

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 29, 2011**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 10:45 a.m., CDT, on July 29, 2011.

Present..... 9	Absent.....2
Mr. Jim Ayers	Dr. Melvin Wright
Mr. Mike Edwards	Dr. Richard Rhoda
Ms. Vernita Justice	
Ms. Carolyn Pearre	
Mr. Lonnie Roberts	
Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair	
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers	
Ms. Teresa Sloyan	
Mr. Chip Woods	

Others Present

- Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education (SBE)**
- Dr. David Sevier, SBE**
- Mr. Art Fuller, SBE**
- Ms. Dannelle Walker, SBE**
- Ms. Phyllis Childress, SBE**
- Commissioner Kevin Huffman, Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE)**
- Deputy Commissioner Patrick Smith, TDOE**
- Dr. Debbie Owens, TDOE**
- Mr. Dan Long, TDOE**
- Mr. Stan Curtis, TDOE**

Chairman Rolston welcomed the members and noted that this is the first meeting for new members Mr. Lonnie Roberts and Mr. Mike Edwards. He also congratulated Mrs. Carolyn Pearre on her reappointment to the Board.

I. Consent Items

A. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval. **Dr. Rogers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. Tennessee Department of Education Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook, July 2011

Dr. Debbie Owens, Department of Education, presented changes to the State’s NCLB Accountability Workbook. She noted that this represents changes from the 2007 version.

Vice Chair Pearre asked about the attachments and whether these were relevant to the next agenda item and subsequent status determinations. **Chairman Rolston** responded that the changes are those being applied to this year’s accountability list.

Dr. Owens gave an overview of the accountability continuum. **Ms. Sloyan** asked about AMOs and how these are factored into the determination of a school’s status. **Dr. Owens** responded that the AMOs were still in effect for this year’s accountability determinations.

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, noted that this is essentially a housekeeping item to resolve the federal version of the Accountability Workbook with the version previously approved by the Board.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** moved approval on first reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim 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
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2011 List of State Identified High Priority Schools and School Systems

Dr. Owens presented this item. She gave an overview of the accountability system. **Commissioner Huffman** noted that AYP is a national, rather than a single state, issue and that states like Tennessee are penalized when standards are raised yet the school or system still misses the mark.

Dr. Owens pointed out the list of school and systems to the Board along with the list of natural disaster appeals.

Chairman Rolston entertained questions.

Vice Chair Pearre asked to see a list of schools that had come off the list and **Ms. Sloyan** asked to see a list of those schools and systems designated as “target.” **Dr. Owens** responded that this would be made available to them.

Mr. Ayers and **Mrs. Pearre** both voiced concern regarding the timeliness to information to the Board members. In general, Board members would like more time with the information before voting. **Chairman Rolston** also added that his preference would be to not handle this issue by teleconference.

Commissioner Huffman responded that the push to move information out quickly is to allow more time for the school choice provisions within the NCLB law. He also told members that he understood their concern and would work to get information to them more quickly in the future.

ACTION: **Dr. Rogers** moved approval on first reading. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim 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
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rolston thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone and reminded them of the upcoming SBE workshop and meeting on August 4-5, 2011 in Nashville. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by: _____ Date _____