

**Minutes of the
North Carolina State Board of Education
Education Building
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825
August 1-2, 2007**

Education Building, Raleigh	Wednesday, August 1, 2007	Board Room, 1:30 PM
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The North Carolina State Board of Education met and the following members were present:

Howard N. Lee, Chairman	Kathy Taft
Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chair	John Tate
Melissa Bartlett	Eulada Watt
Shirley Harris	Patricia Willoughby
Kevin Howell	

Also present were:

June St. Clair Atkinson, Superintendent	Craig Hill, Principal Advisor
Diana Beasley, Teacher Advisor	Carr Ipock, Local Board Member Advisor
Jay Bell, Teacher Advisor	Shirley Prince, Superintendent Advisor

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION

After extending a warm welcome to all present, Chairman Lee called the Wednesday session of the August State Board of Education meeting to order. He explained that the Board was meeting as a committee of the whole and provided details about the committee structures and the meeting process to the audience.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chairman Lee reminded Board members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. He asked if members of the Board knew of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. No Board members indicated a conflict of interest at this time. The Chairman then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, members became aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest that they bring the matter to the attention of the chair. It would then be their duty to abstain from participating in discussion and from voting on the matter.

Chairman Lee announced that Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital has resigned her position on the State Board of Education because she was named the new President of Cheyney State University in Pennsylvania. The Chairman relayed Dr. Howard-Vital's best wishes for the continued success of the Board, and he expressed gratitude for Dr. Howard-Vital's dedication and contributions to the State Board of Education.

Swearing-In Ceremony for New State Board of Education Members

The Honorable Burley Mitchell, former Chief Justice, NC Supreme Court

- Ms. Eulada Watt, Charlotte, NC, representing Education District 6
- Mr. Kevin Howell, Raleigh, NC, representing Education District 3

Ms. Eulada Watt, of Charlotte, and Mr. Kevin Howell, of Raleigh, were sworn in as the newest State Board of Education members. Chief Justice Burley Mitchell presided over the ceremony. Ms. Watt fills the District 6 position on the Board formerly held by Vice Chair Dr. Jane Norwood. She works part time for the University of North Carolina/Charlotte and is married to U.S. Representative Mel Watt. Mr. Howell fills the District 3 position formerly held by Mr. Edgar Murphy. He is the Assistant to the Chancellor at NC State University in the External Affairs Office.

After each new member remarked briefly about the privilege of their appointments, they were pinned by Superintendent Atkinson and received SBE brief cases and mugs from the Board.

Chief Justice Burley Mitchell congratulated the newest and existing Board members for their commitment and service to public education, stating that nothing was more important than our children.

Recognition of Teachers with Fifty Years of Teaching Service

- Mr. Eugene Frederick Doane, Brunswick County Schools
- Ms. Everlene Davis, Columbus County Schools
- Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs, Columbus County Schools (was not present)
- Ms. Peggy Rickert, Iredell-Statesville Schools
- Ms. Dorothy Calloway, Surry County Schools
- Ms. Janet Groomer, Wake County Schools
- Ms. Princeton McDowell, Washington County Schools

The State Board of Education honored six of the seven North Carolina public school teachers listed above for their fifty years of service at a luncheon prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs was not present due to a family illness.

At this time, the Board presented several tokens of appreciation to the teachers for their lifelong commitment to education and to their students. Each teacher received either the Long Leaf Pine award (30+ years of service in North Carolina), the Old North State Award (less than 30 but more than 20 years of service in North Carolina), or a letter of appreciation from Governor Michael F. Easley (less than 10 years of service in North Carolina), and a crystal apple and plaque from the State Board of Education. Each teacher also received a mug and had their pictures made with the Superintendent and the Board.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, the teachers were escorted to the gallery of the House and Senate to be honored by the General Assembly.

New State Board of Education Advisors

Chairman Howard Lee recognized three new State Board advisors, Dr. Shirley Prince, Superintendent of the Year, Scotland County Schools; Mr. Craig Hill, Principal of the Year, Lenoir County Schools; and Mr. James Bell, Teacher of the Year, Chowan County Schools. A formal recognition ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, according to the Chairman.

Chairman Lee then called on the priority chairs to present items in their respective areas for *Action*, *Action on First Reading*, and *Discussion*.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION AGENDA

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS CHAIR REPORT (Ms. Kathy Taft, Chair; Ms. Tricia Willoughby, Vice-Chair)

ACTION

GCS 1 – K-2 Literacy Assessment Task Force Recommendations

Policy Implications: General Statute #115C-174.11; SBE Policy #HSP-C-016

Presenter(s): Mr. J. B. Buxton (Deputy Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction) and Ms. Jackie Colbert (Director, Division of Elementary Education)

Description:

At the request of local school districts, the Elementary Division facilitated a series of task force meetings regarding changes in the K-2 Literacy Assessment. The Task Force reviewed the current NC K-2 Literacy Assessment and similar tools frequently used in schools across the state, affirmed a vision for literacy and young children, and discussed best practices in literacy assessment. These discussions formed the backdrop for the recommendations to the State Board of Education.

Recommendations:

The State Board of Education is requested to accept the report from the K-2 Literacy Assessment Task Force.

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Chair Kathy Taft reported that the Globally Competitive Students' Committee received the report from the K-2 Literacy Assessment Task Force. She asked that all Board members review the report and send their input and recommendations to Deputy Superintendent Buxton prior to the September Board meeting. Ms. Taft explained that action would not be required this month as it is the Committee's intent to return this item to the State Board at its September meeting for action with recommendations supported by the Committee and the Board.
- There was no additional discussion.

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 2 – Recommended Interim Academic Achievement Standards (Cut Scores) for the NCEXTEND2 OCS Assessment in the Areas of English and Mathematics

Policy Implications: General Statute #G.S. 115C.174.11; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Presenter(s): Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director, Accountability Services Division)

Description:

The recommended interim academic achievement standards (cut scores) for the NCEXTEND2 OCS assessments in the areas of OCS English and OCS Mathematics are being provided for adoption on first reading at the August 2007 meeting of the State Board of Education.

The NCEXTEND2 OCS assessments in OCS English and OCS Mathematics are newly designed and implemented assessments for students with disabilities who are enrolled in the OCS English and OCS Mathematics Courses. The tests were designed to generate scores for use in the AYP calculations and the ABCs at the high school level.

The recommended standards for each of these tests were set using teacher judgment information under the Contrasting Groups' method along with the use of the Reasoned Judgment Method which involves agency assessment staff analyzing consequential data to determine the impact of the recommended cut scores for each of the tests.

The department recommends that the recommended standards be adopted as interim standards effective and applicable for assessments administered during the 2006-07 school year. The interim standards recommended at this time are to be re-evaluated at the end of the 2007-08 school year once a test-based method is used to generate the achievement level descriptors and engages a teacher panel in re-evaluating the interim cut scores.

Recommendations:

The department recommends that the interim academic achievement standards (cut scores) for NCEXTEND2 OCS English and OCS Mathematics be adopted for implementation effective with the 2006-07 school year.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, August 2. (See Attachment GCS 2)

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION
21ST CENTURY PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(Ms. Shirley Harris and Ms. Eulada Watt, Co-Chairs)**

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCP 2 – Recommendations from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception from Teacher Licensing Requirements

Policy Implications: SBE Policy #: QP-A-021

Presenter(s): Dr. Kathy Sullivan (Senior Policy Analyst, SBE Office)

Description:

In April 2006, the Board adopted a policy to allow individuals who have not met licensing requirements due to extenuating circumstances to request an exception from the requirement or an extension of time. The request must include documents from the teacher, the principal, the superintendent, and the chair of the local board of education. In June, a similar policy was approved to allow colleges and universities to submit requests for exception to Praxis I testing requirements on behalf of students seeking admission to teacher education programs. A panel chaired by a member of the State Board evaluates requests. Panel recommendations will be presented in closed session.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the actions related to each request be approved.

Discussion/Comments:

- This item was discussed in closed session.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, August 2. (See Attachment TCP 2)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCP 3 – Final Decision in Contested Cases

Policy Implications: General Statute #150B-36

Presenter(s): Mr. Thomas J. Ziko (Special Deputy Attorney General)

Description:

- Anderson v. NCDPI: Ms. Anderson filed a petition for a contested case to challenge the agency's denial of a continuing license. The Administrative Law Judge ruled that the agency acted properly in making its decision, thus upholding the agency's action.
- Compton v. National Board Certification Committee Public Schools of NC: Ms. Compton filed a petition for a contested case to challenge the Board's failure to waive her repayment obligation for failing to complete the NBPTS certification process. The Administrative Law Judge ruled that the Board acted properly in making its decision, thus upholding the agency's action.
- Sasser v. SBE: Ms. Sasser filed a petition for a contested case to challenge the Board's failure to waive her repayment obligation for failing to complete the NBPTS certification process. The Administrative Law Judge ruled that the Board acted properly in making its decision, thus upholding the agency's action.
- Stallings v. SBE: Ms. Stallings filed a petition for a contested case to challenge the Board's failure to waive her repayment obligation for failing to complete the NBPTS certification process. The Administrative Law Judge ruled that the Board acted erroneously in making its decision, thus disapproving the agency's action.

Recommendations:

The State Board is requested to adopt the Final Decision presented by the Office of the Attorney General.

Discussion/Comments:

- This item was discussed in closed session.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, August 2. (See Attachment TCP 3)

DISCUSSION

TCP 4 – Proposed Revision of the Standards for the Evaluation of Superintendents

Policy Implications: SBE Policy # QP-C-006

Presenter(s): Mr. John Tate (Member, State Board of Education) and Dr. Kathy Sullivan (Senior Policy Analyst, SBE Office)

Description:

Last December the State Board approved new standards for the evaluation of school administrators. In June, it approved new standards for the evaluation of teachers. New standards for the evaluation of superintendents are presented for discussion this month. Upon Board approval, work will begin on the development and validation of a new evaluation instrument for superintendents.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the proposed new/revised standards for the evaluation of school administrators be approved by the State Board.

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Chair Shirley Harris reported that this item was thoroughly discussed during the committee meetings.
- Mr. John Tate explained that this item is a continuation of the work previously completed with respect to revision of standards for principals, which have dovetailed with work from the Teaching Standards Commission relevant to standards that have been addressed as well for teachers. He reminded the Board of the extensive dialogue surrounding the principals' standards last year, and noted that the same specificity which was incorporated into the principals' document has run the course within the superintendents' document. Further, he stated that the seven guiding principles that are in place with respect to leadership are grounded in research, and represent results in very close alignment to the work already completed surrounding principals and teachers.
- Mr. Tate was delighted to report that Dr. Ed Dunlap of the NC School Boards Association has embraced this effort and is working with his Executive Committee to adopt a set of standards for local board members.
- Mr. Tate stated that an extension of this work is critical with respect to MSA program standards as redefined. Obviously, private and public universities will need to align their MSA program work to comply with the new leadership standards set by the Board.
- In closing, Mr. Tate shared the committee makeup with the Board and publicly expressed gratitude for contributions by its members. Members include Rick Glazier, June Atkinson, Diana Beasley, Lynn Bradshaw, Ann Clark, Meghan Doyle, Joe Fredoso, Hazel Gibbs, Tony Habit, Shirley Harris, Ann Hart, Walter Hart, Carr Ipock, Ken Jenkins, Ann McArthur, Carolyn McKinney, Bill McNeal, Jane Norwood, Neal Pederson, Joe Peel, Brad Sneed, Ken Wells, Wayne White, Tina Wilson, and Kathy Sullivan.
- Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Tate for sharing the committee's membership, which reflects that all of the stakeholders were represented.

This item is presented for discussion in August and will be presented at the September meeting for action. (See Attachment TCP 4)

DISCUSSION**TCP 5 – Job Descriptions and Salary Upgrades for Occupational Therapist Assistants and Physical Therapist Assistants**

Policy Implications: SBE Policy # QP-C-009

Presenter(s): Mr. J.B. Buxton (Deputy Superintendent) and Mrs. Mary N. Watson (Director, Exceptional Children Division)

Description:

Occupational therapist assistants (OTAs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) perform vital roles in the education of children in North Carolina Public Schools. These paraprofessionals serve students who have, or are suspected of having, disabilities in a variety of areas and also serve these students' therapists, teachers, schools and families to promote improved educational outcomes. The job descriptions for these positions have been updated with input from a variety of stakeholders to be reflective of the current nature of work and the requisite knowledge, skills, training and licensure necessary for these positions in North Carolina Public Schools. In addition, it is requested that these positions be upgraded from salary grade 64 to 67 to be congruent with similar positions in other areas of State government. In other State agencies, there are two levels of related service assistant positions, Level I and Level II. The previous and proposed job descriptions for school OTAs and PTAs are in line with their respective OTA and PTA Level II positions. Attached current position vacancy announcement illustrates this. The current salary grade disparity makes it difficult for LEAs to compete with other State agencies for OTAs and PTAs.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the job descriptions and salary upgrades as listed.

Discussion/Comments:

- Ms. Harris pointed out that, according to Ms. Watson, this item is critical due to a crisis of personnel shortage, and that the public schools cannot compete with salaries offered by outside agencies.

This item is presented for discussion in August and will be presented at the September meeting for action. (See Attachment TCP 5)

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SYSTEMS
BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(Mr. Wayne McDevitt, Chair, and Mr. John Tate, Vice-Chair)**

Prior to presenting the Twenty-First Century Systems (TCS) items, Committee Chair Wayne McDevitt explained that the TCS Committee received an extensive report around technology, specifically as it relates to connectivity and NC WISE. He noted that the NC WISE team deserved the Board's recognition with respect to the success of WAVE 2, the day-to-day operations, and the market assessments as we look to the future.

Upon Mr. McDevitt's request, Dr. John Wetsch, NC WISE Program Director, presented his staff to the Board for recognition. Mike Veckenstedt, Chief Technology Officer; Rodney McLaurin, Operations Manager; Joan Nelson, Change Manager; George Batten, Deployment Manager; Ken Thompson, Enterprise Architect; Joe LaRosa, Configuration Manager; Ken Weiss, Program Manager; Bobby Williams, Help Desk; Jessica Exline, Training and Requirements Manager, and Betsy Baugess, Software and Data Manager.

Chairman Lee and fellow Board members expressed their confidence and gratitude for the work of the NC WISE team and to Mr. Peter Asmar, Associate Superintendent/Chief Information Officer, for his leadership with respect to quality of management.

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 1 – 2007-08 Special Provisions

Policy Implications: General Statute # HB 1473

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Mrs. Becky McConkey (Assistant Director, Financial Services Division)

Description:

Five special provisions in House Bill 1473, which was recently passed by the General Assembly, are presented for approval. These provisions state that the State Board of Education “may” proceed as indicated in the bill to redirect or use funds. The State Board must authorize the allowed actions.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board approve the actions allowed in the special provisions.

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Chair McDevitt explained that TCS 4, Connectivity Project, will be included as a part of TCS 1 under Special Provisions. Mr. McDevitt reviewed the list of items included in the special provisions.
- There was no additional discussion.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, August 2. (See Attachment TCS 1)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 2 – Approval of Charter School Technology Plan

Policy Implications: General Statute #115C-102.6C

Presenter(s): Mr. Peter Asmar (Associate Superintendent/CIO, Office of Technology Services) and Ms. Frances Bryant Bradburn (Director, Instructional Technology Division)

Description:

In accordance with Public School Law 115C-102.6C, the technology plan for the following charter school has been approved by both ITS and DPI technology consultants. ITS consultants have evaluated the plan to comply with the statewide architecture guidelines; DPI instructional technology consultants have evaluated the plan for its instructional components. All 115 LEA technology plans have been approved. Twenty-eight charter schools will be accounted for with the approval of Clover Garden Charter School. Final approval by the State Board of Education qualifies this charter school for the School Technology Trust Fund, No Child Left Behind, and federal eRate monies, as well as a variety of private technology grants. The charter school follows:

<u>Charter School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>District</u>
Clover Garden Charter School	Burlington, NC	Alamance Co.	5 th District

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve this charter school technology plan.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, August 2. (See Attachment TCS 2)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 3 – Request from Clinton City, Newton-Conover City, Beaufort County, Chatham County, Northampton County, Warren County, and Wayne County for the Flexible Use of Mentor Funds

Policy Implications: Section 7.21(a) and 7.21(c) of the Special Provisions of the 2005 Budget Bill

Presenter(s): Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Danny Holloman (Special Assistant, Center for Recruitment and Retention)

Description:

The 2005 Budget Bill contained a special provision to allow LEAs flexibility in the use of mentor funds provided the local board submits a detailed plan on the use of the funds to the State Board and the State Board approves that plan. Since the provision was first approved in the 2003 Budget Bill, the Board has approved plans from 30 LEAs. Clinton City, Newton-Conover City, Beaufort County, Chatham County, Northampton County, Warren County, and Wayne County have submitted plans requesting approval for the 2007-2008 school year. The plans have been reviewed by staff and are being submitted to the State Board of Education for approval.

Recommendations:

It is requested that the plan for the flexible use of mentor funds submitted by Clinton City, Newton-Conover City, Beaufort County, Chatham County, Northampton County, Warren County, and Wayne County be approved.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, August 2. (See Attachment TCS 3)

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION
LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(Ms. Melissa Bartlett and Mr. Tom Speed, Co-Chairs)**

ACTION ON FIRST READING

LFI 1 – New Century Charter High School Name Change Request

Policy Implications: Charter Agreement

Presenter(s): Mr. Jack Moyer (Director, Office of Charter Schools)

Description:

New Century Charter High School has requested a change of the school's name. The new name for the school would be The Hawbridge School. As per G.S. 115C.238.29D(d), material changes to the charter application must have approval of the State Board of Education. A name change is considered a material change to the charter and, therefore, must be approved by the State Board of Education.

New Century Charter High School stakeholders have expressed a desire to change the name to reflect more accurately the schools direction into a school with a focus on environmental studies and location of the school near the Haw River.

Recommendations:

The Office of Charter Schools recommends that the SBE approve the name change of New Century Charter High School.

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Chair Melissa Bartlett explained that there are pedagogical reasons for this name change which are important in that its an environmental focus of the school near Hawbridge. The Committee unanimously approved this request as an Action on First Reading item for Thursday.

This item is presented for discussion in August and will be presented at the September meeting for action. (See Attachment LFI 1)

Mr. McDevitt called to the Board's attention that the Contracts for Information were inadvertently left off the agenda. He noted that they appeared in the book earlier and that an amended list was sent to Board members via email. Ms. Taft asked Mr. Price to provide clarification about the contract with NC Association for the Education of Young Children. Mr. Price acknowledged this request and asked for additional time to gather the contract specifics.

At this time, Chairman Lee acknowledged the presence of Dr. Eddie Davis, President, NC Association of Educators. In addition, he recognized Mr. Robert Logan, the newly appointed Associate Superintendent for Innovations and School Transformation. Mr. Logan is the former Superintendent of Asheville City Schools.

CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss possible litigation, personnel, and other legal matters. Ms. Patricia Willoughby seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

At the end of the closed session, upon motion by Ms. Patricia Willoughby, and seconded by Ms. Melissa Bartlett, the Board voted unanimously to recess the SBE meeting until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2007.

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Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chair	John Tate
Melissa Bartlett	Eulada Watt
Shirley Harris	Patricia Willoughby
Kevin Howell	

Also present were:

June St. Clair Atkinson, Superintendent	Mr. Craig Hill, Principal Advisor
Diana Beasley, Teacher Advisor	Carr Ipock, Local Board Member Advisor
Jay Bell, Teacher Advisor	Shirley Prince, Superintendent Advisor

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Chairman Lee called the Thursday Board meeting to order and declared the Board in official session. He provided a brief overview of the committee structure and reminded the audience that Board members held their discussions of the agenda items yesterday and that today's agenda includes voting on the Board's action items.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chairman Lee reminded Board members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. He asked if members of the Board knew of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. No Board members indicated a conflict of interest at this time. The Chairman then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, members became aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest that they bring the matter to the attention of the chair. It would then be their duty to abstain from participating in discussion and from voting on the matter.

Following the ethics statement reading, the Chairman recognized Ms. Kathy Taft to lead the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation followed and was presented by Ms. Melissa Bartlett. She shared a *Prayer for Children* by Ina J. Hughes, as revised and presented by the Children's Defense Fund.

We take responsibility for children
who give us sticky kisses, who hop rocks, and chase butterflies,
who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

We accept responsibility for those
who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
who've never squeaked across the floor in a new pair of sneakers,
who've never "counted potatoes."
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in,
who never go to the circus,
who live in an X-rated world.

We accept responsibility for children
who bring us fistfuls of dandelions and sing off key,
who have goldfish funerals, and build card table forts,
who slurp their cereal on purpose, who get gum in their hair, put sugar in their milk,
who spit toothpaste all over the sink,
who hug us for no reason,
who bless us each night.

We accept responsibility for those children
who never get dessert ,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
whose monsters are real.

We accept responsibility for children
who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
who like ghost stories,
who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,
who get quarters from the tooth fairy,
who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we accept responsibility for those children
whose nightmares come in the daytime,
who will eat anything,
who have never seen a dentist,
who aren't spoiled by anybody,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
who live and move, but have no being.

We accept responsibility for children
who want to be carried and for those who must,
for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance,
for those we smother...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.
Amen

Chairman Lee asked the Board to pause to reflect on the tragedy that occurred on Wednesday when the Interstate 35 West Bridge in Minneapolis collapsed during evening rush hour and dropped into the Mississippi River killing a still undetermined number of people and injuring at least 80 others, some critically.

MINUTES

Chairman Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2007, Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. John Tate, and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2007, meeting as presented.

Special Presentation – Recognition of New State Board of Education Advisors

- Dr. Shirley Prince, Superintendent Advisor, Scotland County Schools, NCASA Superintendent of the Year
- Mr. Craig Hill, Wachovia Principal of the Year Advisor; Principal, Kinston High School, Lenoir County Schools
- Mr. James Bell, 2007-08 NC Teacher of the Year Advisor; Teacher, Chowan Middle School, Chowan County Schools

The individuals listed above were recognized as new State Board of Education advisors. The advisors received a plaque, SBE briefcase, mug and pin as a part of this special presentation. Each expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity to serve as advisors for the State Board of Education.

Internship Program

Chairman Lee recognized members of the Internship Program citing their commitment and dedication to leaving society a better place. He commended the interns for their time and energy while involved in this initiative and expressed appreciation for their work. Mr. Jackson Miller, Social Research Assistant, presented the following interns to the Board:

- Ms. Kayla Mathis, North Carolina State University
- Ms. Sonja Ralston Elder, Duke University
- Ms. Jessie Peed, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Ms. Casey Wyant, Duke University

Board members expressed their appreciation for the valuable research conducted by the interns and their impressive presentation on July 31. The research gained credibility, according to Ms. Harris, because the presentation made by the group was without bias to support a particular position.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

In his Chairman's Remarks, Chairman Lee made a series of brief announcements.

First, he called attention to a pink folder at each member's place containing a contact information sheet. Board members were asked to review the contact sheet and mark corrections, where needed, to ensure that the SBE staff has accurate and up-to-date contact information on file.

The Chairman reported that he asked Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt to work with Dr. Garland and Ms. West to plan the Board's retreat. He asked Board members to hold October 28 through November 1 on their calendars for a combination Retreat/SBE meeting. He explained that Sunday and Monday of the retreat would be exclusively for Board members, Dr. Garland, and Ms. West. Board advisors and others will join the Board later. Specific details will be provided at a subsequent meeting.

Chairman Lee announced the departure of Board Attorney Harry Wilson who is retiring on August 31. He was not present at the meeting due to an extensive vacation but will return to the office during the last week in August. The Board plans to honor Mr. Wilson at its September meeting.

Governor Easley reappointed Chairman Lee as North Carolina's representative on the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) through 2011. Chairman Lee spoke briefly about the SREB meeting recently held at Amelia Island. In addition, Governor Sonny Purdue of Georgia asked the Chairman to serve as a regional member of a committee to revise testing standards throughout the 16 states modeled after the North Carolina Testing Commission. The purpose is to determine how SREB can encourage other states to utilize data assessment.

The Chairman reported that he represented North Carolina at the Education Commission of the States' (ECS) recent meeting. He chaired a panel on the topic of Student Engagement and highlighted the Teacher Working Conditions Survey.

The Board's Washington, D.C., trip was referenced as being very productive. Recognition was given to Dr. Kathy Sullivan and Ms. Vanessa Jeter for their work and preparation of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Reauthorization recommendation document. He also spoke briefly about the meeting with representatives from the Chinese Embassy to talk about faculty exchanges.

Chairman Lee expressed gratitude for the Governor's leadership regarding the education budget. He reported that the Governor had a budget signing on Tuesday and directed that every member of the Board, including advisors, receive a pen used for the budget signing. In addition, Governor Easley personally handed a pen to the Chairman to present to Superintendent Atkinson, as she was involved in the Chief State School Officers' meeting and unable to attend the signing ceremony.

Presentation of Resolution to SBE Member

- Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital

Chairman Lee explained that due to Dr. Howard-Vital's hectic schedule as the new President of Cheyney State University and transition from North Carolina to Pennsylvania, she was unable to be present for the State Board to honor her for her outstanding service while on the Board. The Board prepared a resolution in Dr. Howard-Vital's honor, which will be sent to her.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution Honoring
MICHELLE HOWARD-VITAL
For Her Outstanding Service

Whereas, the State Board of Education takes great pride in the outstanding qualities and dedication of North Carolina citizens who serve public education as members of the Board; and

Whereas, Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital has reflected these qualities in an outstanding manner during her term as a member of the State Board of Education; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes Dr. Howard-Vital's unique blend of university experiences that has given her insight into the strong yet transparent links that must exist between public schools and universities and has sought to create and strengthen them; and

Whereas, Dr. Howard-Vital has been instrumental in being a successful voice for the public in all Board deliberations that impact the public schools and public charter schools; and

Whereas, Dr. Howard-Vital has often successfully nudged the Board in many of its deliberations into realizing the need to infuse 21st Century tools and practices into public education if the Board is truly to serve in the best interest of all students and teachers; and

Whereas, the members of the State Board of Education believe that her leadership, her intelligence, and her composure as a Board member have been exemplary and have been valued by her fellow Board members; and

Whereas, Michelle Howard-Vital has represented not only her Education District ably but also the future and long-term interests of the State of North Carolina and its citizens in an admirable and impartial manner that has effectively called attention to the educational needs of all children across the state; and

Whereas, Dr. Howard-Vital's personal and career success represents the best hopes for all North Carolina citizens and models the best that hard work, diligence, and education can do for its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board is reluctant to lose her as a member of the State Board of Education, but congratulates Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital and expresses its great pride on her appointment as the President of Cheyney State University (*Go Wolves!*); and

That the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Howard-Vital for her service to public education in her adopted state of North Carolina and wishes for her and her family continued success and much happiness in the future, and

That the Board, influenced by Dr. Howard-Vital's knowledge, commitment to public education and preparing all children for a successful future in the 21st Century, directs the Secretary of the State Board of Education to enter a copy of this resolution into the official minutes of the State Board of Education, and that an appropriately signed copy be presented to Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital.

Howard Lee
Chairman, State Board of Education

August 2, 2007
Date

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the resolution on behalf of the State Board.

Upon motion by Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Willoughby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution honoring Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital for her commitment to the NC State Board of Education.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the North Carolina Center for Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) has extended an invitation to the State Board of Education to be the first official body to hold a meeting at their new Ocracoke facility. The Board will consult further regarding this invitation. Ms. Taft shared that she visited the facility this summer and that, in her opinion, it is a tribute to the teachers of this state that we would have a facility of this nature to offer professional development.

In closing, the Chairman officially appointed Ms. Eulada Watt as Co-Chair of the Twenty-First Century Professionals Committee. Ms. Watt accepted the appointment. In addition, the Chairman appointed Mr. Kevin Howell as Chair of the Business/Finance and Advocacy Committee. Mr. Howell accepted the appointment.

Executive Director's Report

SBE Executive Director Rebecca Garland directed Board members to their blue folders containing the Board's Goals and Priorities. She noted that a year ago the Board finalized their work on these goals. Dr. Garland provided a one-year status report highlighting the major components and initiatives taking place to support these goals and priorities.

One-Year Status Report: Initiatives to Implement Goals and Priorities of the SBE

Goal I Globally Competitive Students

- Adopted Future-Ready Core Course of Study
- Review of SCOS for 21st century competencies
- Literacy Coaches in the middle schools
- Blue Ribbon Commission on Testing and Accountability
- Partnership with Center for 21st Century Skills to examine formative assessment
- Learn and Earn expansion
- Learn and Earn online
- EARN scholarships

Goal II 21st Century Professionals

- Evolving partnership with Chinese Embassy
- Alignment of standards and evaluation instruments for teachers, administrators, superintendents, and Schools of Education
- Alternate entry program for administrators
- Alternate lateral entry program pilots
- Study to develop regional leadership opportunities

Goal III Healthy and Responsible Students

- Tobacco-free school facilities
- Continued work on active students initiatives
- Personal Financial Literacy initiative
- Local community initiatives

Goal IV Leadership for Innovation

- Blue Ribbon Task Force on Charter Schools
- Turnaround Initiatives

- Expansion on New Schools Project, in particular STEM schools
- Boston Consulting Group – comprehensive, consolidated assistance model Reworking of School Improvement Plan process
- Professional Learning Communities
- NC Virtual Public School

Goal V **21st Century Systems**

- Improvements in NC WISE rollout
- New chart of accounts initiative that allows detailed analysis of expenditures
- Connectivity Project
- Movement toward 21st century classrooms
- Data grant to allow collection of longitudinal data

In conclusion, Dr. Garland stated that, at the November meeting, the Board would look at putting metrics in place to chart the success of these initiatives.

Board members asked Dr. Garland to provide them with a copy of the status report. In addition, she was asked to provide the exact wording of the national recognition.

Legislative Update

According to Executive Director Rebecca Garland, Board members will receive a comprehensive document about new legislation as soon as the General Assembly adjourns the session. Ms. Rita Joyner, Legislative Liaison, will be available to facilitate conversation and answer questions at the September Board meeting. In the meantime, Board members should contact the SBE staff for specific information related to any of the bills.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Atkinson echoed Dr. Garland's comments about the concentration of work to further the goals of the SBE. She recognized the outstanding work of the Department staff and stressed the importance of partnership to work for the common good of all students.

CCSSO Summer Institute

Dr. Atkinson provided a brief report about the Council of Chief State School Officers' July summer institute, which focused on:

- Working with a variety of technologies to be effective in causing student learning
- Exploring collaborative opportunities around initiatives for education change

Two outstanding speakers were

- David Warlick, North Carolina consultant
- Daniel Pink, author of *A Whole New Mind*. (Superintendent Atkinson has requested staff to order copies of this book for SBE members and the Department leadership.)

DPI Receives \$6M Grant for USOE

Superintendent Atkinson was pleased to announce that NCDPI received a \$6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences to create the NC Common Education Data Analysis and Reporting System (NC CEDARS), a longitudinal data system. She expressed appreciation

to the staff for their work in getting this grant, and especially to Mr. Joe Dietzel for his coordination efforts.

North Carolina is one of only 13 states to receive this three-year grant (awarded based on our need for an integrated data management system, our design and management plans for it, and the amount of other funding available). Only the Commonwealth of Virginia received more funding than North Carolina. State funds and other sources will match NC CEDARS' federal funding with \$6.1 million.

Important Dates

- NC-DPI Agency-wide Meeting, August 28, McKimmon Center, Raleigh
- Joint Conference for the NC Dropout Prevention Association and the NC Association of Alternative Educators, September 17-19, Hilton Riverside Hotel, Wilmington
- NC Association of Elementary Educators Annual Conference, October 8-9, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP
- NC Mathematics Conference, October 11-12, Sheraton-Koury Center, Greensboro
- NC School Counselor Association Fall Conference, October 24-26, Sheraton-Koury Center, Greensboro

NC School Social Work Association Fall Conference, November 14-16, Grove Park Inn, Asheville

In conclusion, Dr. Atkinson provided Board members with a summary report of her recent activities and publicly thanked the Governor and Legislator for their commitment to a solid education budget.

ACTION AGENDA

The Board moved into the Action Agenda and Chairman Lee requested that the priority chairs present items under their priority area.

ACTION AGENDA

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS CHAIR REPORT

Facilitator(s): Ms. Kathy Taft, Chair, and Ms. Tricia Willoughby, Vice Chair)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 1 – K-2 Literacy Assessment Task Force Recommendations

Policy Implications: General Statute #115C-174.11; SBE Policy #HSP-C-016

Committee Chair Kathy Taft reported that the Committee recommended that action on this item be delayed until the September meeting to allow for further discussion. There were no objections

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 2 – Recommended Interim Academic Achievement Standards (Cut Scores) for the NCEXTEND2 OCS Assessment in the Areas of English and Mathematics

Policy Implications: General Statute #115C.174.11; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The department recommends that the interim academic achievement standards (cut scores) for NCEXTEND2 OCS English and OCS Mathematics be adopted for implementation effective with the 2006-07 school year.

Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Willoughby, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the interim academic achievement standards (cut scores) for NCEXTEND2 OCS English and OCS Mathematics effective with the 2006-07 school year. (See Attachment GCS 2)

ACTION AGENDA
21ST CENTURY PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
Facilitator(s): Ms. Shirley Harris and Ms. Eulada Watt, Co-Chairs

ACTION

TCP 1 – Proposed Standards for the Approval of Pilot Programs for the Licensing of Lateral Entry

Teachers

Policy Implications:

It is recommended that the proposed standards for the approval of pilot programs for licensing lateral entry teachers be approved by the Board.

Committee Co-Chair Shirley Harris asked the Board members to be aware that the pilot programs approved will be assigned to meet the unique and specific needs of lateral entry teachers and the school systems that are employing them, and those proposals will come before the Board for approval.

Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Ms. Eulada Watt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed standards for the approval of pilot programs for licensing lateral entry teachers. (See Attachment TCP1)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCP 2 – Recommendations from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception from Teacher

Licensing Requirements

Policy Implications: SBE Policy #: QP-A-021

It is recommended that the actions related to each request be approved.

Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft, the Board voted unanimously to accept the decisions of the Board related to each request as discussed in closed session. (See Attachment TCP 2)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCP 3 – Final Decisions in Contested Cases

Policy Implications: General Statute #150-36

The State Board is requested to adopt the final decisions presented by the Office of the Attorney General.

Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board voted unanimously in the contested cases brought by Charlotte Anderson, Aprille Williams Compton, and Lynn C. Sasser, to adopt the findings and decisions of the Administrative Law Judges, with the exception that we delete the provision allowing Ms. Compton to repay her NBPTS obligation at the rate of \$75.00 per month. (See Attachment TCP 3)

Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board voted unanimously in the contested case brought by Karen Stallings, the Board extend the time for adopting a final decision for 60 days to and including October 1, 2007, for good cause shown. Good cause exists because the Administrative Law Judge has rendered a decision that appears to be inconsistent with the facts of the case and our attorneys must research this matter further. (See Attachment TCP 3)

ACTION AGENDA
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SYSTEMS REPORT FROM THE
BUSINESS/FINANCE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR
Facilitator(s): Mr. Wayne McDevitt, Chair, and Mr. John Tate, Vice-Chair

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 1 – 2007-08 Special Provisions

Policy Implications: General Statute # HB 1473

It is recommended that the State Board approve the actions allowed in the special provisions. Mr. McDevitt reminded the Board that by voting for this item, the Board also approves the Connectivity Project as part of the Special Provisions.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board voted unanimously to approve the actions allowed in the 2007-08 Special Provisions. (See Attachment TCS 1)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 2 – Approval of Charter School Technology Plan

Policy Implications: General Statute #115C-102.6C

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve this charter school technology plan.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Charter School Technology Plan. (See Attachment TCS 2)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 3 – Request from Clinton City, Newton-Conover City, Beaufort County, Chatham County, Northampton County, Warren County, and Wayne County for the Flexible Use of Mentor Funds

Policy Implications: Section 7.21(a) and 7.21(c) of the Special Provisions of the 2005 Budget Bill

It is requested that the plan for the flexible use of mentor funds submitted by Clinton City, Newton-Conover City, Beaufort County, Chatham County, Northampton County, Warren County, and Wayne County be approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, and seconded by Ms. Patricia Willoughby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan for the flexible use of mentor funds submitted by Clinton City, Newton-Conover City, Beaufort County, Chatham County, Northampton County, Warren County, and Wayne County. (See Attachment TCS 3)

**ACTION AGENDA
LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
(Ms. Melissa Bartlett and Mr. Tom Speed, Co-Chairs)**

ACTION ON FIRST READING

LFI 1 – New Century Charter High School Name Change Request

Policy Implications: Charter Agreement

The Office of Charter Schools recommends that the SBE approve the name change of New Century Charter High School.

Upon motion by Ms. Melissa Bartlett, and seconded by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the name change of New Century Charter High School to The Hawbridge School. (See Attachment LFI 1)

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Alternative Licensure Centers

21st Century Professionals Committee Co Chair Shirley Harris and Dr. Kathy Sullivan provided an overview about the types of alternative measures that North Carolina is taking to address the teacher shortage issue. Ms. Harris reported that the Committee met with three of the Regional Alternative Licensure Centers (RALCs) to learn more about their daily functions and the kinds of support the centers are providing to LEAs. Dr. Sullivan addressed some of the findings in the data that drove the discussions such as the low percentage of minority teachers, and the need to attract minorities to the teaching profession. According to Dr. Sullivan, 89 percent of the people coming into the profession through

traditional teacher education programs are white. One third of the people hired as lateral entry teachers are minority, and almost 30 percent of the people who enter through non-traditional routes, through RALCs or the non-RALCs completers, are minority. Dr. Sullivan also addressed the retention statistics. In addition, she spoke briefly about the growing percentage of people who finish lateral entry programs using the alternative licensing centers.

Discussion/Comments:

- A brief discussion occurred about the need to reexamine existing policies in response to stakeholders, which can make a difference, such as the Praxis, which is a persistent obstacle for getting people into education programs. Another consideration was the staffing issue in terms of communication and the numbers of lateral entry teachers the RALCs are serving.
- Mr. Tate noted that he asked Dr. Sullivan to retrieve the recommendations from the Lateral Entry Task Force with respect to expansion of these centers and to strongly consider looking at setting goals for the lateral entry program to include aggressive recruitment of minorities.
- Chairman Lee reported that creative discussions are occurring with Superintendent Atkinson, the SBE staff, several local superintendents, and higher education college presidents. These ideas will be shared with the Board in the near future.
- Teacher Advisor Jay Bell expressed concern about the reputation of lateral entry teachers not being as good as traditionally licensed teachers. Another issue of concern to Mr. Bell was that male teachers are also a minority in schools and young men in North Carolina are not seeing people who look like them either.
- In response to Mr. Bell's comments, Chairman Lee stated that perhaps North Carolina could take the lead and stop classifying teachers by attaching words that encourage discrimination.
- Ms. Harris stated that this issue will be an ongoing part of the 21st Century Professionals Committee work and their intent is to bring recommendations to the Board in the future that are research based.

Leadership Development

Mr. John Tate reported on a new committee that he is co-chairing with Dr. Alan Mabe, Vice President for Academic Planning and University School Programs for UNC General Administration. The Committee will focus on the professional development needs of school leaders as we implement the new standards approved by the Board. The first meeting was held yesterday and Mr. Tate was pleased to report significant corporate participation on the committee. Updates will be provided at subsequent Board meetings.

Approval of 2008 State Board of Education Meeting Schedule

After clarifying the Board members' preference to meet on September 9-11, the Board voted to approve the following meeting schedule for 2008.

January 8-10
February 5-7
March 4-6
April 1-3
April 29-May 1
June 3-5

July 1 Conference Call
August 5-7
September 9-11
September 30-October 2
November 4-6
December 2-4
January 6-8 (2009)

Upon motion by Mr. John Tate, and seconded by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2008 State Board of Education Meeting Schedule.

DEPUTY STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deputy Superintendent J.B. Buxton shared with Board members several resources and communication vehicles that are available on the Department Website. Mr. Buxton highlighted the Assistance Redesign Project by demonstrating the different levels of information that are available to the public. He also shared customized Web pages for High School Turnaround Efforts, and Learn and Earn. The links provide transparent and clear communication about the Board's work in some real priority areas, according to Mr. Buxton.

Superintendent Atkinson announced that the Agency would also be going live with a Blog to give the opportunity for people to see additional initiatives in the near future.

Board members were encouraged to visit these sites and share feedback accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lee asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Mr. Kevin Howell, and seconded by Ms. Eulada Watt, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the August 1-2, 2007, meeting of the State Board of Education.