

**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION  
MARCH 23, 2015**

<p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Mr. Ballantyne - arrived after roll call at 9:35am Dr. Rottweiler – left meeting at 11:35am Ms. Hamilton Mr. Deschene Mr. Jacks Mr. Schmidt Mr. Taylor Mr. Carter President Miller</p>	<p><b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b> Dr. Hart 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 Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call confirmed a quorum</p>
<p><b>PRESENTATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE GOVERNOR’S EDUCATION AGENDA</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available (Part 1 - Morning session)  Governor Doug Ducey addressed the Board.</p>
<p><b>BUSINESS REPORTS</b> <b>Item 1A - President’s Report</b>  <b>1. Teacher and Principal Evaluation Task Force Appointments</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)  President Greg Miller provided a report to the Board</p>
<p><b>Item 1B – Superintendent’s Report</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)  Ashley Berg, Executive Director, Policy Dev &amp; Government Relations for the Department of Education read a prepared statement on behalf of Superintendent Douglas who was not present</p>
<p><b>Item 1C – Board Member Report</b></p>	<p>None</p>

<p><b>Item 1D – Executive Director’s Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update regarding Move On When Reading</li> <li>2. Update regarding State Board of Education as a separate budget unit</li> <li>3. Status of State Board of Education outstanding requests to or expected agenda items from the Department of Education including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) December 8, 2014 and January 26, 2015 requests for presentation regarding the status of Indian education</li> <li>(b) Arts standards revisions awaiting State Board of Education approval to open public review, pursuant to the May 19, 2014, State Board of Education adopted process for the development and adoption of academic content standards</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Department of Education policy regarding staff presentations to the State Board of Education</li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)</p> <p>Executive Director, Christine Thompson provided a report to the Board.</p>
<p><b>Item 2. – CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>2A. Consideration to approve Arizona State Board of Education minutes for:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. January 23, 2015 – Regular Meeting</li> <li>2. February 13, 2015 – Special Meeting</li> <li>3. February 13, 2015 – Executive Session</li> </ol> <p><b>2B. Consideration to approve the following contract abstracts:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <del>USDA Child Nutrition Programs</del></li> <li>2. National School Lunch Program</li> <li>3. Cartwright School District Migrant Education Program</li> <li>4. Peoria Unified School District Student Artwork Competition</li> <li>5. National Title I Distinguished School Awards</li> <li>6. Migrant Education Summer School Program Allocations</li> <li>7. Mathematics and Science Partnership Program</li> </ol> <p><b>2C. Consideration to approve transfer of funds from Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism to the Arizona Department of Education for payment related to AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer Placement Program, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-204</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Mr. Carter made a motion to remove Item 2A from the Consent Agenda and table the item until April. Dr. Rottweiler seconded the motion.</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>Dr. Rottweiler made a motion to approve Items 2B through 2M on the consent agenda. Mr. Jacks seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

**2D. Consideration to approve additional monies for teacher compensation for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to districts that have submitted Statements of Assurance, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-952 and A.R.S. § 15-537**

**2E. Consideration to accept voluntary surrender of the teaching certificates held by the following:**

- 1. Bert Ford**
- 2. William Franklin Poulson**

**2F. Consideration to permanently revoke any and all teaching certificates held by for following, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550:**

- 1. Kyle Curtis Deberry**
- 2. David Gerald Depuydt**

**2G. Consideration to approve the Interagency Service Agreement between the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-148(A) for coordinated administration of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and the Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)**

**2H. Consideration to approve capital transportation adjustments for small school districts, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-963**

**2I. Consideration to approve the extension of the Arizona Carl D. Perkins Grant FY 2016**

**2J. 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**

**2K. Consideration to accept and approve Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Annual Report for FY 2013-2014**

**2L. Consideration to approve receipt of \$100,000 for the Enhanced Assessment Grant and authorize expenditures in accordance with the terms of the award**

<p><b>2M. Consideration to approve the appointment of Brett W. Johnson of Snell &amp; Wilmer to provide legal services for Arizona State Board of Education (Board) employees Christine M. Thompson and Sabrina Vazquez in connection with the dispute regarding the Department of Education’s authority over Board employees, including the issue of who may terminate Board employees, in accordance with the terms of appointment as outlined by the Office of the Attorney General.</b></p>	
<p><b>Item 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)</p> <p>The following members of the public spoke during Call to the Public:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Laura Leighton, What is being taught in schools</li> <li>2. Janice Palmer, Representing the Arizona School Boards Association, multiple topics</li> <li>3. Alice Novoa, Ethnic Studies</li> <li>4. Victoria Brand, Principal, Elfrida Elementary School, Support for College and Career Ready Standards</li> <li>5. Mark Del Maestro, Lessons of war</li> <li>6. Becky Hill, Representing Arizona State Chamber, multiple topics</li> </ol>
<p><b>Item 4. GENERAL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>4A. Presentation and discussion regarding legislative affairs. The Board may take action to support, oppose or remain neutral on specific legislative proposals</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)</p> <p>Susie Cannata, Lobbyist for the State Board of Education presented this item to the Board.</p> <p><b>Presentation Only. No action required.</b></p>

<p><b>4B. Presentation and discussion regarding AzMERIT implementation, timeline for the approval of AzMERIT standard setting, and consideration of the proposed AzMERIT performance level names and policy level descriptors</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1 - Morning session)</p> <p>Irene Hunting, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Assessment, addressed questions by the Board.</p> <p>The following members of the public spoke during Call to the Public for this item: John Kain, Instructional Tech Coordinator for the Phoenix Elementary School District #1</p> <p><b>NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD. CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE LEVEL NAMES AND DESCRIPTORS WAS TABLED UNTIL THE APRIL MEETING AT THE DESCRETION OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT</b></p>
<p><b>4C. Presentation and discussion regarding the Arizona High School Equivalency Assessment and consideration to issue a Request for Information (RFI) regarding additional assessments</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1, Morning session)</p> <p>Cheryl Hart, State Director of Adult Education, addressed questions by the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Dr. Rottweiler made the motion to direct the Arizona Department of Education to issue a Request for Information to gather marketplace information on rigorous High School Equivalency assessments that are aligned to the Arizona Standards. Mr. Carter seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>4D. Presentation, discussion and consideration regarding state school accountability determinations, including:</b></p> <p><b>1. 2013-2014 accountability determinations, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-241, for schools providing Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) and schools with insufficient data</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1, Morning session and Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Item D1 was presented by Dr. Yovhane Metcalfe, Chief Accountability Officer for the Department of Education.</p> <p>The following members of the public spoke during this item:</p> <p>Jennifer Johnson, School Counselor for Arizona Connections Academy</p> <p>Ildi Laczko-Kerr, Vice President of Academics for the Arizona Charter Association</p>

<p><b>2. Proposed accountability criteria to identify schools and school districts for school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 that demonstrate a below average level of performance, as contemplated in SB1289</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Mr. Ballantyne made a motion to adopt and implement the proposed 2013-2014 accountability determinations for schools providing Arizona Online Instruction and school with insufficient data. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><i>MEETING RECESSED AT 11:50AM RECONVENED AT 1:00 PM</i></p> <p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p><b>ITEM D2 WAS A PRESENTATION ONLY. NO ACTION BY THE BOARD WAS REQUIRED.</b></p>
<p><b>4E. Presentation, discussion and consideration to determine noncompliance with laws applicable to English language learners, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-756.08 (J) for Tuba City Unified School District</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Leslie Cooper, Education Unit Chief Counsel for the Arizona Attorney General’s Office, presented the item.</p> <p>Dr. Harold Begay, Superintendent for Tuba City Unified School District spoke to the Board.</p> <p>Kelly Koenig, Deputy Associate Superintendent for the Department of Education, Title III – OELAS, answered questions from the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Ballantyne made a motion to table this item until April. Member Taylor seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

<p><b>4F. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve the participation of the following school districts in the accounting responsibility program, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-914.01:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Somerton Elementary School District</b></li> <li><b>2. Casa Grande Union High School District</b></li> <li><b>3. Toltec Elementary School District</b></li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>F1.Somerton Elementary School District</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Carter made a motion to approve the application of Somerton Elementary School District to assume accounting responsibility A.R.S. § 15-914.01. Member Ballantyne seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p>F2.Casa Grande Union High School District F3. Toltec Elementary School District</p> <p>Ms. Shari Zara, Deputy Superintendent, Operations for the Arizona Department of Education addressed the Board and relayed the concerns of the Pinal County Superintendent’s office as they were unable to attend.</p> <p>Dr. Bryan McCleney, Superintendent of Toltec School District spoke to the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Ballantyne made a motion to table the Items F2 and F3 until the May Board meeting. Member Taylor seconded that motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>4G. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the contract for a new assessment tool for Early Childhood Education. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3), the Board may vote to convene in executive session to review confidential information and/or for discussion or consultation for legal advice</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Patty Clark, Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Education, presented the item.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Ballantyne made a motion to agree with the recommendation of the chief procurement officer to award a contract to Teaching Strategies, LLC for a new assessment tool for Early Childhood Education. Member Jacks seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>

<p><b>4H. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to Board rules R7-2-616 and R7-2-621 regarding reciprocal certificates</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Kasey Ohrns, Director of Certification Operations and Procedures with the Department of Education, addressed the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Carter made a motion to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rules R7-2-616 and R7-2-621 regarding reciprocal certificates. Member Taylor seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>4I. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to Board rule R7-2-615 regarding Bilingual Endorsements, English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsements, and Structured English Immersion (SEI) Endorsements</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Kasey Ohrns, Director of Certification Operations and Procedures with the Department of Education, addressed the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Carter made a motion to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rule R7-2-615 regarding Bilingual Endorsements, English as a Second Language Endorsements, and Structured English Immersion Endorsements. Member Ballantyne seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>4J. Presentation, discussion and consideration to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to Board rule R7-2-615 regarding Early Childhood Endorsement</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Kasey Ohrns, Director of Certification Operations and Procedures with the Department of Education, addressed the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Carter made a motion to initiate rulemaking procedures for proposed amendments to rule R7-2-615 regarding Early Childhood Endorsement. Member Ballantyne seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>



<p><b>4K. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve and authorize the agreement between the Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to operate the Child Nutrition Programs (National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, USDA Foods, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program) in accordance with the federally stipulated reimbursement formulas and other USDA and Federal regulations, pursuant to ARS § 15-1152 and 1153.</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Nick Dunford, Deputy Associate Superintendent for the Health and Nutrition Department, with the Department of Education, answered questioned from the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MOTION</u></b></p> <p><i>Member Ballantyne made a motion to approve and authorize of the agreement between the Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to operate the Child Nutrition Programs pursuant to ARS § 15-1152 and ARS § 15- 1153. Member Carter seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>4L. 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>Recorded comments are available. (Part 2, Afternoon session)</p> <p>Member Ballantyne stated his concern about the Department’s policy which denies staff presentations being made to the State Board of Education. The Board cannot effectively do its job without valuable presentations and knowledge from the Department of Education. If necessary, at its April meeting, the Board should discuss adoption of a policy to ensure items requesting Board action are accompanied by a presentation.</p> <p>Member Hamilton asked for an update from the Department of Education regarding Teacher Retention Task Force.</p> <p>Member Carter requested a presentation on the process for reviewing standards.</p> <p>Members Jacks was hopeful that the good working relationship that has been enjoyed for years between the Board, its committees and task forces, and the Department of Education will continue.</p> <p>President Miller stated that the Department of Education is expected to support the work of the Board and its committees and task forces, as outlined in the Board’s rules and policies, and there was no reason to believe that the Department would not do so.</p>

**Item 5. ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

*Member Ballantyne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Taylor seconded the motion.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:38.**