

## **AGENDA**

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Sunday, November 3, 1996**

4:00 p.m.

Cotton Boll Technical Institute  
Interstate 55 and State Hwy. 148  
Exit 57  
Burdette, AR

## **Presentations and Tour of Cotton Boll Technical Institute**

## **Discussion of Adult Education Committee Recommendations**

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**Dinner  
6:00 p.m.**

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**Monday, November 4, 1996**

8:00 a.m. Reception and Continental Breakfast  
West Jr. High Cafeteria  
700 W. Chickasawba Street  
Blytheville School District

8:30 a.m. Meeting of the  
Board of Vocational Education

10:30 a.m. or immediately after  
Meeting of the Board of General Education  
West Jr. High School Library

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3. Education Legal Update --- Ms. Elizabeth Turner ..... C3-1
4. Commitment to Principles of Desegregation Settlement  
Agreement: Report on the execution of the Implementation Plan ---  
Ms. Charity Smith ..... C4-1
5. Arkansas Child Care Approval System Recommendations ---  
Ms. Glenda Bean ..... C5-1
6. Recommendation of Textbooks/Instructional Materials Unit ---  
Ms. Sue McKenzie ..... C6-1

**ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
2. Discussion on State Board Priorities --- Mr. Gene Wilhoit ..... A2-1
3. ADE Restructuring Recommendations --- Mr. Wilhoit ..... A3-1
4. Charter School Petition --- Mr. Jack O'Reilly  
Fourche Valley School District Superintendent ..... A4-1
5. Policy Discussion for Developing Guidelines for Teacher Evaluation ---  
Ms. Janinne Riggs ..... A5-1

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- 6. Discussion of the Comprehensive Report on Students in the  
Early Childhood Summer Program ---  
Ms. Mary Kay McKinney & Dr. George Bratton . . . . . A6-1
  
- 7. Status Report on Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks ---  
Dr. Gayle Potter . . . . . A7-1

Board Committee Reports  
Board Conference Reports

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5-6**

Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals Fall Conference  
Little Rock

Contact: Kellar Noggle, (501) 372-1691

### **Wednesday, November 6**

Arkansas Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Hilton Inn and Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs

Contact: Nancy Early, (501) 367-6848

### **Wednesday through Friday, November 6-8**

Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference  
Hilton Inn and Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs

Contact: Rebecca O'Donnell, (501) 262-1880

### **Thursday and Friday, November 7-8**

Arkansas Education Association Annual Conference  
DoubleTree Hotel and Robinson Center, Little Rock

Contact: Pat Jones, (501) 375-4611

### **Monday and Tuesday, November 11-12**

Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals Fall Conference  
Little Rock

Contact: Kellar Noggle, (501) 372-1691

### **Monday through Thursday, November 11-14**

Arkansas High School Exit Exam Administered

Contact: Gayle Potter, (501) 682-4558

### **Wednesday through Friday, November 13-15**

Arkansas Counseling Association Annual Conference  
Arlington and Majestic Hotels, Hot Springs

Contact: R. Blair Olson, (501) 246-7222

### **Thursday and Friday, November 14-15**

Academic Enrichment for the Gifted In Summer (AEGIS) Grant Application Readers Panel,  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Auditorium, Arch Ford Education Building, Little Rock

Contact: Ann M. Biggers, (501) 682-4224

### **Friday, November 15**

Conference on Education of Students Who Are Hard of Hearing  
Little Rock

Contact: Jerrie Finch, (501) 324-9522

**Sunday through Wednesday, November 17-20**  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) Annual Meeting  
New Orleans

**Monday, November 18**  
Governor's Presentation of the 1997 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, 11 a.m.  
Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol, Little Rock  
Contact: Janinne Riggs, (501) 682-4374

**Tuesday, November 19**  
Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Meeting  
Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Offices, Little Rock  
Contact: Glenda Bean, (501) 682-4891

**Wednesday, November 20**  
State Board of Education Agenda Planning Meeting, 11 a.m.  
Director's Conference Room (Room 303A), Arch Ford Education Building, Little Rock  
Contact: Reginald Wilson, (501) 682-4469

**Thursday, November 21**  
Arkansas Milken State Education Conference  
DoubleTree Hotel, Little Rock  
Contact: Janinne Riggs, (501) 682-4374

**DECEMBER 1996**

**Sunday and Monday, December 8-9**  
State Board of Education Meeting  
Contact: Reginald Wilson, (501) 682-4469

**Wednesday through Friday, December 11-13**  
Arkansas School Boards Association Annual Conference  
Excelsior Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock  
Contact: Dan Farley, (501) 372-1415

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1996

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Sunday, November 3, 1996, at the Cotton Boll Technical Institute, Burdette, Arkansas. The meeting began at 4:07 p.m.

Members present:           James McLarty, Chairman  
                                  James Whitmore, Vice-chairman  
                                  Martha Dixon  
                                  Bill Fisher  
                                  Luke Gordy  
                                  Betty Pickett  
                                  Elaine Scott  
                                  Richard Smith  
                                  Sherry Walker

                                  Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Members absent:           Carl Baggett  
                                  Edwin Alderson

Chairman McLarty called the meeting to order, welcomed and introduced Dr. Stephen Franks as the new Director of Vocational & Technical Education. Mr. McLarty thanked the Burdette community for hosting the Board and introduced Mr. Dick Prewitt, Chairman of the Cotton Boll Board of Directors. Mr. Prewitt welcomed the group and introduced Mr. Bill Nelson, president of Cotton Boll Technical Institute, who also welcomed the Board to Burdette. Mr. Nelson introduced Ms. Ann Whitis, Registrar. Ms. Whitis introduced three former students to the Board. These students made presentations about what they have gained from Cotton Boll Technical Institute. The three students were Mr. Willie Jones, who completed the electronics course and additional courses, and was hired in Burdette at Milwaukee Electronics; Ms. Debbie Cross, a former high school drop-out, is now a Certified Public Accountant in Paragould; and Ms. Loretta Robinson, now an administrative assistant with American Federal Savings.

During the tour of Cotton Boll Technical Institute, led by Mr. Nelson, he mentioned that Cotton Boll was one of eight schools built in 1966. Representative L.H. Autry of Burdette was instrumental in the location of the institute. The stops on the tour included the ① GED building, ② the Practical Nursing classroom and laboratory, ③ the Drafting and Design program with 12 computers running the latest software, ④ the Business Education Department, ⑤ the Child Care building, ⑥ the Welding department,

⑦ the Industrial Electronics/Industrial Maintenance department, and ⑧ the Dental Assisting Technology department which is the only one in the state operated by the State Board. Other programs not visited included Commercial Truck Driving, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, and Paramedics.

After the tour and dinner the Board reconvened. Ms. Betty Pickett reported to the Board the Recommendations from the Study Committee on Adult Education Funding (see attachment #1).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1996

MINUTES

The State Board of Education met Monday, November 4, 1996, in the library of West Junior High School, Blytheville, Arkansas. The meeting of General Education was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Members present:            James McLarty, Chairman  
                                 James Whitmore, Vice-chairman  
                                 Edwin Alderson  
                                 Martha Dixon  
                                 Bill Fisher  
                                 Luke Gordy  
                                 Betty Pickett  
                                 Elaine Scott  
                                 Richard Smith  
                                 Sherry Walker  
  
                                 Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Member absent:            Carl Baggett

Chairman McLarty called the meeting to order and recognized Dr. Frank Ladd, Superintendent of Blytheville School District, who gave an update of the present activities in his school district. Mr. Roy Rowe, Superintendent of Hot Springs School District, was also recognized.

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**Dr. Whitmore made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the amended minutes. Mr. Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

## **ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Wilhoit reported on the following topics:

- The court date for the Lakeview Case - November 12, 1996
- The distribution of Board briefings, and the need for new topics
- Teacher Retirement Loan
- Governor's School Concerns
- Welfare reform as it impacts the public education and early childhood education
- Teacher support relating to teacher licensure and professional development
- Complimented Dorothy Caldwell for her recognition by the American Dietary Association
- Recognized Emma Bass and her move with North Central Association to Arkansas State University as the sponsoring agency

### **DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD PRIORITIES**

Mr. Wilhoit discussed updating of Board Priorities would be an ongoing item. This would enable the Board to track activities during the year, prepare questions, and discuss activities.

### **ADE RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Wilhoit handed out a draft organizational chart (see attachment #1) showing work that has been started as a result of the UALR study. Meetings with staff have led to these recommendations but there should be more to report as discussions continue. This reorganization is being examined closely and will take time to implement and utilize staff in the most efficient manner. Mr. Wilhoit indicated the following areas to be important as we move ahead: ① the relationship between the Department and the Co-ops ② the issue of Vocational and General Education ③ Budgeting process - giving program people greater authority and responsibility for management and operation of their budgets ④ Improvement of staff evaluations ⑤ professional development for ADE staff ⑥ changes in the grades of employees ⑦ improving communication within the agency vertically and horizontally and, ⑧ upgrading the technology capacity of the Department and our ability to use that technology. Mr. Wilhoit will bring to the Board in December, a short term and long term plan of action.

### **CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION**

This item was withdrawn and placed on the December agenda.

## **POLICY DISCUSSION FOR DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR TEACHER EVALUATION**

Ms. Janinne Riggs introduced the task force members present who worked on the guidelines, Ms. Edie Allen, Principal of Pocahontas Elementary; Beckey Shopfner, coordinator of the teacher academy; Roy Rowe, Superintendent of Hot Springs; Rich Nagel representing Cora McHenry from AEA. The task force came with two recommendations: (1) repeal the existing rules and regulations governing the present teacher evaluation process, and (2) adopt the teacher evaluation guidelines on page A5-5 in the agenda book (see attachment #2).

**Mr. Smith made the motion to approve public hearings to repeal the existing guidelines. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Scott made the motion to approve the adoption of the new guidelines. Mr. Gordy amended the motion to include the philosophy for teacher evaluation. Ms. Pickett seconded and the amended motion carried unanimously.**

## **STATISTICS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL K-5**

Ms. Mary Kaye McKinney introduced Dr. George Bratton, associate professor of math at the University of Central Arkansas, who led the work of gathering and compiling statistics on summer school attendance, retention rate, attendance in later years, etc. He explained how the statistics were gathered and the findings (see attachments #3 and #4).

## **STATUS REPORT ON CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS**

Dr. Gayle Potter reported that they now have draft copies (some implemented or ready to go) of 12 different curriculum content areas in the school districts. Ms. Janet Taylor was introduced as one of the Linkage Task Force members. Dr. Potter provided the Board with draft copies of the Health and Physical Education Frameworks. She also mentioned the addition of two Frameworks not required which are Theater and Dance. The Department followed a standard process with state wide committees across all of the frameworks. Dr. Potter also recognized the following members of the Design Team: Roy Barnes, Margaret Crank, Bill Fulton, Barbara Patty, Carolyn Pittman, Betty Stark, Gladys O'Neal, Ora Stevens, Brenda Turner, Charles Watson, Dave Westmoreland and Phillip Wilson (see attachment #5 and #6).

## **REPORT ON NASBE**

Ms. Pickett and Ms. Walker disseminated information gleaned from the NASBE Conference. (see attachment #7)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53.