

AGENDA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday, September 10, 1995

5:00 p.m.

The Stitt Room, Holiday Inn West
210 South Shackelford
Little Rock, AR

Discussion on Assessment

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Dinner
7:00 p.m.

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Monday, September 11, 1995

8:30 a.m. Meeting of
Board of General Education
Auditorium, Arch Ford Education Building

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1. Minutes (August 14, 1995)
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Ms. Clemetta Hood C2-1
3. Arkansas Better Chance Rules and Regulations ---
Ms. Glenda Bean C3-1
4. AR Child Care Approval System Rules and Regulations ---
Ms. Bean C4-1
5. Approval of the Early Childhood Special Education
Program at UCA --- Mr. Rodger Callahan C5-1
6. Education Legal Update --- Ms. Elizabeth Boyter C6-1

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
2. Decision Regarding Appeal of Teacher Licensure Determination ---
Mr. Frank Anthony A2-1
3. Proposed Rules and Regulations for Civil Liability Insurance ---
Dr. Bobbie Davis A3-1
4. Initial Discussion of Rules and Regulations Governing
the Required Annual Audit --- Dr. Davis A4-1
5. Approval for Guidelines for Parent Involvement ---
Mr. Jim Boardman A5-1

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6. Final Approval of Rules and Regulations for the Implementation of Act 522 to Provide Testing of Home School Students Ages 7 thru 17 ---
Mr. Rodger Callahan A6-1
 7. Final Approval of Rules and Regulations for District Student Discipline and School Safety Policies --- Mr. Boardman A7-1
 8. Final Approval of Rules and Regulations for Juvenile Offenders ---
Dr. Sydoriak A8-1
 9. Final Approval of Rules and Regulations for Serious Offenders ---
Dr. Sydoriak A9-1
 10. Monthly Report on Pulaski County Desegregation Settlement Agreement --- Ms. Charity Smith A10-1
 11. Report on Minority Recruitment --- Mr. Reginald Wilson A11-1
- Board Committee Reports
- Board Conference Reports

COMING EVENTS

- September 11 Open Forum on Revisions of the **Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools**,
7 p.m., North Little Rock High School-East Campus, Mini Auditorium,
2400 Lakeview Road, North Little Rock
- September 11-28 Statewide Student Testing for the Stanford Achievement Test, Eighth Edition, (SAT8)
- September 12 Open Forum on Revisions of the **Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools**,
7 p.m., Clarksville High School Library, 1701 Clark Road, Clarksville
- September 14 Open Forum on Revisions of the **Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools**,
7 p.m., Peake Elementary School Auditorium, 1609 Pine Street, Arkadelphia
- September 14-15 Public Engagement in Education Improvement: Issues and Strategies for State Leadership,
St. Louis Airport Hilton, St. Louis, Missouri
- September 15 Arkansas Department of Education's Minority Recruitment Committee, 10 a.m.,
Room 201A, ADE
- September 18 Open Forum on Revisions of the **Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools**,
7 p.m., Harrisburg Elementary School, 1003 South Illinois, Harrisburg
- September 19 Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, 1:30 p.m., 101 East Capitol, Suite 106, Little Rock
- September 21 Milken Award Selection Committee, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room 201A, ADE
- September 22 Resource Arkansas, 9:30 a.m., Fourth Floor Auditorium, 1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock
- September 25-26 AAEA Instructional Leader's Showcase Conference, Excelsior Hotel, Little Rock
- September 26 Open Forum on Revisions of the **Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools**,
7 p.m., Monticello Junior High School, 212 Clyde Ross Drive, Monticello
- September 28 Charlie May Simon Book Award & Young Writer's Award Banquet, 6 p.m., Woody's
Sherwood Forest, North Little Rock
- September 28-29 Arkansas Elementary School Council, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., ADE

- October 1-7 Arkansas Public Schools Week
- October 2-3 Arkansas Prevention Conference, Hot Springs Hilton Inn and Convention Center, Hot Springs
- October 5-6 SILO Fall Conference, Park Hilton, Hot Springs
- October 5-8 NCA Regional Conference, Excelsior Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock
- October 5 Arkansas School Boards Association, New Board Members Workshop, Little Rock
- October 12 Islands of Excellence Institute, Doubletree Inn (formerly the Camelot Hotel), Little Rock
- October 12-14 NASBE Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- October 13-14 Arkansas Early Childhood Association Conference, Doubletree Inn (formerly the Camelot Hotel), Little Rock

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1995**

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Sunday, September 10, 1995, in the Blair Room of the Holiday Inn West. The meeting began at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Richard Smith, Chairman
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman
Mitch Llewellyn
Jim McLarty
Elaine Scott
Betty Pickett
Gary Beasley
James Whitmore
Luke Gordy

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members Absent: Rae Rice Perry
Carl Baggett
Sherry Walker

Mr. Smith welcomed staff and guest attending Sunday evening's meeting.

PRESENTATION BY MR. RODGER CALLAHAN

Mr. Rodger Callahan presented information regarding Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for assessment. He stated that companies will have 45 days, beginning October 1, to submit three RFPs up to \$40,000 each. The RFPs should be performance based, consistent with assessment principles, and Arkansas oriented. Mr. Llewellyn expressed concerns how companies will be identified and evaluated for qualifications. Mr. Callahan stated there is no set criterion for the evaluation; however, 18 individuals have been selected to review each proposal and set guidelines.

**DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD'S
ADE ASSESSMENT ROLL-OUT PLAN**

Mr. Wilhoit stated that during the Board retreat, priorities were established pertaining to assessment and accountability. Those priorities include the following ten items: 1) An assessment package that describes assessment to the entire State of Arkansas. 2) A comprehensive design for public awareness. 3) A specific campaign for School Boards. 4) Increased ADE support capacity. 5) Involvement of a large number of teachers. 6) A focus on the exit examination. 7) Extensive use of experts. 8) A variety of assessments to measure students. 9) A professional development program and 10) Allowance for a wide range of competencies to be expressed. Mr. Wilhoit asked Ms. Gail Potter and Mr. Richard Hill, contractor for Arkansas Comprehensive Testing and Assessment Program (ACTAP), to give the Board a brief overview of the criterion reference assessment program to date. Ms. Potter asked the following guests to introduce themselves:

Richard Hill, (ACTAP)
Nova Staggs, Teacher; North Little Rock
Marcia Cottrill, Teacher; Fayetteville
Karen Kreeger, Teacher; Rogers
Barbara McCreight, Teacher; Bryant
Connie Toney, Teacher; North Little Rock
Maggie Harris, Teacher; El Dorado
Dee Post, Teacher; El Dorado
Johnny Wilson, Teacher; Nashville
Carol Brody, Elementary Coordinator; Van Buren

Ms. Potter stated these individuals are training across the state, working with student portfolios and developing criteria reference tests. There will be several committees involved with the ACTAP such as, the Content Area Advisory Committee (CAAC), the Bias Review Committee (BRC), the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Standards Setting Committee (SSC). These Committees will allow local input into the process. Mr. Hill and Ms. Brody gave a brief overview of the development of the criterion reference test.

Ms. Staggs, Ms. Cottrill, Ms. Kreeger, Ms. McCreight, Ms. Toney, Ms. Harris and Ms. Post gave brief presentations regarding student portfolios and parent involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1995**

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Monday, September 11, 1995, in the auditorium of the Arch Ford Building. The meeting began at 8:35 a.m.

Members Present: Richard Smith, Chairman
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman
Mitch Llewellyn
Jim McLarty
Elaine Scott
Betty Pickett
Gary Beasley
James Whitmore
Luke Gordy

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members Absent: Rae Rice Perry
Carl Baggett
Sherry Walker

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed those present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes (August 14, 1995)
2. Promotions/Newly Employed/Separation
3. Arkansas Better Chance Rules and Regulations
4. AR Child Care Approval System Rules and Regulations
5. Request to offer an Early Childhood Special Education Program at The university of Central Arkansas
6. Education Legal Update

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 1995 MINUTES

Mr. Llewellyn requested to have the minutes reflect Mrs. McLarty's presence as a guest and Mrs. Pickett's recommendations to Dr. Shaver on page 3. With those changes, **Mr. McLarty made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wilhoit introduced Ms. Angela White, Administrative Assistant to the State Board Executive, and discussed the following issues:

1) Utilization of Arkansas teachers to score assessment tests. 2) Arkansas Department of Education is on-line with the World Wide Web. Mr. Wilhoit stated he has plans to put the rules and regulations on this network. 3) Federal government developments. Mr. Wilhoit stated that 9% of ADE's budget comes from the federal government. Of that 9%, there will be some degree of cuts across programming areas. 4) Mr. Wilhoit asked Mrs. Dorothy Gillam to present the Board with a report on the history of the Arkansas State Board of Education. Mrs. Gillam stated that she researched and collected information pertaining to the Board dating from August 14, 1911 to January 16, 1995, which is on film at the Arkansas History Commission. ADE directories dating from 1930/31 to 1994/95 are being stored on site in a secured fireproof file cabinet. **Ms. Scott made the motion to include Mrs. Gillam's presentation as part of the official minutes. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.** The Board thanked Mrs. Gillam for her hard work and dedication. 5) Back to School Safety Week. Mr. Wilhoit commended the press for their positive articles and thanked Mr. McLarty for his leadership. 6) Governor's Partnership Counsel. The Board will be receiving a document that will reflect what the Counsel feels are important criteria for bringing health, human services and education together. 7) Recommendation of a new staff member. **Ms. Scott made the motion to accept the Director's recommendation of a new staff member to support the Governor's Partnership Counsel. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.** 8) Hearings for public comments regarding standards. 9) Technology system. Four

areas were identified for improvement: payroll process, IQ software, printing program and activity schedule. 10) Mr. Wilhoit informed the Board that he will be presenting the Milken Awards for the secondary level and 11) Development on School to Work.

Ms. Brenda Matthews presented the Board with a legislative update document. Ms. Matthews stated the document is simply an informative tool to keep the Board abreast of projected actions on the 1995 legislation. Many Boards and Commissions have begun to file their mission statements. Ms. Matthews stated the Board may want to discuss this issue in October. Mission statements are not due until July 1996. Ms. Matthews mentioned that Article 8 will go before the full legislative counsel on September 13, 1995.

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Mr. Robert Coleman presented background information regarding civil liability insurance. Ms. Pickett suggested deleting the wording "educational activity" in paragraph C (1) and changing the heading for paragraph C to reflect a statement versus a question. Mr. McLarty and Ms. Scott expressed their concerns regarding solvent immunity and individuals who are not covered under civil liability insurance.

INITIAL DISCUSSION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REQUIRED ANNUAL AUDIT

Dr. Bob Shaver presented background information regarding the required annual audit. There was a brief discussion regarding whether or not ADE could hire a private accountant or accounting firm to review the audit and provide input.

APPROVAL FOR GUIDELINES FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Mary McKinney presented background information regarding guidelines for parent involvement. Ms. Scott inquired whether the thirty-six grants were awarded in the same districts. Ms. McKinney stated some grants were awarded in the same districts. Mr. Gordy inquired how districts are made aware of the parameters for grant applications. Ms. McKinney responded that the parameters have always been flexible and the grants are designed to suit community needs. **With no further comments, Mr. Fisher made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Department for guidelines for parent involvement. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 522 TO PROVIDE TESTING
OF HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS AGES 7 THRU 17

Mr. Rodger Callahan provided background information regarding the implementation of Act 522. Ms. Scott inquired if ADE received any comments during the public hearing. Mr. Callahan stated that three individuals appeared and there was one negative comment. **With no further comments, Mr. Fisher made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Department to approve the revised rules and regulations for home schools pertaining to Act 522 of 1995. Mr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

DECISION REGARDING
APPEAL OF TEACHER LICENSURE DETERMINATION

Dr. Beasley made the motion to remove this item from the table. Mr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Frank Anthony presented additional information to the Board describing the steps and process the Department followed, which subsequently led to their decision. Mr. Anthony stated that the Ad Hoc Review Committee met to review Ms. Carol Barton's qualifications and are in concurrence with the Department's recommendation. Ms. Marcia Barnes made a presentation to the Board on behalf of her client. **With no further comments, Mr. McLarty made the motion to uphold Ms. Barton's appeal for teacher licensure. Mr. Beasley seconded and Mr. Smith requested a roll call vote:**

In-Favor

**Mr. McLarty
Mr. Beasley**

Against

**Ms. Pickett
Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Fisher
Mr. Llewellyn
Ms. Scott
Mr. Gordy**

The motion did not carry.

Ms. Scott made the motion to uphold the recommendation of denial by the Department. Mr. Llewellyn seconded and Mr. Smith requested a roll call vote:

<u>In-Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>
Ms. Pickett	Mr. McLarty
Mr. Whitmore	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Fisher	
Mr. Llewellyn	
Ms. Scott	
Mr. Gordy	

The motion carried with a majority vote.

FINAL APPROVAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR DISTRICT STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND
SCHOOL SAFETY POLICIES

Mr. Ray Lumpkin presented background information regarding student discipline and school safety policies. Mr. Lumpkin stated that for clarification purposes, the Department would like to add, “requires expulsion except for a period of not less than one year for possession of any firearm or other weapon prohibited upon the school campus” to paragraph C, page A7-11. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the rules and regulations for district student discipline and school safety policies. Mr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
ALLOCATING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL
PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS AND DEFINING EDUCATION
SERVICES IN SUCH PLACEMENTS

Dr. Diane Sydoriak presented background information regarding allocation of public school funds for the resident placement of students. Dr. Sydoriak informed the Board of changes made as a result of the public hearing. After a brief discussion regarding the maximum teacher/student ratio, **Mr. McLarty made the motion to approve public school funds for the resident placement of students with an amendment stating, “the maximum teacher/student ratio will be one to 15 without a full-time paraprofessional and 16 to 24 with a full-time paraprofessional.” Mr. Beasley seconded and Mr. Smith requested a roll call vote:**

In-Favor
Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Beasley
Ms. Pickett
Ms. Scott
Mr. McLarty

Against
Mr. Gordy
Mr. Llewellyn
Mr. Fisher

The motion carried by majority vote.

MONTHLY REPORT ON PULASKI COUNTY DESEGREGATION
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Ms. Charity Smith discussed the following items:

1) Completion of the August project management tool. 2) Development of a work flow chart. 3) Notified districts of the data collection elements. 4) Auditing financial records. 5) Meeting with ODM to discuss monitoring format. 6) Communicated with districts regarding the scheduling of in service training for principals. 7) Identified proposed list of members for the Implementation Committee and the Monitoring Operations Team for recommendation to the Administrative Team. 8) Contacted districts to participate in a collaborative effort to construct a monitoring instrument for data collection and 9) Planned technical assistance to schools. Mr. Wilhoit informed the Board that the Department is researching various software packages to monitor the progress of the desegregation plan on a monthly basis.

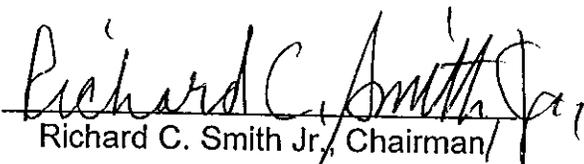
MINORITY RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Reginald Wilson reported to the Board that Dr. George Bratton, instructor at UCA, has agreed to conduct the Minority Recruitment independent audit at no cost. Dr. Bratton will began to audit the completed activities of the committee in late September.

Ms. Scott made the motion to adjourn. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Board Committee Reports
Board Conference Reports

Recorded by Angela White


Richard C. Smith Jr., Chairman


Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary