **Dr. Beasley made the motion to support the position of Gentry Public Schools. That motion died for lack of second. Ms. Walker moved to uphold the decision of the Department and that motion was seconded by Mr. McLarty.**

<u>In-Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Ms. Scott	Mr. Fisher	Ms.Pickett
Ms. Walker	Dr. Beasley	
Mr. McLarty	Mr. Llewellyn	
	Mr. Smith	

Ms. Walker moved to have this item placed on the July Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scott and carried with a majority vote.

<u>In-Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Ms. Scott	Mr. Fisher	Mr. McLarty
Ms. Walker	Mr. Llewellyn	
Mr. Smith		
Ms.Pickett		

The Board took a break at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF LOANS & BONDS APPLICATIONS

After a short discussion by Mr. Bob Coleman, **Ms. Walker moved to approve the loans and bonds application. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AT-RISK FUNDING

Mr. Jim Boardman presented the background information on emergency rules and regulations for at-risk funding. **Ms. Scott requested some amendments in section 3.01 and Mr. McLarty requested amendments in section 3.02. With the amendments, Ms. Scott made the motion to approve the emergency rules and regulations. Mr. McLarty seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR HOME SCHOOL

Mr. Jim Paul Franks presented background information for the initial policy discussion for drafting rules and regulations for the home school program. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the drafting of rules and regulations for Home School. Mr. Llewellyn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED REVISIONS TO
EXISTING ADE MINIMUM SCHOOL HOUSE STANDARDS

Dr. Bobbie Davis presented background information to the Board. After some discussion and questions, **Dr. Beasley made the motion to approve for public comment the revisions to existing ADE minimum school house standards. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scott and carried with a majority vote.**

For
Ms. Scott
Ms. Walker
Dr. Beasley
Ms. Pickett

Against
Mr. Fisher
Mr. McLarty
Mr. Llewellyn

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
FLOW OF FUNDS THROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITIES

Dr. Diane Sydoriak presented information for the initial policy discussion. The Board requested that she provide at the July board meeting a draft of the rules and regulations allocating public school funds for residential placement of students.

ABC GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1995-96

Ms. Glenda Bean presented information requesting approval of ABC grant recommendations for 1995-96. **Mr. McLarty made the motion to approve the request. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

The Board took a break for lunch at 12:40 and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Mr. Jim Boardman presented the background information for the initial policy discussion. Mr. Boardman reported that draft rules and regulations will be presented at the August meeting to be considered for approval for public comment.

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR ISOLATED SCHOOLS

Dr. Bob Shaver presented the background information for the initial policy discussion. The Board delayed action until after a discussion with administrators from isolated school districts had taken place.

DISCUSSION OF AEA v. ADE LAWSUIT

Ms. Elizabeth Boyter presented AEA v. ADE background information to the Board. **Mr. Fisher made the motion that the Department rather than the AEA calculate potential "teacher salary under payments" of school districts. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLarty and carried unanimously.**

MONTHLY REPORT ON PULASKI COUNTY DESEGREGATION
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Ms. Charity Smith reported that the Project Management tool had been submitted appropriately and the full report with an Executive Summary was provided. Ms. Smith mentioned that the report will be comprehensive and go beyond surface reporting. The entire report will be available for review during the July 10, 1995 Board meeting, with draft copies mailed to board members prior to the meeting.

REPORT ON MINORITY RECRUITMENT

Mr. Reginald Wilson reported that he is working on an agency profile, and will report the findings in the July meeting. This data will show how the agency has progressed in its minority recruitment efforts.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN WORK FORCE DATA

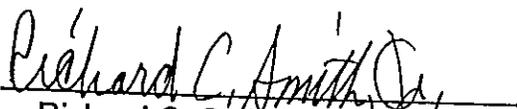
The affirmative action plan work force data was provided for Board review only at this time. A time will be scheduled for a greater in-depth discussion of the data included in this report.

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION OF THE PROCESS
FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Dr. Bobbie Davis presented background information to the Board. Mr. Fisher made the motion to initiate the process to develop the proposed rules and regulations for the process facilities needs assessment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Llewellyn and carried unanimously.

Mr. McLarty made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Ms. Scott and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Recorded by Reginald Wilson


Richard C. Smith Jr., Chairman


Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

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