

**AGENDA**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Room 12 – Legislative Plaza**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**April 15, 2011**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**I. Consent Items (Voice Vote)**

- 9:00 a.m.  
Mr. Fielding Rolston
- A. *Adoption of Agenda*
  
  - B. *Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2011*

**II. Report Items**

- 9:05 a.m.  
Mr. James Francis  
(Art)
- A. *Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition*  
Recognition OF schools with high poverty rates that demonstrate outstanding student achievement results.
  
  - B. *Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition*  
Recognition of those Title I schools that ensure that all children have access to effective instructional strategies, challenging academic content, and high levels of student achievement.
  
  - C. *2009 Presidential Award Winner Recognition*  
Recognition of those teachers who have been recognized by President Obama for excellence in math and science teaching.

**III. Action Items (First Reading)**

- 9:20 a.m.  
Dr. Debra Owens  
(Art)
- A. *Identification of the Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools Policy*  
First reading of a definition of lowest achieving schools to comply with the NCLB accountability model.
  
  - B. *Definition of a Tennessee Public School, Rule*  
First reading of a rule amendment changing terminology based on work by the Governor’s Advisory Council on Alternative Education. Also, removes “one plant” from school definition in SBE rules.

- Mr. James Witty  
(Danelle) C. *Adult High Schools, Rule*  
First reading that deletes seat time requirements in summer school and adult education sections: 0520-01-02-.09(2)(f) and 0520-01-03-.03(7)(b)(1).
- Mr. James Witty  
(David) D. *Summer Schools, Rule*  
First reading that amends SBE rule 0520-01-03-.03(7)(b)(1) regarding contact hours required for summer school credit.
- Mr. Morgan Branch  
(Art) E. *Computer Technology*  
First reading of revisions to the computer technology 9-12 curriculum.
- Dr. David Sevier F. *Middle Grades STEM Teacher Licensure Standards*  
First reading of the licensure standards that support the Board's recently approved STEM endorsement for middle grades.

#### **IV. Action Items (Final Reading)**

- 9:50 a.m. A. *Introduction to Fine Arts*  
Ms. Jeanette Crosswhite  
(David) Final reading creating a new course, "Introduction to Fine Arts."
- Dr. David Sevier B. *High School Transition Policy*  
Final reading of a policy amendment that clarifies end-of-course assessment requirements for high school students enrolled in college courses.
- Dr. Gary Nixon C. *Teacher and Principal Evaluation Policy*  
Final reading of the policy regarding the evaluation of teachers and principals.
- Ms. Danelle Walker  
(Roll Call Vote) D. *Nonpublic Schools – Categories I and VII, Rule Consolidation*  
Final reading of a rule amendment inserting Category VII special purpose schools into Category I, so that students completing school at a special purpose school (such as a Department of Children's Services school) retain eligibility for the lottery scholarship.
- Ms. Brenda Ables  
(David) E. *Cambridge AICE Substitutions*  
Final reading granting permission for the SDE to administratively approve pilot course substitutions for the Cambridge AICE program.
- Ms. Brenda Ables  
(David) F. *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme*  
Final reading adding completion of the IB Diploma Programme as an approved route to high school graduation.

Dr. David Sevier

- G. *Distance and e-Learning Policy*  
Final reading of amendments to the Board's policy on distance learning and e-learning.

**V. Adjournment**

**MEETING DATES FOR 2011:**

**August 5, 2011**  
**October 28, 2011**

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