

**Minutes of the
North Carolina State Board of Education
Education Building
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825
October 31-November 1, 2007**

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| Education Building, Raleigh | Wednesday, October 31, 2007 | Board Room, 1:20 PM |
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The North Carolina State Board of Education met and the following members were present:

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| Howard N. Lee, Chairman | Beverly Perdue |
| Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chair | Tom Speed |
| Melissa Bartlett | Kathy Taft |
| Shirley Harris | John Tate |
| Kevin Howell | Patricia Willoughby |

Also present were:

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| June St. Clair Atkinson, Superintendent | Craig Hill, Principal Advisor |
| Danielle Alston, Student Advisor | Carr Ipock, Local Board Member Advisor |
| Diana Beasley, Teacher Advisor | Shirley Prince, Superintendent Advisor |
| Jay Bell, Teacher Advisor | Brandon Young, Junior Student Advisor |

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION

After extending a warm welcome to all present, Chairman Lee called the Wednesday session of the November 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. Chairman Lee then spoke briefly about the Board's planning retreat that began on Sunday evening through Tuesday at noon to identify and outline priorities for 2008.

The Chairman recognized that Board Member Eulada Watt is chairing a bond campaign for the Charlotte/Mecklenburg School System and, therefore, will not be present for this meeting. He also noted that this would be the final meeting for two advisors, Mr. Carr Ipock, Local Board Member Advisor, and Mr. Craig Hill, Principal of the Year Advisor. Chairman Lee announced that these Board members would be recognized for their service more formally on Thursday. In addition, he announced that Ms. Danielle Alston, Student Advisor, has been accepted to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The Chairman recognized Board Member Kathy Taft to extend a special welcome to three doctoral students from East Carolina University (ECU) who were present in the audience. Ms. Taft introduced Ms. Julie Cary, Mr. Jeff Theus, and Ms. Tracey Cole-Williams. She stated that the students are all middle school principals from Pitt County completing their internship with Dr. Emmett Floyd of ECU in the Department of Educational Leadership.

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

INFORMATION AGENDA

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

INFORMATION

TCP 4 – Report from the Center for School Leadership Development on Professional Development Planned for the 2007-08 School Year

Policy Implications: General Statute #115C-12(26) and GS 116-11(12a); Session Law 2005-276
Section 9.34 (a) and (b)

Presenter(s): Dr. Mike Williams (Executive Director, Center for School Leadership Development)

Description:

The General Statutes require the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the UNC Board of Governors, to identify and make recommendations regarding meaningful professional development programs for professional public school employees. In June 2007, the SBE identified a number of professional development needs and asked that by September 1, the Center for School Leadership Development identify the specific needs, which it could assist in addressing. It also asked that specific strategies and measures be identified. The report from the Center for School Leadership Development in response to this request will be distributed and discussed at the Board meeting.

Recommendations:

N/A

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Co Chair Harris asked for additional information regarding the process used in the university partnerships in terms of training and course delivery. Dr. Mike Williams with the Center for School Leadership Development presented to Board members the Center's plan for professional development activities, strategies and evaluation measures for the 2007-08 school year. He also spoke briefly about the Center's efforts to try to recruit people from non-traditional sources who want to enter the teaching profession through the lateral entry route.
- There was no additional discussion.

This item was presented for information only. (See Attachment TCP 4)

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

INFORMATION

LFI 1 – NC Virtual Public School (NCVPS) – Director’s Report

Policy Implications:

Presenter(s): Mr. Jim Barber (Interim Director, NC Virtual Public Schools)

Description:

Mr. Jim Barber, Interim Director of the NCVPS, will provide an update on the NCVPS.

Recommendations:

This is being presented for information for the State Board of Education.

Discussion/Comments:

- Mr. Barber introduced Mr. John Brim, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Cheryl Keeton, Chief Academic Officer, to the Board. He then provided a brief status report noting that NCVPS is in the middle of the fall semester. They continue a stable enrollment with about 4,400 students enrolled in courses offered by NCVPS, and 1,400 enrolled in courses offered by external providers. He noted that in the most recent Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) report, North Carolina is in the top five in the SREB regions in regard to the level of enrollment. He spoke briefly about the funding model and stated that one of the reasons for Florida’s growth is because it has an unlimited growth funding formula. Most of the other states are limited by a specific appropriation so when they run out of funding that is the end of their enrollment. The spring catalog will be distributed November 7 and will be available on the web site. Registration opens November 19. Mr. Barber reported on several ongoing activities, for example NCVPS is developing an extensive training program for the local distance learning advisors for the schools. There will be several webinars offered in November to help with that training, and NCVPS is working with DPI to revamp the structure of the website so it will be more functional from the user perspective.
- There was a brief discussion about issues related to credit recovery programs.
- Superintendent Atkinson stated that with Dr. Shirley Prince’s recommendation she would schedule Cheryl Keeton, Chief Academic Officer, to present an overview of a virtual course at the Superintendents’ Quarterly meeting in December.
- Board Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Barber for serving as the interim director.
- Chairman Lee asked about the relationship between NCVPS and the conventional public schools in terms of cooperation. Mr. Barber noted that overall cooperation is excellent but does vary from LEA to LEA and how they are approaching the opportunities. He noted that creativity has been awakened in terms of policy issues. The relationship in general needs some additional examination as it relates to expectations.

This item was presented for information only. (See Attachment LFI 1)

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS ON ACTION ON FIRST READING
AND DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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

ACTION

GCS 1 – Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities

Policy Implications: General Statute § NCGS 115C; SBE Policy #HSP-D-000-008, EEO-E-001

Presenter(s): Mr. Robert L. Logan (Associate Superintendent, Leadership and Innovation) and Mrs. Mary N. Watson (Director, Division of Exceptional Children)

Description:

Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities (Policies) will replace Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children with Disabilities (Procedures). The current Procedures are a combination of law and best practices and no longer meet the requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 and the accompanying regulations (34 CFR Part 300). The name change from Procedures to Policies will clearly indicate that the document reflects the state and federal laws and regulations.

Following the 1997 reauthorization of the IDEA amendments and the publication of the implementing regulations in 1999, the process of revising the North Carolina Procedures began. Because of the format of the document, it was difficult to ascertain that the requirements of IDEA were included in the Procedures. As a result, the process of approval by the Office of Special Education Programs required approximately five years. The proposed Policies are constructed utilizing the same format as the IDEA regulations with the inclusion of the requirements of Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and policies from the 2004 North Carolina Procedures.

Recommendations:

Replace the current Procedures with the edited document entitled Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities. The Policies will bring North Carolina in compliance with both the federal law and the state statute.

Implement Policies upon approval with the exception of Section 1508, Class Size. It is recommended that this section become effective on July 1, 2008. The class size requirements in current Procedures will remain in effect until June 30, 2008. This will allow school systems time to prepare for implementation of the changes in this section.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

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

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 2 – Changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Results

Policy Implications: General Statute §115C-105.20.40 (Article 8B), 115C-105.35

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

Description:

Changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report will be presented to the State Board of Education (SBE) for Action on First Reading at the November 2007 meeting.

There will be additional changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report once the results of the special evaluations for schools that require site visits are completed.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

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

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 3 – Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the Implementation of the ABCs, November 2007

Policy Implications: General Statute § 115C-12(25)

Presenter(s): Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director, Accountability Services Division), Mr. Robert Logan (Associate Superintendent, Innovation and School Transformation), Dr. Pat Ashley (Director, High School Turnaround Team), and Dr. Belinda Black, (NCLB Coordinator)

Description:

G. S. 115C-12(25) requires the State Board of Education to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee annually by October 15 regarding the continued implementation of the ABCs Plan. (Historically, in years when ABCs results are reported later than the August State Board of Education (SBE) meeting, this report is submitted two months after the ABCs report is approved by the SBE.) Information in the report includes an update of the eleventh year of ABCs results for schools, report on State Assistance Teams, response to the Excellent Schools Act requirements, AYP results as required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB), schools identified as low performing, and composition and activities of the Assistance Teams.

The ABCs/AYP report for the 2006-07 school year was released electronically through the Internet. The ABCs/AYP Report and Supplemental Disaggregated State, School System and School Performance results were made available on September 6, 2007, and are accessible at <http://abcs.ncpublicschools.org/abcs/>.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the SBE approve the report.

Discussion/Comments:

- Dr. Fabrizio noted that the Department would like to incorporate the Board-approved changes from GCS 2 - Changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Results into this report before it is submitted

to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee in order to provide the most recent information from the Board.

- Committee Chair Taft noted that staff did a great job on pgs. 9-10 which show the evolution of the ABCs. She also stated that pgs. 74-75 give excellent information on the 11-year summary. Mr. John Tate suggested a graphical representation of pgs. 74-75 by category.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, November 1. (See Attachment GCS 3)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 4 – Recommended Final Academic Achievement Standards (Cut Scores) for the EOC Tests of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and English I

Policy Implications: SBE Policy #HSP-C-010

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

Description:

In accordance with the practice established after the national audit panel's review of the testing program several years ago, the recommended *final* academic achievement standards (cut scores) and Achievement Level Descriptors for the North Carolina EOC tests in the areas of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and English I are being provided for adoption on first reading at the November 2007 meeting of the State Board of Education. The revised Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and English I end-of-course tests were implemented initially as operational tests effective with the fall 2006 administration. The interim academic achievement standards (cut scores) for these tests were approved by the SBE for the 2006-07 school year only. The impact test data used to review the standards for the tests were generated from the 2006-07 school year (fall block, spring block, and year-long courses). The final standards are to be implemented effective with the 2007-08 school year. The final standards for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and English I EOC tests resulted from a recommendation of practitioners who met October 15-16 2007, in sessions facilitated by the Pearson Educational Measurement to review the existing interim standards adopted by the SBE in Fall of 2006, and to use the Item-Mapping procedure to either validate those standards or make a recommendation to modify the standards. In addition, the achievement level descriptors will be revised for each of the tests to reflect the current expectations. The department originally used a combination of the Contrasting Groups and Reasoned Judgment methods to set the interim academic achievement standards.

The recommended final cut scores for the revised Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, English I EOC tests will be provided at the November 2007 meeting of the State Board of Education along with the impact data.

Recommendations:

The department recommends that the State Board amend policy HSP-C-010 and that the final academic achievement standards (cut scores) for the revised Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and English I EOC tests be approved as provided.

Discussion/Comments:

- Dr. Fabrizio noted that the GCS 4 revised item recommends amending the policy to make the interim standards that were used for last year to become the final standards for Algebra I, Geometry, and English I. The recommendation omits Algebra II based on additional analyses needed for that particular subject.

- There was no discussion.

Action on this item will be taken at the regular business session of the SBE meeting on Thursday, November 1. (See Attachment GCS 4)

NEW BUSINESS REPORTS

Committee Chair Taft noted several reports received by the committee on Tuesday. The reports included a presentation about the 4 vs. 5-year cohort graduation rate, the Department's position on the GED, and the Learn and Earn program's effect on the cohort graduation rate.

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

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCP 1 – Requests for Waiver of the Repayment Obligation of the National Board Certification Participation Fee

Policy Implications: General Statute § 115C-296.2; SBE Policy # TCP-F-001

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

Description:

A teacher for whom the State pays the participation fee for National Board Certification who does not complete the process or who completes the process but does not teach in a North Carolina public school for at least one year after completing the process is required to repay the participation fee to the State. In compliance with GS 115C-296.2, the State Board of Education established an appeals process through which individuals could request waiver of the repayment obligation. The appeals of 38 teachers who did not complete the process and/or who did not teach the year following the process were considered by an appeals panel. Personnel issues related to the requests will be considered by the Board in closed session. Action on first reading is requested.

Recommendations:

That the recommendations of the appeals panel 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, November 1. (See Attachment TCP 1)

DISCUSSION

TCP 2 – Revision of Licensure Policy to Facilitate the Licensing of Administrators and Instructional Support Personnel as Teachers

Policy Implications: SBE Policy #TCP-A-001

Presenter(s): Ms. Nadine Ejire (Assistant Section Chief, Licensure Section)

Description:

Individuals who hold a clear administrator, supervisor, or student services license, but are not licensed in a teaching area, currently do not have a means of adding a teaching area to their license prior to completing an approved program in the teaching area. A proposal to allow these individuals to be issued a lateral entry license is presented for discussion. The proposed revision would also be available to individuals with a full (non-restricted) teaching license who wish to add an additional teaching area to their license.

Recommendations:

That the Board approve the proposed licensure policy revision.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

This item is presented for discussion in November and will be presented at the December meeting for action. (See Attachment TCP 2)

DISCUSSION

TCP 3 – Revisions to the NC Teacher of the Year Policy

Policy Implications: SBE Policy #TCP-E-000; General Statute § 115C-11(a2)

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

Description:

North Carolina is nationally known for its Teacher of the Year program. The awards and opportunities afforded regional teachers of the year and the state teacher of the year are reasons why the program continues to be well received and respected. One of the awards for the North Carolina teacher of the year is twelve months of employment with a three step or 6% pay increase. Currently, this incentive is only available during the year that the teacher of the year serves in this role. Many North Carolina teachers of the year do not return to the classroom the following year due to other education career options. Retention of the salary increase and the option for eleven or twelve months of employment may serve as an incentive for the North Carolina teacher of the year to return to the classroom.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Teacher of the Year policy revisions.

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Co-Chair Harris noted that the TCP Committee is seeking advice in terms of implications from Attorneys Ziko and Crumpler for APA purposes. She noted that this item will be brought back for discussion in December.

This item is presented for discussion in November and will be presented at the December meeting for action. (See Attachment TCP 3)

NEW BUSINESS REPORTS

According to Ms. Harris, Dr. Jean Williams provided the Committee with a status presentation of the pilot for the new school executive and teacher evaluation instruments. Ms. Harris noted that the report would be shared electronically with the Board and that the rollout for the pilot is presented on pg. 12 and the rubric Mr. Joe Parry-Hill will also send information about the pilot districts electronically.

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

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 1 – Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children

Policy Implications: General Statute § 115C-121; SBE Policy #EEO-B-005; Section 300.167-300.169 of federal regulations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Presenter(s): Mr. Robert Logan (Associate Superintendent, Innovation and School Transformation) and Dr. Mary Watson (Director, Exceptional Children Division)

Description:

The Council is established in federal and state law as an Advisory Council to the State Board of Education. Its establishment is set forth in Section 300.167-300.169 of the federal regulations, Section 1412(a)(21) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) and Section 115C-121.1 of North Carolina General Statutes. The Council advises the State Board of Education on unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities.

Legislation requires that the majority of the members of the Council must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities. The Council shall represent the various interests of the groups concerned with the education of children with disabilities, including gender, ethnic diversity, and representation from across the State.

In accordance with State Board policy, the Council has 23 appointed members. Two members are appointed by the President Pro Tempore, two by the Speaker of the House, two by the Governor, thirteen by the State Board of Education, and four members, referred to as ex officio are designated by federal regulations. Terms for ex officio members are governed by virtue of their position. The term of appointments for all members except those appointed by the State Board of Education is for two years. State Board of Education appointments are for four-year terms with no person serving more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Appointments are by the State Board of Education. On June 30, 2007, the second terms of appointment expired for one Council members previously appointed by the State Board. Additionally, on June 30, 2007, the first term of appointment expired for another Council member who has retired and submitted his resignation. The appointment of a representative from Institutions of Higher Education was vacated by Dr. Diane Browder. According to the Bylaws, the State Board of Education will need to appoint individuals to fill these vacancies.

Recommendations:

The Board is asked to nominate a parent of a child with a disability from District 3 to fill the expired position of Terri Meyers.

The Board is asked to appoint Jana Griggs, EC Director for Buncombe County Schools, to a first four-year term running July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011.

The Board is asked to nominate and appoint Dr. Cathy Kea from NC A&T State University as a representative from an Institution of Higher Education to complete the four-year term vacated by Dr. Diane Browder running from the present through June 30, 2010.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

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

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 2 – Approval of Grants

Policy Implications: Grants

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and business Services), Mr. Robert Logan (Associate Superintendent, Innovation and School Transformation), Dr. Lynn Warren (Director, Division of Student Support Services), Dr. Wandra Polk (Director, Middle and Secondary Education), and Ms. Everly Broadway (Section Chief, Middle and Secondary Mathematics)

Description:

The grants listed below are being submitted for approval of distribution of funds to selected school systems. Please see attachments for description of grants.

- Attachment 1 – Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant
- Attachment 2 – Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Awards

Recommendations:

The attached grants are being submitted for State Board approval.

Discussion/Comments:

- There was no discussion.

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

DISCUSSION

TCS 3 – National Board Certification Promissory Note for State Funding

Policy Implications: General Statute § 115C-296.2; SBE Policy #QP-F-000

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services), Mr. Danny Holloman (Manager, Center for Recruitment and Retention), and Ms. Laura Crumpler (Special Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice)

Description:

Upon completion of the National Board Certification application at www.nbpts.org, a North Carolina teacher may be eligible to receive \$2500.00 State funding on his/her behalf to pursue the National Board Certification process. The teacher must meet all eligibility requirements as defined by General Statute and State Board policy. The teacher must agree to an online promissory agreement to receive the State funding.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the changes as indicated.

Discussion/Comments:

- According to Committee Chair Howell, Attorney Laura Crumpler has indicated the need for additional clarification of the promissory note.
- There was no additional discussion.

This item is presented for discussion in November and will be presented at the December meeting for action. (See Attachment TCS 3)

DISCUSSION**TCS 4 – Reaching One’s Potential for Excellence (ROPE) Scholars Program**

Policy Implications: Session Law 2007-277, Senate Bill 1030

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Ms. Alexis Schauss (Assistant Director, School Business Division)

Description:

The State Board of Education, in cooperation with The University of North Carolina Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges, shall develop a framework for a Reaching One’s Potential for Excellence (ROPE) Scholars Program. The Program shall be implemented beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. A draft proposed framework (attached) shall be submitted by October 15, 2007, and a final proposal to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 2007.

Recommendations:

This item is presented for discussion this month (no recommendation).

Discussion/Comments:

- Committee Chair Howell stated that this item will be back for discussion in December.
- Mr. Philip Price explained that the State Board will develop a framework for the Legislature to use to see if funding should be appropriated for this program. According to Mr. Price, the Department’s proposal is to narrow the program from 115 LEAs to 44 LEAs which is more manageable and does not have the geographic isolation of at least one non-urban and one urban school district. The TCS Committee has asked the Department to provide information about the determining factors to narrow to 44 LEAs and specific requirements about the competitive bid process.
- There was no additional discussion.

This item is presented for discussion in November and will be presented at the December meeting for action. (See Attachment TCS 4)

UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

(See Attachment in book)

- There was no additional discussion.

NEW BUSINESS REPORTS

N/A

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

In addition to a presentation update providing insight into NC Virtual Public School active online courses, an update on assistance efforts with the seven cohort groups of schools, Committee Co-Chair Bartlett stated that the Committee also received a summary report of the September 26 Judge Manning Hearing.

CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wayne McDevitt moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss possible litigation, personnel, and other legal matters. Ms. Melissa Bartlett seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

At the end of the closed session, upon motion by Ms. Melissa Bartlett and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft, the Board voted unanimously to recess the SBE meeting until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007.

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| Jay Bell, Teacher 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.

Chairman Lee stated that this was a very special Board meeting and day for the State Board of Education. He was pleased to welcome Dr. A. Craig Phillips and his family on this rare occasion, and on his 85th birthday, so that the Board could honor him for his service to North Carolina as the longest serving State Superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction from 1969-1989. He continued that this is an opportunity seldom afforded to people to honor an individual who has given so much as a member of the architectural team historically to lay the foundation for North Carolina public education.

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 Mr. Wayne McDevitt to lead the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation followed and was presented by Mr. Tom Speed.

MINUTES

Discussion/Comments:

Ms. Melissa Bartlett noted a needed amendment on pg. 2. She requested that the motion be amended to approve the minutes as amended by the edits that Ms. Bartlett will send to Ms. Betsy West.

Chairman Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2007, Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Wayne McDevitt and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the October 4, 2007, meeting as amended by the edits supplied by Ms. Melissa Bartlett.

Special Presentation – Longest Serving State Superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

- Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent, 1969-1988

Chairman Lee provided a historical overview of Dr. A. Craig Phillip's tenure as State Superintendent from January 1969 until January 1989. Dr. Phillips came to the department determined to staff it with the finest, most dedicated professionals and support staff in the state. Chairman Lee was pleased to recognize a few of those individuals who were present in the audience: Dr. Gene Causby, Dr. Dudley Flood, Mr. George Khady, Mr. Reeves McGlohon, Dr. Fran Hoch, Ms. Jane Worsham, and Mr. Claude Warren. He established regional centers, ensuring that every school system, regardless of geographic location in North Carolina, would have quick access to highly competent educators who were the best in their fields. Dr. Phillips assembled a team that went across the state to assist schools during the tough, early days of integration. This team helped North Carolina become known more for a positive approach to desegregating schools and set it apart from other southern states that were either resisting or making almost no effort to move forward with desegregation. The relative smoothness of integration in this southern state was in large part due to Dr. Phillip's wisdom to assemble such a team. The Chairman noted that Dr. Phillip's term is also remembered for its work on the Basic Education Program and, perhaps most notably for most North Carolinians, the kindergarten program. His work made education issues transcend politics, making it a bipartisan issue. The Chairman noted with affection that he liked to refer to Dr. Phillips as the Johnny Appleseed of education in North Carolina because he, through his staff, sowed seeds across this state. Dr. Phillip's reputation across the state and the country for being a man of action was well earned and well deserved. He served his Board well and served under many Board Chairs: Mr. Dallas Herring, Dr. David Bruton, Mr. CD Spangler, Mr. Jere Drummond, and Mr. Howard Haworth. The Chairman noted that Mr. Haworth was unable to be here today because he was traveling. He also noted that former SBE Chairman Phil Kirk had a death in his family and was unable to attend. In his closing remarks, Chairman Lee stated that one of the seeds that Dr. Phillips sowed is our present Superintendent. He shared that he had learned that Dr. Phillips got in his car, made a trip to Charlotte and convinced Dr. June Atkinson that her fortune was in the Department of Public Instruction and that she would not amount to anything unless she came and joined him as a part of his team. He applauded Dr. Phillips for his instincts, noting that he had brought forth a person who has grown and developed and has contributed handsomely to North Carolina education and to the Department. The Chairman then recognized Dr. Atkinson to make remarks and present Dr. Phillips' family.

State Superintendent Atkinson recalled the day that she stepped off the elevator in 1976 as a new employee of the Department of Public Instruction. One of the first people she saw was Dr. Phillips and she shared that she has always been awed by his strength, character, warmth, and concern for all children. It was during his tenure that the Creech Bill was passed which guaranteed that all children, even those with special needs, were to be educated. It was during his tenure that he introduced, in cooperation with the Chief State School Officers, the Teacher of the Year Program. She shared snapshot memories of Dr. Phillips' humor, his emphasis on the arts, and his desire to ensure that every child in this state has a quality education. Dr. Atkinson concluded her remarks by using a favored phrase used often by Dr. Phillips during his Superintendency... "It is so important." She stated that, "It is so important" that we honor you for the legacy that you have given North Carolina and the millions of school children who have

been benefactors of your wisdom, your work, your perseverance, and your leadership.” She stated that it is a pleasure to follow such a legacy as Dr. Phillips.

Superintendent Atkinson then introduced Dr. Phillips’ family members and asked them to stand for recognition. In attendance: Mrs. Nan Phillips (wife), Martha Gatlin and Dave Gracie (daughter and son-in-law), Andy and Judy Phillips (son and daughter-in-law), Elizabeth and Stephen Murphy (daughter and grandson), Eva Phillips (daughter), Melissa and Jeff Hollamon (step-daughter and son-in-law), J and Lala Hollamon (grandson and granddaughter), Susan Phillips (niece), and Ann Copenhaver (niece).

At this time, Dr. Phillips was invited to take the podium for his remarks. He expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Atkinson and the Board for the many kindnesses shown to his family and himself. He noted that the staff present represents the thousands of staff from the State Department, regional centers, and Controller’s Office back in the days. Dr. Phillips proudly accepted the Board’s and June Atkinson’s wonderful words on behalf of those staff members.

He thoughtfully offered words of wisdom to Superintendent Atkinson about making it a priority to spend three or four days a week out in the schools serving as a strong spokesperson for those things that make a difference in public education. He also encouraged the Board and its successors to work in partnership with the Superintendent as a collective voice. In addition, Dr. Phillips shared suggestions with the Board in terms of their direction as policy makers for public education. He congratulated the Board for their recently adopted goals. He said that he had read all of the material and knew they made some tough decisions. Thomas Paine said, “Citizens who would reap the blessings of freedom, must undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” He referenced several documents produced by Governor Moore’s Commission on Public School Education and the Public School Forum, which supported the Basic Education Plan. He suggested that the Board not underestimate the power of these visionary documents. At the conclusion of Dr. Phillip’s comments, he presented Superintendent Atkinson with a portfolio that he used while serving in the role that she now holds.

Dr. David Bruton, former Chair of the State Board of Education, shared memories about working with Dr. Phillips. He commended him for his passion, commitment to all students, and strong voice for public education.

Chairman Lee asked Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt to present the following resolution to Dr. Phillips. Superintendent Atkinson (with the help of Dr. Phillip’s grandchildren) also unveiled a second framed resolution with Dr. Phillip’s portrait, which will reside in the Superintendent’s Office Suite so that people who follow will know of his great legacy.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution Honoring
Dr. A. Craig Phillips
For His Outstanding Service as State Superintendent
1969 –1989

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Education takes pride in the extraordinary dedication of the citizens who have served public education through the Department of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Craig Phillips reflected these qualities in a most exemplary manner during his historic twenty years as the longest-serving State Superintendent in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips' career as a teacher, an assistant principal, a principal, and a local school system superintendent proved invaluable during his service to the State Board of Education as the State Superintendent and as Secretary to the Board, enabling his wise counsel and guidance to the Board; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians owe to Dr. A. Craig Phillips a debt of great gratitude for his deep belief throughout his career in the right of every child to a sound basic education in the public schools and his courage to protect that right; and

WHEREAS, the insight, humanity, and wisdom demonstrated by Dr. Phillips during the turbulent times of desegregation allowed his beloved state of North Carolina to become known for what did *not* happen during tough years because he assembled able and compassionate staff to help school systems navigate safely through uncharted waters; and

WHEREAS, untold numbers of North Carolinians will be forever thankful for the visionary leadership of Dr. A. Craig Phillips for the groundbreaking kindergarten program that continues to change lives and learning for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the breadth and depth of Dr. Phillips' positive influence on public education in North Carolina and across the nation can never be measured but will always be felt through the enduring effects of programs such as the Basic Education Program and the standard he set for staffing state education departments with the best possible staff; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Board of Education have long valued Dr. Phillips' strong leadership and special understanding that geography should not hamper state services to schools and school systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Craig Phillips is a man who acted tenaciously on his words and beliefs while State Superintendent, not for personal gain but to better the lives of children who could not act for themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the State Board of Education expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. A. Craig Phillips for his dedication to the children of North Carolina and for serving the Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education in the best interest of all children; and

THAT the Board acknowledges that Dr. Phillips' extraordinary qualities and larger-than-life personality reflect his ardor for learning, his willingness to answer a higher calling, and his love for fellow man; and

THAT the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Phillips for his incredible service to public education as a talented and remarkable leader and wishes much happiness for him and his family; and

THAT the Board, influenced by Dr. Phillips' intellect, commitment to public education, and uncommon resolute manner, 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. A. Craig Phillips.

November 1, 2007

Howard N. Lee, Chairman
North Carolina State Board of Education

Date

June St. Clair Atkinson, State Superintendent
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Good News Presentation – Futures for Kids

- Ms. Susan Milliken, Executive Director

Ms. Milliken provided a progress report on the endorsement that the State Board gave Futures for Kids in January 2005. Futures for Kids (F4K) is the only online career exploration tool that connects students to real people and companies across North Carolina. The F4K's Career Coaching component directly supports the Graduation Project's mentoring requirement and is currently reaching 60,000+ students in 22 counties across the state. The North Carolina Chamber has also endorsed the program, F4K was named the top technology non-profit of the year by NC Technology Association, and Judge Howard Manning says that this is a wonderful tool to provide students with hope and relevance. Last year, Duke University's Child and Family Policy Center confirmed that F4K is a valuable tool providing hope and relevance as well. Ms. Milliken provided an online demonstration featuring some of the aspects of the program and how they work.

Also speaking in support of the program were Glaxo SmithKline Vice President of Human Resources Steve Sons, Durham Public Schools Career Development Coordinator Starletta Williamson and eighth grade students Jasmine Boler and Tarryn Nunn, and Wakefield High School (Wake County) Career Development Coordinator Barbara Wiggins.

Board members commented on the enormous value of providing exploration opportunities for students to potential fields of interest.

The website is F4K.org.

ACTION ON FIRST READING AND DISCUSSION AGENDA

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

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

In his Chairman's Remarks, Chairman Lee reported that East Carolina University's Women's Roundtable recently honored Board member Ms. Kathy Taft as one of the "100 Incredible ECU Female Graduates." These 100 alumni were from across the nation. Ms. Taft was honored for her work in public service as an educator, policy maker, and community volunteer. In addition, Ms. Taft was also recently honored by the ECU Joyner Library. The Chairman explained that each SBE member receives textbooks from publishers and they each donate them to a school or university. Ms. Taft has designated her books be sent to the ECU College of Education. The College of Education has used these textbooks to create a very special

resource library for its teacher education students. Staff who attended the event have boasted that the Teaching Resources Center is an impressive model for all schools of education. In addition, Chairman Lee stated that he was also inducted into the Educator Hall of Fame in October, and thanked East Carolina University for that honor.

In closing, the Chairman congratulated Ms. Priscilla Maynor, a third-year doctoral student in Education Leadership at UNC who has been named the 2007-09 Barbara L. Jackson Scholar. As a Jackson Scholar, Ms. Maynor will have the opportunity to interact with a mentor and other respected and internationally known scholars in the education leadership field, as well as other doctoral students who enjoy similar interests.

Executive Director's Report

SBE Executive Director Rebecca Garland gave a brief report about the Board's recent activities and stated that in November, the SBE staff will be conducting follow-up work.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Atkinson opened by announcing that Ms. Frances Bradburn recently received East Carolina University's College of Education Outstanding Alumna and Friends Award. In addition to that award, Ms. Bradburn received the NC Library Associations' Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Atkinson also announced that Dr. Lou Fabrizio has been appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board and will serve a 4-year term. In addition, Dr. Atkinson announced that Chairman Howard Lee received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards of Education in recognition of his outstanding service to public education.

CMS Proposed Rule 2287-P

Superintendent Atkinson then referenced a handout contained in the Superintendent's Report folder regarding the Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Proposed Rule 2287-P. The letters are a joint response issued by DPI and DHHS strongly objecting to the proposed regulation to stop reimbursing school districts for administrative activities provided by school personnel.

American Education Week – November 11-17, 2007

The American Education Week (AEW) celebration is designed to spotlight the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education. The theme for the week is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Responsibility." Dr. Atkinson noted that she would celebrate AEW on November 14 while visiting the following schools:

- Riverdale Elementary School, Clayton, Student Awards Program and Parent Open House
- J. Glenn Edwards Elementary School, Sanford, Guest Reader for 5th Grade
- Lee County Retired Teachers' Association, Sanford, Remarks
- Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce, Sanford, Remarks

Graduation Project

The following activities have taken place this year to support the graduation project requirement for graduation.

- **State Graduation Project Coordinators' Conference**

In September, approximately 400 school representatives attended the conference and received a Graduation Project Implementation Guide and accompanying DVD that includes video clips that can be used to promote and explain the graduation project to a variety of audiences including parents and teachers.

- **Regional Graduation Project Meetings**
In September and October, regional meeting participants received the Graduation Project Implementation Guide and accompanying DVD.
- **Graduation Project Listserv**
A listserv has been established to provide networking capability for graduation project coordinators across the state.
- **Graduation Project Webpage**
A webpage has been created with a link to the NCDPI website. The Graduation Project Implementation Guide, promotional DVD, sample forms, and PowerPoint presentations have been posted.
- **Graduation Project Implementation Guide, DVD and Website**
Materials and accompanying resources are being sent to all high schools and middle schools in early November.
- **Training Sessions at Testing Coordinators' Conference and Curriculum and School Reform Conference**

For more information, go to www.ncpublicschools.org/graduationproject/

In conclusion, Dr. Atkinson provided Board members with a summary report of her recent activities and future engagements.

Handouts

- High School Graduates Post Graduation Status
- 2007 North Carolina Graduation Rate – Highest by 9th Grade Class Size
- MRSA Fact Sheet
- *Three Little Pigs and the Graduation Project Book*
- House Bill 1401

Personnel Actions

Superintendent Atkinson recommended that the State Board approve the personnel recommendations as presented in closed session on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

Upon motion by Mr. Wayne McDevitt and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board unanimously approved the personnel recommendations presented on Wednesday, October 31, in closed session and available now to the public.

Chris Minard was approved as the Board's new legislative liaison, effective immediately. Minard will represent the State Board and the NC Department of Public Instruction in the NC General Assembly. Dr. Bryan Setser was approved as the director of the North Carolina Virtual Public School. He will begin his new duties on Dec. 3.

ACTION AGENDA

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

GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS CHAIR REPORT
Facilitator(s): Ms. Kathy Taft, Chair, and Ms. Tricia Willoughby, Vice Chair)

ACTION

GCS 1 – Policies governing Services for Children with Disabilities

Policy Implications: General Statute § NCGS 115C; SBE Policy #HSP-D-000-008, EEO-E-001

Recommendation:

Replace the current Procedures with the edited document entitled Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities. The Policies will bring North Carolina in compliance with both the federal law and the state statute.

Implement Policies upon approval with the exception of Section 1508, Class Size. It is recommended that this section become effective on July 1, 2008. The class size requirements in current Procedures will remain in effect until June 30, 2008. This will allow school systems time to prepare for implementation of the changes in this section.

Discussion/Comments:

- Chairman Lee asked Ms. Watson if this policy will supersede federal law and make demands on LEAs. Ms. Watson identified several areas that would be affected and specifically, IEP teams and homebound services. A brief discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft and seconded by Ms. Patricia Willoughby, the Board voted unanimously to replace the current Procedures with the edited document entitled Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities and to implement the policies with the exception of Section 1508, Class Size, effective July 1, 2008. (See Attachment GCS 1)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 2 – Changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Results

Policy Implications: General Statute § 115C-105.20.40 (Article 8B), 115C-105.35

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report.

Discussion/Comments:

There was a brief discussion about the return of teacher bonuses.

Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft and seconded by Mr. Tom Speed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report as submitted. (See Attachment GCS 2)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 3 – Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the Implementation of the ABCs, November 2007

Policy Implications: General Statute §115C-12(25)

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the SBE approve the report.

Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft and seconded by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the Implementation of the ABCs, November 2007, as submitted with the proposed changes discussed on Wednesday. (See Attachment GCS 3)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

GCS 4 – Recommended Final Academic Achievement Standards (Cut Scores) for the EOC Tests of Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and English I

Policy Implications: SBE Policy #HSP-C-010

Recommendations:

The department recommends that the State Board amend policy HSP-C-010 and that the final academic achievement standards (cut scores) for the revised Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and English I EOC tests be approved as provided.

Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommended final academic achievement standards (cut scores) in SBE Policy #HSP-C-010. The recommendation omits Algebra II based on the need for additional analyses. (See Attachment GCS 3)

ACTION AGENDA

21ST CENTURY PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

(Facilitator(s): Ms. Shirley Harris and Ms. Eulada Watt, Co-Chairs)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCP 1 – Requests for Waiver of the Repayment Obligation of the National Board Certification Participation Fee

Policy Implications: General Statute § 115C-296.2; SBE Policy #TCP-F-001

Recommendations:

That the recommendations of the appeals panel be approved.

Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris and seconded by Mr. Kevin Howell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations of the closed session discussion regarding the participants. (See Attachment TCP1)

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SYSTEMS REPORT FROM THE

BUSINESS/FINANCE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR
(Facilitator(s): Mr. Kevin Howell, Chair, and Mr. John Tate, Vice-Chair)

ACTION

TCS 1 – Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children

Policy Implications: General Statute §115C-121; SBE Policy #EEO-B-005; Section 300.167-300.169 of federal regulations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Recommendations:

The Board is asked to nominate a parent of a child with a disability from District 3 to fill the expired position of Terri Meyers.

The Board is asked to appoint Jana Griggs, EC Director for buncombe County Schools, to a first four-year term running July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011.

The Board is asked to nominate and appoint Dr. Cathy Kea from NC A&T State University as a representative from an Institution of Higher Education to complete the four-year term vacated by Dr. Diane Browder running from the present through June 30, 2010.

Upon motion by Mr. Kevin Howell and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations to appoint Jana Griggs and Dr. Cathy Kea to serve on the Council on Education Services for Exceptional Children. (See Attachment TCS 1)

ACTION ON FIRST READING

TCS 2 – Approval of Grants

- Attachment 1 – Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant
- Attachment 2 – Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Awards

Policy Implications: Grants

Recommendations:

The attached grants are being submitted for State Board approval.

Upon motion by Mr. Kevin Howell and seconded by Ms. Patricia Willoughby, the Board voted unanimously to approve grants as submitted. (See Attachment TCS 2)

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Tate provided a brief update about the Ad Hoc Committee on Leadership Development.

Mr. Wayne McDevitt reported that he attended a Wallace Foundation meeting on Education Leadership in October. In his opinion, a lot of what is coming from our committee is consistent with the Wallace Foundation's recommendations.

DEPUTY STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deputy Superintendent J.B. Buxton distributed thumb drives to Board members with PowerPoint presentations to use for community communications purposes. In addition, in the spirit of Dr. Phillips' remarks and his outstanding ability to still recognize those who served with him, Mr. Buxton recognized staff members who are engaged and working in a cross-functional way on the Assistance Redesign project.

Special Recognition – Departing SBE Advisors

- Mr. Craig Hill, Wachovia Principal of the Year Advisor, Kinston High School, Lenoir County Schools
- Mr. Carr Ipock, Raleigh Dingman Award and Local Board Member Advisor, Craven County Schools

State Board members recognized the Board's Principal Advisor and 2007 North Carolina Wachovia Principal of the Year Craig Hill who was recently named the new Assistant Superintendent for Wilson County Schools and, therefore, must relinquish his seat on the Board as the Principal Advisor. The Board presented Mr. Hill with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the State Board of Education.

Board members also recognized outgoing 2006-07 Local Board of Education Advisor and 2006 Raleigh Dingman Award Recipient Carr Ipock for his dedication and service to the board in representing the views and interests of local boards of education. Members presented Ipock with a certificate in honor of his service to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lee asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Mr. Wayne McDevitt and seconded by Ms. Melissa Bartlett, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the October 31-November 1, 2007, meeting of the State Board of Education.