

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 Regular Board Meeting, October 26, 2015  
 1535 W. Jefferson, Conf Room 122, Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
 SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION

<p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>          President Miller          Vice President Ballantyne          Mr. Carter          Superintendent Douglas          Ms. Hamilton          Mr. Jacks          Mr. Schmidt          Mr. Taylor</p>	<p><b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>          Dr. Crow          Dr. Rottweiler</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          Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call confirmed a quorum</p>
<p><b>1. EXECUTIVE SESSION.</b></p> <p><b>A. 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 (LC2015-000403-001DT) and issues in Superintendent v. State Board of Education (CV2015-00671/CV15-0597).</b></p> <p><b>B. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), (2), and (3) the Board may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consultation of employment matters, provisional staffing of the Board; for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection; and/or for legal advice, regarding the vacancies in the positions of Executive Director, Deputy Director and K-3 Reading Director, including the recommendations made by the Superintendent in her October 8, 2015 letter to President Miller and Vice President Ballantyne.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1/00:01:22)</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 Items 1A and B, for discussion or consultation of employment matters, provisional staffing of the Board; for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law; for discussion or consultation for legal advice from the Board's attorneys concerning any items on this agenda; and/or for discussion or consultation with the Board's attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><i>Superintendent Douglas noted that she would only participate in the executive session regarding Item 1B, and that she would recuse herself from any discussions of Item 1A.</i></p> <p><b><u>Meeting recessed and convened to Executive Session at 9:08am.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Meeting of the State Board of Education reconvened at 9:42am.</u></b></p>

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<p><b>5. General Session</b>  <b>L. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Superintendent's recommendations regarding staff of the State Board of Education, position titles, salaries, and candidates for the proposed position of assistant executive officer.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/00:01:00)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Superintendent Douglas made a motion that the Board:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>1) Rename the position of Executive Director to Assistant Executive Officer</i></b></li> <li><b><i>2) Modify the pay for the position to \$70,000 - \$100,000.</i></b></li> <li><b><i>3) Not fill the position of Deputy Director</i></b></li> <li><b><i>4) Revise the duties of the newly named Assistant Executive Officer position so that it does not take over the duties statutorily granted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.</i></b></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>There being no second for the motion, the motion died.</b></p>
<p><b>5K. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the State Board adopted academic content standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/00:04:30)</p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Board during this item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roger Pingree</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Superintendent Douglas made a motion, seconded by member Taylor, that the actions of the State Board of Education (SBE) on June 28, 2010 to adopt Common Core, now referred to as the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards, as the standards for language arts and mathematics be reversed and that all links to Common Core be severed. Current language arts and mathematics standards will remain in place subject to modification by the SBE which will have the power to add, delete or modify those standards, and requested a roll call vote.</i></b></p> <p><b>A roll call vote was taken.</b> Members Carter (explanation - Part II/00:35:41), Hamilton (explanation - Part II/00:38:41), Jacks (explanation - Part II/00:39:03), Schmidt (explanation - Part II/00:39:44), and Taylor and Superintendent Douglas voted in favor of the motion; President Miller and Vice President Ballantyne (explanation - Part II/00:40:36) voted against the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed by a vote of 6-2</b></p>

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<p><b>BUSINESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Item 2A – President’s Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. A-F School Accountability Committee</b></li> <li><b>2. Executive Director Hiring Committee</b></li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/00:41:11)</p> <p>President Miller provided a report on A-F School Accountability Committee, Executive Director Hiring Committee, and his participation in the Excellence in Education National Summit in Denver.</p>
<p><b>Item 2B – Superintendent’s Report</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/00:45:44)</p> <p>Superintendent Douglas reported on her Arizona Kids Can’t Afford to Wait! Plan.</p>
<p><b>Item 2C – Board Member Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Member Hamilton re: Teacher &amp; Principal Evaluation Task Force</b></li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/00:47:09)</p> <p>Member Hamilton gave an update regarding the Teacher and Principal Taskforce Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2015.</p> <p>Member Taylor provided an update on the Arizona Standards Development Committee. Comments are being accepted on the current Math and English Standards through November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at K12Standards.az.gov and at Public Hearings throughout the state.</p>
<p><b>Item 2D – Executive Director’s Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Introduction of new SBE staff, and announcement of staff vacancies</b></li> <li><b>2. Procurements related issues regarding:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Qualified school receivers</b></li> <li><b>b. Move on When Ready</b></li> <li><b>c. Board Lobbyist</b></li> </ol> </li> <li><b>3. Outstanding requests from Board member for future items:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Vice President Ballantyne: Vision screening</b></li> <li><b>b. President Miller: Alternate pathways for high school completion</b></li> <li><b>c. Member Jacks, Vice President Ballantyne: Educator retention and recruitment, and contract breaks</b></li> <li><b>d. Member Carter: Engagement of the field &amp; students in meetings</b></li> <li><b>e. Member Schmidt: Department of Education administration of character education grants</b></li> </ol> </li> <li><b>4. Math/ELA Standards Development Process</b></li> <li><b>5. Move On When Reading Performance Audit</b></li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/00:51:42)</p> <p>Executive Director Christine Thompson gave an update and spoke to Board members regarding the items listed on the Agenda.</p> <p>Member Schmidt asked a question regarding the Department’s administration of the Character Education Grant, and the Superintendent responded to the questions.</p>

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<p><b>Item 3. - CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>A. Consideration to permanently revoke any and all educator certificates, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, held by the following individuals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Joseph J. Page!</li><li>2. Werner Alcid Girard</li><li>3. Gabriel N. Macias</li></ol> <p><b>B. Consideration to accept voluntary surrender of the educator certificates held by Heather Rebecca Keck.</b></p> <p><b>C. Consideration to approve that, effective Monday, November 2, 2015, the official physical location of postings for meetings of the State Board of Education and any of its committees, task forces, subcommittees, advisory committees, and public hearings will be posted virtually on the Board's website at <a href="http://azsbe.az.gov">azsbe.az.gov</a>, and posted physically in the lobby of the State Board of Education Office located at 1700 West Washington, Executive Tower Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona.</b></p> <p><b>E. Consideration to appoint or reappoint members of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP).</b></p> <p><b>F. Consideration to approve the following contract abstracts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Migrant Education Program -Portable Assisted Study Sequence for Yuma Union High School District.</li><li>2. Migrant Education Program for 2015-16 for Hyderabad Elementary School District.</li></ol> <p><b>G. Consideration to approve additional monies for teacher compensation for Fiscal Year 2015-16 to districts that have submitted Statements of Assurance, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-537 and §15-952.</b></p> <p><b>H. Consideration to accept grant monies related to the Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grant in the amount of \$66,666.</b></p> <p><b>I. Consideration to accept grant monies related to the American Express and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Principals Path to Leadership Grant in the amount of \$465,000 over three years.</b></p> <p><b>J. Consideration to approve the Department as the fiscal agent for the Enhanced Assessment Instrument Grant for the Alternative English</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:06:16)</p> <p style="text-align:center"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Carter, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 3D.</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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<p>Language Learning Assessment (ATELLA), and accept grant monies related to EAIG ATELLA project.</p> <p>K. Consideration to accept grant monies related to the Charter Schools Program (CSP) State Education Agency (SEA) grant in the amount of \$23.6 million over five years.</p> <p>L. Consideration to appoint individuals to the Professional Practices Advisory Committees (PPACs).</p>	
<p><b>Item 4. - CALL TO THE PUBLIC</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:07:24)</p> <p>The following members of the public spoke during Call to the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ildi Laczko-Kerr, Arizona Charter Association, regarding 2015 Charter Awards</li> <li>• Andrea Samadi, Achievet360, regarding character education grants</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item 5. - GENERAL SESSION</b>  <b>5A3. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the settlement agreement for Cathleen Smith.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:13:13)</p> <p>Eric Schwarz, Assistant Attorney General, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>Cathleen Smith and her attorney, Merle Turchik, appeared before the Board telephonically.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Mr. Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to approve the proposed settlement agreement to issue a two year suspension, with conditions, of the certificates held by Cathleen Smith.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed 7-1.</b></p> <p>Superintendent Douglas explained her Nay vote (Part II/01:23:29).</p>

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<p><b>5A1. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the settlement agreement for Jacqueline Lake.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:24:35)</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>Member Jacks made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to approve the proposed settlement agreement and issue a Letter of Censure to Jacqueline Lake.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed 7-1.</b></p> <p>Superintendent Douglas explained her Nay vote (Part II/01:29:16).</p>
<p><b>5A2. Presentation, discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to approve the settlement agreement for John Leslie Prather.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:29:48)</p> <p><i>Eric Schwarz, Assistant Attorney General, presented this item to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Prather appeared before the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Mr. Carter made a motion, seconded by Member Hamilton, approve the proposed settlement agreement to modify the expiration of the substitute certificate held by Mr. Prather to December 23, 2020, and to issue a three month suspension of the certificates held by John Leslie Prather.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed 7-1.</b></p> <p>Superintendent Douglas explained her Aye vote (Part II/01:36:33).</p>
<p><b>5B1. Presentation, discussion and consideration to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certifications held by David Bonsky.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:37:38)</p> <p><i>Eric Schwarz, Assistant Attorney General, presented this item to the Board.</i></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 accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certificates held by David Bonsky.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>

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<p><b>5B2. Presentation, discussion and consideration to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certifications held by Raenelle Gollihar.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:41:06)</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><i>Vice President Ballantyne made a motion, seconded by Member Jacks, motion to accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to revoke the certificates held by Raenelle Gollihar.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>5C. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to the Investigative Unit Policy Handbook.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:46:23)</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 Jacks made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, motion to adopt the amendments to the Investigative Unit Policy Handbook.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>5D. Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the Move on When Reading (MOWR) LEA literacy plans which have been reviewed for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds, and to direct the Department to take all steps necessary to administer the program and report to the Board LEAs which provide literacy plans ready for approval for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/01:57:37)</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 Jacks made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to approve the Move On When Reading LEA literacy plans for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds as presented in the Item.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Member Schmidt, to direct the Department to take all steps necessary to administer the program and report to the Board LEAs which provide literacy plans ready for approval for release of K-3 Reading Base Support funds.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

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<p><b>5E. Presentation, discussion and consideration to close the rulemaking record and adopt the 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 II/02:10:12)</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, to close the rulemaking record and adopt the 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>5F. 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 II/02:11:04)</p> <p>Sheryl Hart, Deputy Associate Superintendent of Adult Education Services for the Department of Education, presented the 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, to direct the Department to issue an RFP to solicit additional vendors to provide High School Equivalency Assessments aligned to the Arizona Standards.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>5G. 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 II/02:23:29)</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>Superintendent Douglas made a motion, seconded by Member Taylor, to table the item until the next regular meeting of the Board.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed unanimously.</b></p>



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<p><b>5H. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding the Alternative Teacher Development Program Grant, pursuant to A.R.S. §15-552 and appropriations to the Department for the program in Laws 2015, Chapter 8, Section 34.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/02:25:12)</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 Schmidt, to table the item until the next regular meeting of the Board, at the request of the Superintendent.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>5I. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding local education agency (LEAs) declaration of curricular and instructional alignment.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/02:34:42)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p>The following members of the public addressed the Board during this item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy Miller, Challenge Charter School</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Member Carter, to discontinue the collection of the Declarations of Curricular and Instructional Alignment to the Arizona academic standards.</i></p> <p>The motion was withdrawn by Members Taylor and Carter without a vote (Part II/02:54:09).</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 table the item until the next regular meeting of the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed 7-1.</b></p> <p>Superintendent Douglas explained her Nay vote, stating the report was submitted and that Declarations of Curricular and Instructional Alignment are not policy of the Board.</p>

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<p><b>5J. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding Board’s duties as chief educational authority for administration and supervision of grants.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/2:56:57)</p> <p>Executive Director Thompson, presented this item to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><i>Member Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, that Superintendent Douglas provide a timeline for providing the report of accounting of the grants that the Board is responsible for, then the presentation of the report of accounting to the Board to follow in a timely manner.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>  <b>3D. Consideration to appoint or reappoint individuals to the Certification Advisory Committee (CAC).</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part II/03:02:43)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><i>Member Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice President Ballantyne, to approve the appointments or reappointments to the Certification Advisory Committee (CAC) as presented in the item.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>6. BOARD COMMENTS AND FUTURE MEETING DATES. 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.</b></p>	<p>(Part II/01:01:41) Member Taylor requested a future item regarding courses allowed for the fourth credit of High School Math.</p> <p>(Part II/01:04:04) Member Jacks asked that the Board receive a presentation on the ELA standards and the significant drop in scores relative to AIMS, and the professional development and assistance that will be available to help schools attain the higher bar, as well as assistance, practice exams and the like associated with the new assessment.</p> <p>(Part II/02:23:06) Member Taylor requested that, in the future, Member Rottweiler and other Board members would like to see alternate options for adult learners.</p> <p>(Part II/03:04:34) Superintendent Douglas reports that her Department has 4 agenda items.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</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 12:48 pm.</b></p>