

AGENDA

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday, January 7, 1996

4:30 p.m.

The Stitt Room, Holiday Inn West
201 South Shackleford
Little Rock, AR

1995 Milken Recipients

Betty Gail Davis

Student Forum

Karen Derrick-Coleman

Conclusion of the Evaluation of the Directors

Luke Gordy

Semi-Annual Monitoring Report

Charity Smith

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Dinner

7:00 p.m.

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Monday, January 8, 1996

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes (December 10/11, 1995)
2. Promotions/Newly Employed/Separation ---
Ms. Clemetta Hood C2-1
3. Education Legal Update --- Ms. Elizabeth Boyter C3-1

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
2. Appeal Hearing --- Ms. Glenda Bean A2-1
3. Arkansas Council of Economic Education ---Ms. Sonya Schmidt A3-1
4. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing the Standards/Proposed Standards Document ---
Dr. Emma Bass A4-1
5. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations Governing
the Distribution of Consolidation Incentive Funds to School Districts
for the 1996-97 School year --- Dr. Bob Shaver A5-1
6. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations Governing
the Criteria used to Identify Isolated School Districts --- Dr. Shaver A6-1
7. Approve for Emergency Rules and Regulations Governing the
Distribution of Growth Facility Funding to School Districts for the
1995-96 School Year --- Dr. Shaver A7-1
8. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations Governing
Summer School --- Mr. Jim Boardman A8-1
9. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations Governing
Service Learning --- Mr. Boardman A9-1

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10. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations
Governing School District Expenditures Requirements for Special
Education, Vocational Education, Gifted and Talented, Alternative
Education and Classroom Teacher Salary per ADM --- Dr. Shaver A10-1
11. Initial Policy Discussion for Drafting Rules and Regulations Governing
Required School District Educational Excellence Trust Fund
Distributions --- Dr. Shaver A11-1
12. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing Academic/Fiscal Distress ---
Dr. Bobbie Davis/Mr. Frank Anthony A12-1
13. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing the Distribution of New Debt Service Funding Supplements ---
Dr. Shaver A13-1
14. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing and
Assessment Program --- Mr. Boardman A14-1
15. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing the Required Annual Audit for 1995-96 --- Dr. Shaver A15-1
16. Approve for Public Comment Proposed Rules and Regulations
Governing the Waiving of Minimum Salaries to be Paid Certified
Personnel --- Dr. Shaver A16-1
17. Approval of Reduction In Force Policy --- Mr. Gene Wilhoit A17-1
18. Monthly Report on Pulaski County Desegregation
Settlement Agreement --- Ms. Charity Smith A18-1
19. Revocation of a Teaching Certificate --- Ms. Elizabeth Boyter A19-1

Board Committee Reports

Board Conference Reports

COMING EVENTS

December 9-13	National Staff Development Council, Chicago
January 11	Advisory Council for Education of Children with Disabilities, 9:30 a.m., Little Rock
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (State Holiday)
January 21-22	Education Arkansas: A Shareholders' Retreat, Arkansas 4H Center, Little Rock
January 23-25	Title I Mid-Winter Conference, Hot Springs Convention Center
February 6-7	NCA State Hearings, Auditorium, ADE
February 7-8	State Reading Specialists, Auditorium, ADE
February 9-10	Arkansas Governor's School Faculty Interviews, ADE
February 11-12	State Board Meeting
February 19	Presidents' Day (State Holiday)
February 21	Governor's Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented, Excelsior Hotel, Little Rock
February 21-23	State Conference on Gifted Education, Excelsior Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock
February 22-23	Arkansas Elementary School Council, ADE
February 23-27	National Association of Secondary School Principals, San Francisco

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1996**

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Monday, January 8, 1996, in the auditorium of the Arch Ford Building. The meeting began at 12:25 p.m.

Members present: Richard Smith, Chairman
Bill Fisher, Vice-Chairman
Carl Baggett
Luke Gordy
Jim McLarty
Betty Pickett
James Whitmore

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members absent: Gary Beasley
Mitch Llewellyn
Rae Perry
Elaine Scott
Sherry Walker

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. McLarty made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Gordy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the request of Mr. Wilhoit, Mr. Frank Anthony discussed the Accreditation Team's report. The following information was reported:

1. All 311 school districts submitted reports from their ASP Tapes.
2. 70 school districts were first time users of the ASPS system.
3. 96% of the preliminary reports were mailed on December 14, 1995.
4. The accreditation process was completed approximately two weeks earlier than the previous process.
5. No temporary staff was utilized.
6. All reports were prepared by the accreditation team, including MIS staff.
7. 18 Field Service Specialists were free to work with school districts.
8. As of to date, 357 schools have received full accreditation, 582 schools are accredited sites, 77 schools are in probationary status and no schools show a loss of accreditation. A final accreditation report for all schools in the state will be available June 1, 1996.

Mr. Wilhoit discussed the following issues:

1) Electronic Reporting System. The Board will be presented with information regarding the requirements of the electronic reporting system in February.

2) Effective Schools Conference. Board members were reminded of the Effective Schools Conference which will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, February 22 - 25, 1996.

HOURS OF JOY CHILD CARE, INC. APPEAL HEARING

Chairman Smith reviewed background information regarding Hours of Joy Child Care, Inc. and ADE's guidelines for review of agency decisions.

Mr. Johnny Harris, Director, Hours of Joy Child Care, Inc., presented and reviewed information in response to the State Board of Education's December 11, 1995 decision to withdraw ABC funding from Hours of Joy Child Care, Inc. effective January 1, 1996. After a brief discussion, Ms. Glenda Bean, AECC, provided a response to Mr. Harris' presentation.

After questions and comments from the Board, **Mr. Fisher made the motion to deny funding to Hours of Joy Child Care, Inc. Mr. Gordy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

ARKANSAS COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC EDUCATION (ACEE)

Ms. Sonya Schmidt, Executive Director, ACEE; Dr. Benny Gooden, President, ACEE and Mr. Jim Glenn, Chairman, ACEE; provided an overview of Economic Education and the 1995 Summarized Report of Economics America School District Data.

Mr. Glenn discussed the following:

1. Mission of ACEE
2. Staff
3. Financing and Budget
4. Leadership
5. Goals for 1996

APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STANDARDS/PROPOSED STANDARDS DOCUMENT

Dr. Emma Bass presented background information. A schedule of public hearing locations and dates were noted. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to proceed with public comments and the Board will review the final draft document during the March Board meeting. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE FUNDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE 1996-97 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Bob Shaver presented background information. The following items were discussed:

1. Computations
2. Consolidation Incentive Funding
3. Add On Weight/Total Funding Cap
4. Application Process

INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CRITERIA USED TO IDENTIFY ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Dr. Shaver presented background information. The following items were discussed:

1. Isolated School District Criteria
2. Additional Funding for Super Isolated Districts
3. Legal Issues

**APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
DISTRIBUTION OF GROWTH FACILITY FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR
THE 1995-96 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dr. Shaver presented background information. The Board was provided with an attachment regarding calculation steps. Dr. Shaver noted that the wording, "base millage no less than 25 and a" would be deleted from 3.06. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve emergency rules and regulations governing the distribution of growth facility funding to school districts for the 1995-96 school year. Mr. Gordy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

REVOCAION OF TEACHER CERTIFICATE

Ms. Elizabeth Boyter discussed background information and presented correspondence regarding Mr. Robert Jean. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to proceed with procedures regarding revocation of teaching certificates. Dr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve ADE's recommendation to revoke Mr. Robert Jean's teaching certificate. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. & Mrs. Turnbow, parents of the violated minor, presented information regarding Mr. Jean and the Walnut Ridge School District. **Mr. McLarty made the motion to have Ms. Boyter investigate whether or not Walnut Ridge School District provided ADE with correspondence, in compliance with the law, regarding Mr. Jean's felony. If no such correspondence is evident, Walnut Ridge School District will be asked to come before the State Board to show cause as to why they should not be sited for sanctions in violation of the law. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING SUMMER SCHOOL**

Mr. Jim Boardman provided background information regarding the drafting of rules and regulations governing summer school.

**INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING SERVICE LEARNING**

Mr. Boardman presented background information. There was a brief discussion regarding the State Board's involvement in approving community service activities and programs, accreditation standards and teacher licensure.

**INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, GIFTED AND TALENTED,
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AND CLASSROOM TEACHER SALARY PER ADM**

Dr. Shaver presented background information. There was a discussion regarding the definition of a classroom teacher and the establishment of minimal expenditure requirements for LEP, CPEP, and K-5 Summer Programs.

**INITIAL POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DRAFTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING REQUIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTIONS**

This agenda item was removed.

**APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING ACADEMIC/FISCAL DISTRESS**

Mr. Anthony provided background information. The Board was presented with a list of the Academic Distress Advisory Committee Members. Dr. Bobbie Davis discussed early detection of school districts in distress and providing technical assistance to those districts identified. After a brief discussion regarding timeline, improvement plans and reasonable progress in Phase I, **Mr. Fisher made the motion to proceed with public comment. Dr. Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEW DEBT SERVICE FUNDING
SUPPLEMENTS**

Dr. Shaver provided background information. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to proceed with public comment. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING AND ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM**

Mr. Boardman provided background information. There was discussion regarding the wording "exit exam" and validation of student attendance. **Dr. Whitmore made the motion to proceed with public comment. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE REQUIRED ANNUAL AUDIT FOR 1995-96**

Dr. Shaver provided background information. The Board suggested changing the word "all" in 3.02 to "appropriate". **After a brief discussion, Mr. Gordy made the motion to withhold approval for public comment and re-discuss this item in February. Mr. Fisher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.** ADE and Legislative Audit will meet to discuss concerns and issues of the required annual audit for 1995-96.

**APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE WAIVING OF MINIMUM SALARIES TO BE PAID CERTIFIED
PERSONNEL**

Dr. Shaver presented background information. The Board suggested that ADE provide advanced notification to the public regarding the scheduled public hearings. **Dr. Whitmore made the motion to proceed with public comment. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF REDUCTION IN FORCE POLICY (RIF)

Mr. Wilhoit presented background information. **Mr. Fisher made the motion to adopt the RIF Policy. Ms. Pickett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

**MONTHLY REPORT ON PULASKI COUNTY DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

Ms. Charity Smith reviewed the following issues:

1) New Project Management Tool (PMT). Ms. Smith reminded the Board that text reports will continue to be available for review.

2) February Semiannual Monitoring Report. Ms. Smith presented and reviewed the executive summary of the semiannual monitoring report. The Board was also provided a detailed report.

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

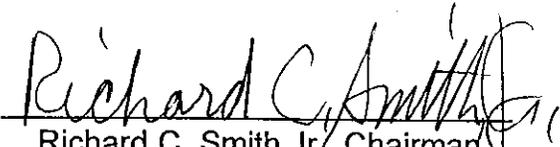
Mr. McLarty provided the Board with a revised draft of the mission statement for review.

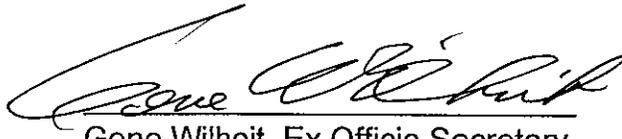
Mr. Gordy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McLarty seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Board Committee Report

Board Conference Reports

Recorded by Angela White


Richard C. Smith Jr., Chairman


Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary