

**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board Meeting, September 28, 2015**  
**1535 W. Jefferson, Conf Room 122, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**  
**SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

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| <p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b><br/> President Miller<br/> Vice President Ballantyne<br/> Mr. Carter<br/> Ms. Hamilton<br/> Mr. Jacks<br/> Dr. Rottweiler<br/> Mr. Schmidt<br/> Mr. Taylor</p>   | <p><b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b><br/> Dr. Crow<br/> Mr. Deschene<br/> Superintendent Douglas</p>   |
| <p><b>CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND ROLL CALL</b></p>   | <p>Meeting called to order at 9:00 am<br/> Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call confirmed a quorum</p>   |
| <p><b>1. EXECUTIVE SESSION.</b> Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), the Board may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding legal advice and direction to counsel about current litigation and legal disputes between the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction, including pending or authorized litigation between the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction concerning Investigator virtual access to information necessary to do their jobs, the State Board website, issues in Superintendent v. State Board of Education (CV2015-00671/CV15-0597), and additional legal issues raised in Steve Tully’s letter of September 17, 2015, including the dispute regarding the Executive Director’s job description and the Board’s authority over and the process for hiring Board staff.</p> <p>Item 4M - Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding consideration to fill existing vacancies in the positions of administrative assistant to the investigative unit and executive assistant to the Board. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) and (3), the Board may vote to convene in executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consideration of employment matters, provisional staffing of the Board and/or for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Board’s attorneys as it relates to this agenda item. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.</p> | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:02:38)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Schmidt, to recess the regular meeting and convene in Executive Session for discussion or consideration of employment matters related to Item 4M; and, regarding Item 1, for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Board’s attorneys and/or to consider its position and instruct its attorneys in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p><i>Meeting recessed and convened to Executive Session at 9:03am.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting of the State Board of Education reconvened at 9:35am.</i></p> <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:00:12)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Schmidt, as follows: “I don’t believe that this motion I am going to make is necessary in light of the Executive Director’s job description and the actions taken by this Board on August 14 and September 15 authorizing the Executive Director to fill vacancies on Board staff, but I am making this motion so that there is absolute clarity regarding both the scope of the authority of the Executive Director of the State Board of Education and the intent of the board to employ staff as authorized by A.R.S.</i></p> |

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|   | <p><b>§15-203(A)(5). Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-203(A)(5), [having considered the recommendation of the Superintendent], I move that the Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- hire Ana Rodriguez to serve as the Administrative Assistant to the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education;</li> <li>- hire Christa Clay to serve as the Executive Assistant to the Board;</li> <li>- direct the Board's Executive Director to work with the Department of Administration to complete the hiring process; and</li> <li>- pursuant to A.R.S. §15-251(4) and (5), direct the Superintendent to recognize that, if and when Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Clay begin their work on Board staff, these persons shall be employees of the State Board of Education and the Department of Education, and the Department of Education shall cooperate with Board staff to ensure that Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Clay can fulfill their responsibilities to the Board."</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> |
| <p><b>BUSINESS REPORTS</b><br/> <b>Item 5A – President’s Report</b></p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:05:11)</p> <p>President Miller had no report.</p>  |
| <p><b>Item 5B – Superintendent’s Report</b></p>   | <p>There was no report, as the Superintendent was not present.</p>   |
| <p><b>Item 5C – Board Member Report</b></p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:05:55)</p> <p>Member Hamilton gave an update regarding the Teacher and Principal Taskforce Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2015.</p>   |
| <p><b>Item 5D – Executive Director’s Report</b></p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:06:56)</p> <p>Executive Director Christine Thompson gave an update and spoke to Board members regarding the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Math and ELA Standards Review Process</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Item 2. - CONSENT AGENDA</b><br/> <b>A. Consideration to approve the following contract abstracts:</b><br/> <b>1. National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant 2015 – 2nd Round.</b><br/> <b>2. Adult Education Services in Maricopa</b></p> | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:09:39)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b>Member Rottweiler made a motion, seconded by Member Carter, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 2C</b></p>   |

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| <p>County for FY2016.</p> <p>B. Consideration to reappoint members to the Professional Practices Advisory Committees.</p> <p>D. Consideration to permanently revoke any and all teaching certificates held by James Giannopoulos, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550.</p> <p>E. Consideration to accept voluntary surrender of the teaching certificates held by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kathleen Jardine</li> <li>2. David Pandone</li> <li>3. Jasmine Smith</li> </ol> <p>F. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve qualification scores for the Move On When Ready (MOWR)/Excellence for all Cambridge International Examinations IGCSE English Literature and Mathematics (Extended), articulate the qualification scores for the Cambridge systems using the Cambridge letter grading system, and approve the refinements to the structure of the qualifications system within Cambridge for the Grand Canyon Diploma.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Item 3. - CALL TO THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p>This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38- 431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.</p>  | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:10:44)</p> <p>The following members of the public spoke during Call to the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Lawless, President NAIOP</li> <li>• Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Executive Director, Support Our Schools Arizona</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Item 4. - GENERAL SESSION</b></p> <p>A. Presentation, discussion and possible consideration to approve the Move on When Reading (MOWR) LEA literacy plans which have been reviewed for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds</p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:19:47)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Taylor, motion to approve the Move On When Reading LEA literacy plans for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds, as listed in the item.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |

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| <p><b>4B. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the April 27, 2015, Board policy for the development of the Arizona Mathematics Standards and English Language Arts Standards.</b></p> | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:23:30)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Carter, motion to adopt the proposed amendments, including the changes discussed in the meeting, to the April 27, 2015, Board policy with the regarding Math and ELA standards development.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |
| <p><b>4C. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rule R7-2-302 and repeal rule R7-2-302.10 regarding high school graduation requirements.</b></p>    | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:28:00)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Member Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, motion to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rule R7-2-302 and repeal rule R7-2-302.10 regarding high school graduation requirements.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>                        |
| <p><b>4D. Presentation, discussion and consideration to close the rulemaking procedures and adopt proposed amendments to rules R7-2-615(L) Structured English Immersion (SEI) Endorsements.</b></p>                   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:33:35)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, motion to close the rulemaking record and adopt proposed amendments to rules R7-2-615 regrading Structured English Immersion (SEI) Endorsements.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>                                     |
| <p><b>4E. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Department’s recommended application,</b></p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:34:50)</p>   |

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| <p>application procedures and selection criteria for the technology provider for the K-6 technology based language development and literacy intervention pilot program pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-217, including direction to the Department to take all steps necessary to implement the pilot program and report to the Board by August 1, 2016, regarding recommendations concerning the pilot program.</p> | <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, motion to adopt the Department's recommended application, application procedures and selection criteria for the K-6 technology based language development and literacy intervention pilot program pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-217, and direct to the Department to take all steps necessary to implement the pilot program, including monitoring of the pilot program, and report to the Board by August 1, 2016, regarding recommendations concerning the pilot program.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |
| <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>2C. Consideration to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to grant the application for certification for Joseph Vela.</b></p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:43:30)</p> <p>Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator for the State Board of Education presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>Joseph Vela, applicant, appeared telephonically.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Member Hamilton, to deny the application for certification of Joseph Vela.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>GENERAL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>4F. Presentation, discussion and consideration to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the application for certification for Jana Schrock.</b></p>  | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/01:14:27)</p> <p>Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator for the State Board of Education presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Rottweiler made a motion, seconded by President Miller, motion to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to grant the application for certification for Jana Schrock.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>4G. Presentation, discussion and possible</b></p>   | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/01:25:30)</p>   |

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| <p>consideration to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the settlement agreement for Jeff Williamson.</p>   | <p>Eric Schwarz, Assistant Attorney General, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>Jeff Williamson appeared before the Board, accompanied his attorney, Kevin Koelbel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, motion to approve the proposed settlement agreement and issue a six month suspension, with conditions, of the teaching certificates held by Jeff Williamson.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>4H. Presentation, discussion possible action to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certification for David Mielke.</b></p> | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:29:48)</p> <p>Eric Schwarz, Assistant Attorney General, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Schmidt, motion to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certificates held by David Mielke.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>4I. Presentation, discussion possible action regarding the Request for Information (RFI) to determine the status and qualifications of current vendors for High School Equivalency (HSE) assessments.</b></p>             | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/00:35:39)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>The following members of the public testified regarding this item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Nelson, Cochise Community College Board of Governors</li> <li>• Jane Strain, Cochise Community College Board of Governors</li> <li>• Member Rottweiler read into the record a letter from the Arizona Association of Life-Long Learning</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion,</i></b></p> |

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|  | <p><i>seconded by Member Rottweiler, to require the Department to present on the issue of High School Equivalency and answer questions of the Board at the Board's next regular meeting or it be added to the lawsuit.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>4J. Presentation, discussion and possible consideration of the Department's procedures related to the issuance of authenticated copies of educator certificates.</b></p> | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/01:59:15)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>Member Rottweiler asked the date of an issued copy match the signature of the certifying agent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Rottweiler made a motion, seconded by Member Vice President Ballantyne, to require the Department to present on the issue of issuance of authenticated copies of certificates and answer questions of the Board at the Board's next regular meeting, and that Board staff bring forward requested information regarding this item at the next regular meeting of the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p> |
| <p><b>4L. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding local education agency (LEAs) declaration of curricular and instructional alignment.</b></p>                  | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/02:11:50)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Rottweiler made a motion, seconded by Jacks, motion to require the Department to present on the issue of the Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment and answer questions of the Board at the Board's next regular meeting.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>4K. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Alternative Teacher Development Program Grant, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-552 and</b></p>                     | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/02:30:15)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this</p>   |

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| <p>appropriations to the Department for the program in Laws 2015, Chapter 8, Section 34.</p>   | <p>item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Rottweiler made a motion, seconded by Member Vice President Ballantyne, to require the Department to provide the Board with information, implementation and potential recommendations towards the granting of the \$500,000 that was appropriated in FY16 for Alternative Teacher Development Program for the purpose of accelerating the process of identifying, training and placing highly qualified individuals into low income schools through the use of teaching intern certification and the identification of a qualified service provider.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> |
| <p><b>6. BOARD COMMENTS AND FUTURE MEETING DATES.</b> The executive director, presiding officer or a member of the Board may present a brief summary of current events pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K), and may discuss future meeting dates and direct staff to place matters on a future agenda. The Board will not discuss or take action on any current event summary.</p> | <p>Recorded comments are available (Part 2/02:37:05)</p> <p>(Part 2/02:37:12) Vice President Ballantyne asked that the I Spy 2020 issue regarding vision screening discussed in Call to the Public be added to an upcoming meeting.</p> <p>(Part 2/02:37:34) Member Carter asked that students or teachers be recognized in the meetings.</p> <p>(Part 2/02:39:18) Member Rottweiler mentioned that currently the Board was not being provided with such items, as the Superintendent ha</p> <p>(Part 2/02:40:47) President Miller asked that a future item regarding Career and Technical Education.</p>  |
| <p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Taylor, to adjourn the meeting.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.</b></p>  |