



MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 21, 2017

Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Rolston welcomed everyone to the State Board of Education meeting, noting the excellent presentations from the workshop the day before.

	Present	Absent
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Mr. B. Fielding Rolston, Chairman	x	
Ms. Allison Chancey	x	
Mr. Mike Edwards	x	
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x	
Ms. Elissa Kim	x	
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove	x	
Ms. Wendy Tucker	x	
Dr. William E. Troutt	x	
Student Member - Ms. Tiffany Cook	x	

I. Consent Items (Voice Vote)

The Board passed the Agenda items A and B by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Troutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following corrections to the January 27th, 2017 minutes being provided by Ms. Hartgrove and unanimously accepted by the Board. The corrections were submitted and approved together.

A. Adoption of Agenda

The Board voted to remove items IIIE and IVF, both items were not ready to be voted on at this meeting. The Chairman indicated that these items would be brought back to the Board once changes had been made. Item IIIF was also removed from the agenda at this time. The item would be handled as item IV H in the final reading section.

B. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2017, and March 16, 2017

The Board approved minutes from both meetings unanimously by voice vote with changes or clarifications. This action happened along with the consent items vote.

II. Report Items

A. Report on the 2016 Tennessee National Blue Ribbon Schools.

This item was presented by Dr. Vicki Kirk. Dr. Kirk was delighted to present this item to the Board. Six schools were recognized for their achievements. These schools attended an event in November 2016 in Washington, D.C. that recognized their achievements. Awards were given to representatives of these schools by Chairman Rolston and Commissioner Dr. Candice McQueen. The schools represented were:

Category	School	School District	Congressional District	SBE Member
Exemplary High Performing Schools	Brentwood Middle School	Williamson County Schools	4th	Wendy Tucker
Exemplary High Performing Schools	Glendale Elementary School	MNPS	5th	Elissa Kim
Exemplary High Performing Schools	Walnut Grove Elementary School	Williamson County Schools	4th	Wendy Tucker
Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School	Bethpage Elementary School	Sumner County Schools	6th	Lillian Hartgrove
Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School	Jackson Elementary School	Shelby County Schools	9th	Bill Troutt
Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School	John P. Freeman Optional School	Shelby County Schools	9th	Bill Troutt

III. Action Items (First Reading)

A. High School Policy 2.103

This was the first reading of amendments that clarify the requirements for summer school courses and the end of Course examinations. Ms. Laura Encalade of the Tennessee Department of Education presented this item. Ms. Encalade stated this is a policy that the Board and Department have looked over extensively. There have been several rounds of revisions to the item. The latest revisions of this item relate to summer school and end of course assessment. Dr. Sara Morrison made note that there are some other small revisions to the item that were added to pages five and six in the materials associated with this item. Mr. Mike Krause asked how many students are using the "Move on When Ready" process? Ms. Encalade stated no students have completed the process as of now. Ms. Tucker asked if there were some kind of communications plans set up for students to know they have options. Mr. Edwards stated that communication of this process is important. Mr. Edwards went on to ask about credit recovery standards. Ms. Encalade responded that the standards have relied on skills remediation. Mr. Edwards moved that the item accepted on first reading. Ms. Hartgrove seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

B. Standards for School Administered Child care Programs, Rule 0520-12-01

This was the first reading of clarifications to the transportation section of the rule. The item was presented by Ms. Misty Moody of the Tennessee Department of Education. There was no open discussion of this item by the Board. Mr. Ferguson made the motion

that the item adopt on first reading. Ms. Hartgrove seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

C. Teacher and Principal Evaluation Policy 5.201

The first reading of policy updates to include charter evaluation models that meet the state criteria of the list of state board approved models and to add a method for calculating the number of peer reviewers. Those districts must provide for portfolio scoring reviews. This item was presented by Ms. Rene Diamond of the Tennessee Department of Education. Ms. Diamond stated that the department wanted to add a person in each district that could serve as a liaison between the department and teachers. The motion to adopt this item was made by Ms. Chancey. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

D. Allocation of State and Local Funds Rule 0520-14-01-.03

This was the first reading of updates to funding procedures for LEAs in the distribution of BEP funding to charter schools. This item was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Fiveash of the Tennessee Department of Education. This item has been clarified. The biggest change to the item was that charter school funding be based on current school year funding. Ms. Fiveash stated that if the item passed that more changes to the language are possible prior to second reading. The motion to adopt this item was made by Ms. Tucker. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

E. Adult Education Rule 0520-01-02-.05

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

F. Educator Preparation Policy 5.504

This item was moved to be a part of IV. H. This action occurred at the beginning of the meeting.

G. Social Studies Standards

This was the first reading of newly revised social studies standards. The standards are included for grades K-8, the required high school courses, and the options for high school electives. These standards, if approved, will be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. This item was presented by Ms. Laura Encalade and Ms. Leigh Cummings. Ms. Encalade explained how the standards as presented have been evaluated, re-worked, and re-evaluated over the last two years. Ms. Tucker asked questions in reference to the committee responses to the Tennessee history questions brought up in the Thursday Board workshop. Mr. Edwards stated that he understands that all sides can be right even if they disagree. Ms. Chancey was encouraged overall with the progress of this item, but she did add her concern over the Tennessee history portion of the item. Ms. Chancey wanted to see more Tennessee history added to the standard. Dr. Sara Morrison thanked all involved in the process of creating this item. Chairman Rolston expressed his pleasure with the standards. The motion to adopt this item was made by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. Uniform Grading Policy 3.301

This was the final reading of updates to the Uniform Grading Policy, to Include Cambridge International courses and all early postsecondary opportunities including local dual credit and dual enrollment. This ensures all opportunities that award high school students, college credit will be able to be recognized and weighted in the GPA formula. This prevents dis-incentivizing certain opportunities because they are not recognized by the formula. There have been changes since the first reading. This item was presented by Ms. Laura Encalade. Ms. Encalade stated that changes made to this item included clarifications and the implementation timeline. Ms. Tucker asked about dual enrollment courses being weighted the same as advanced placement courses. Ms. Encalade stated that the process is dictated by statute. Mr. Mike Krause stated that both dual enrollment and advanced placement need higher enrollment numbers. Dr. Candice McQueen stated that 40% of Tennessee high school students are taking at least one early postsecondary class. The motion to adopt this item was made by Ms. Chancey. Ms. Hartgrove seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

B. English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Policy 3.207

This item on final reading contained changes to clarify the roles of Response to Intervention and Instruction (RTI2), accommodations and modifications to ESL services and lowers the staffing ratio for ESL classrooms. There have been changes since the first reading. The item was presented by Ms. Jan Lanier of the Tennessee Department of Education. The motion to adopt this item was made by Ms. Lillian Hartgrove. Ms. Chancey seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

C. Migrant Education Student Records Policies and Procedures 4.210

This was the final reading of a proposal to delete this policy as requirements are now covered under ESSA and in Department guidance. There have been no changes since the first reading. This item was presented by Ms. Jan Lanier. The motion to adopt this item was made by Ms. Hartgrove. Ms. Tucker seconded the. A voice vote was, take the item passed unanimously.

D. School Counseling Model and Standards Policy 5.103

This has been final reading of policy updates to clarify the implementation timeline for recently adopted school counseling standards, including an addition of a one-year phase-in. There have been changes since the first reading. This item was presented by Ms. Leigh Bagwell and Heather Justice of the Tennessee Department of Education. Dr. Candice McQueen addressed the adaptive measures the department has taken since first reading of this item. Ms. Hartgrove expressed a concern that there are districts that may still feel that their hands are being tied to the new standards. She went on to say that, there might still be a clarity issue. The motion to adopt this item was made by Ms. Tucker. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

E. Approved High School Courses Policy 3.205

This item was the final reading of an amendment to add new courses and revised course standards for courses within the Advanced Manufacturing; Ag, Food & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction, Arts, Audio/Visual Technology, &

Communication; Business Management & Administration, Education & Training, and Distribution & Logistics career clusters. An additional proposal includes a new statewide dual credit course, Introduction to Sociology. This item was presented by Ms. Heather Justice of the Tennessee Department of Education. Since first reading, minor changes have been made to the policy to correct spelling and verbiage inconsistencies. The motion to adopt this item was made by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Chancey seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

F. Strategic Compensation Policy 5.600

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

G. Public Records Policy 1.500

This item was the final reading of an amendment that outlines the procedures and establishes necessary fees for State Board responses to public records requests. There have been no changes since the first reading. Dr. Wooten stated that this item deals with the allowable classes and exceptions available for teacher credentialing. The motion to vote on this item was made by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion to vote on this item. A voice vote was taken the item passed unanimously.

H. a. Educator Preparation Policy 5.504

This was the final reading of a change to the approval status of programs based on interim review outcomes of EPP's. This was originally listed as III. F. This item was presented by Dr. Amy Wooten. The motion to adopt this item was made by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

H.b. Educator Preparation Policy 5.504

This item refers to the final reading of changes that finalize literacy standards for educator preparation and a technical change to clarify post-baccalaureate requirements. This item was presented by Dr. Amy Wooten. Dr. Wooten stated that this policy has given support to student literacy in our state. The motion to adopt this item was made by Mr. Edwards. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

I. Recommendations for Professional Education Units and Licensure Programs

This was the final reading of recommendations for Johnson University, LeMoyne-Owen College, and the University of Memphis and their specialty area programs. This item was presented by Dr. Amy Wooten. Ms. Hartgrove voiced her concern that the standards violations and stipulations for Johnson University do not line up. Dr. Wooten responded that even with errors the reviewers felt that although there are issues, those issues did not rise to the level of not meeting the standard. Ms. Hartgrove asked about the consequences of the action provision as it pertains to Johnson University. Dr. Wooten stated that the department would be working with Johnson University to create an action plan. The motion to adopt this item was made by Mr. Edwards. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, the item passed unanimously.

V. Teacher License Actions

A. William Haynes – Reinstatement

This item was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Taylor. Ms. Taylor stated that the legal recommendation to the Board was to approve the reinstatement of Mr. Haynes teaching license based on the legal findings of the court. All Board members that voted in the affirmative did so with reservations. Chairman Rolston made the motion approve the reinstatement. Vice Chair Hartgrove seconded the motion to vote on this item. A roll call vote was called for over a period of comments from the Board members. The vote totals are herein contained.

	Yes	No
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Mr. B. Fielding Rolston, Chairman	x	
Ms. Allison Chancey	x	
Mr. Mike Edwards	x	
Mr. Gordon Ferguson	x	
Ms. Elissa Kim		x
Ms. Lillian Hartgrove	x	
Ms. Wendy Tucker		x
Dr. William E. Troutt	x	
Student Member - Ms. Tiffany Cook	x	

B. Mary Sims – Suspension, Eighteen (18) Months

Mary Sims was removed from the agenda when this item was presented. This item was presented by Ms. Elizabeth Taylor.

VI. Adjournment

Signature: _____ Date: _____