

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2012
8:15 A.M.**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 8:15 a.m., CDT, on August 27, 2012.

Present..... 7	Absent.....3
Ms. Janet Ayers	Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair
Mr. Mike Edwards	Ms. Teresa Sloyan
Ms. Vernita Justice	Dr. Richard Rhoda
Ms. Carolyn Pearre, Vice Chair	
Mr. Lonnie Roberts	
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers	
Dr. Melvin Wright	

Others Present

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBE)
Dr. David Sevier, SBE
Dr. Scott Eddins, SBE
Ms. Dannelle Walker, SBE
Ms. Phyllis Childress, SBE
Commissioner Kevin Huffman, TDOE
Mr. Stephen Smith, TDOE

Vice Chair Pearre welcomed the members and called the meeting to order.

I. Consent Items

A. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: **Mr. Roberts** moved approval. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. 2012 List of State Identified Reward Schools

Commissioner Kevin Huffman, Department of Education, presented this item. He stated that the Department of Education designates 10% of all schools as reward schools. They also designate 5% as reward schools based on their progress.

He named the three schools that were added: Hume Fogg, Nashville; Walker Middle School and Evans Elementary School in Memphis. **Commissioner Huffman** added that more than 140 schools had made

the list in both progress and rate of growth and said that it was incredibly impressive to qualify in both categories. He also noted that some schools that are designated by rate of growth would have been designated as failing under the previous accountability rules.

Mr. Roberts stated that he was excited about progress being shown.

Commissioner Huffman agreed and added that it was a good time to step back and focus on the many good things that are happening and celebrate them.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Ayers** seconded.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Mike Edwards	X		
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston			X
Teresa Sloyan			X
Melvin Wright	X		

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vice Chair Pearre thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone and reminded them of the upcoming workshop and meeting on October 18-19, 2012 in Nashville. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by: _____ Date _____