

**Minutes of the  
North Carolina State Board of Education  
Education Building  
301 N. Wilmington Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825  
December 14, 2009**

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| <b>Conference Call</b> | <b>Monday, December 14, 2009</b> | <b>SBE Conference Room, Education Building, 11:30 AM</b> |
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The North Carolina State Board of Education met by conference call and the following members participated:

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| William Harrison, Chairman    | Kevin Howell        |
| Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chair    | Reginald Kenan      |
| Melissa Bartlett              | Kathy Taft          |
| Janet Cowell, State Treasurer | John Tate           |
| Christine J. Greene           | Patricia Willoughby |
| Shirley Harris                |                     |

Also present were:

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| June St. Clair Atkinson, State Superintendent | Jack Hoke, Superintendent Advisor |
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**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION**

Chairman William Harrison called the December 14 conference call meeting of the State Board of Education to order. He explained that the Board was meeting as a committee of the whole.

Chairman Harrison, Board member Kevin Howell, and State Superintendent June Atkinson were present in the Conference Room in the Education Building in Raleigh; all other Board members participated via conference call. Chairman Harrison explained the meeting structure to the audience, noting that the agenda includes one Action item. At this time, SBE Assistant Executive Director Betsy West conducted a roll call to determine a quorum. The roll call ensured that a quorum had been met. (See attached list.)

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, Chairman Harrison 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. There were no conflicts of interest communicated at this time. Dr. Harrison then requested that, if during the course of the meeting, members became aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest 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 Harrison called on TCS Committee Chair Kevin Howell to present his item for *Action*.

**TCS COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT ON ACTION ON FIRST READING**

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

***ACTION***

**TCS 1 – NC Virtual Public School Funding Formula**

**Policy Implications:** Senate Bill 202 and House Bill 836

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate State Superintendent, Financial and Business Services), Dr. Bryan Setser (Director, North Carolina Virtual Public School), and Mr. Paul LeSieur (Director, School Business Division)

**Description:**

Legislation requires the State Board of Education to report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee a funding formula for North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) by December 15, 2009.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the SBE approved the proposed funding plan.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Chairman Harrison expressed appreciation to Mr. Price and staff who have been working for several months to develop a funding formula for NCVPS. He noted that this formula does not identify a particular funding source; however, he felt strongly that funding should not impact the ADM of LEAs. In addition, the formula does not address K-8 students, and the Board may want to consider addressing this issue in the expansion budget.
- TCS Committee Chair Kevin Howell directed Board members to their material, and then called on Mr. Price to present the recommendation. Mr. Price provided a history of participation and expenditures for the NCVPS, and then summarized the funding needed for FY 2010-11. The proposed plan (NCVPS funding) reflects the State Board's position that the NCVPS program should not be funded from current resources in the State Public School Fund.
- After a brief clarifying discussion, Chairman Harrison called for a motion.

*Upon motion by Ms. Kathy Taft, and seconded by Ms. Melissa Bartlett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed funding plan. The vote was taken by roll call; see attached list.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Indicating no other business, Chairman Harrison requested a motion to adjourn.

*Upon motion made by Mr. John Tate, and seconded by Ms. Kathy Taft, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the special conference call meeting of the State Board of Education on December 14, 2009.*