

Summary of Actions
Minutes
State Board of Education
Monday, November 10, 2003

The State Board of Education met on Monday, November 10, 2003, in the Auditorium of the State Education Building. JoNell Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Bushman Court Reporting made a full transcript of the proceedings, which serves as the official Minutes for the meeting. This summary was compiled from the transcript and is intended to serve as a quick reference to specific actions taken.

The following Board members were present: JoNell Caldwell, Chairman; Luke Gordy; Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland; Diane Tatum; and MaryJane Rebick.

The following Board members were absent: Randy Lawson; Shelby Hillman; and Dr. Calvin King.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Rebick moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

- Minutes Sunday, October 12, 2003
- Minutes Monday, October 13, 2003
- Commitment to Principles of Desegregation Settlement Agreement: Report on the Execution of the Implementation Plan
- Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations

Request for Approval of Final Rules Governing Non-Traditional Teacher Licensure

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the Final Rules Governing Non-Traditional Teacher Licensure. Dr. Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Establishment of Boundary line Between Fort Smith School District and Greenwood School District

Ms. Rebick moved adoption of recommended changes as proposed. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Recommendations to Increase the Budget for the Arkansas Public School Computer Network, and other Minor Changes in the Public School Fund Budget

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the proposed budget revisions. Dr. Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Act 1738 of 2003 Exemptions

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the Loans and Bonds recommendations. Ms. Rebick seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Report of Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out-of-Field for Longer than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days, Act 1623 of 2001

Ms. Rebick moved approval of the waiver requests as presented. Mr. Gordy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Teaching License – Roberta Beever

Mr. Gordy moved to suspend the license until a release is issued by the court system. Ms. Rebick seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Teaching License – Cheryl Gardner

At the request of Scott Smith and concurrence of counsel for Ms. Gardner, this issue will be continued until the December meeting or until agreement is reached on the facts with the parties involved. No other action was taken.

Charter School Hearings

The Board entered into a hearing of issues related to review and approval of Open Enrollment Charter Schools: Little Scholars of Arkansas Foundation and Learning Academy for Urban Leaders. No action was taken.

Other Business

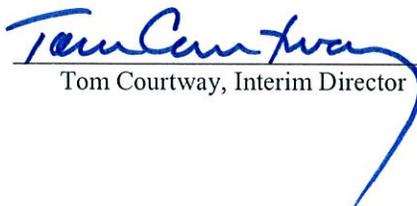
Mr. Gordy moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Dr. Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

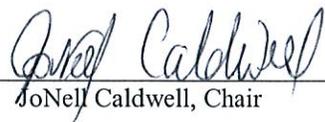
Following the executive session, Ms. Caldwell announced that personnel issues were discussed and no action was taken.

Dr. Westmoreland moved adjournment. Mr. Gordy seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

This summary was prepared by Dr. Charles D. Watson from the transcript submitted by Bushman Court Reporting.


Tom Courtway, Interim Director


JoNell Caldwell, Chair