

Minutes
State Board of Education
Monday, June 27, 2011

The Arizona State Board of Education held a regular meeting at the Amphitheater Public School District 701 West Wetmore Road, Tucson, AZ 85705. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

Members Present:

Mr. Jaime Molera
Mr. Thomas Tyree
Supt. Huppenthal
Dr. Vicki Balentine
Ms. Amy Hamilton
Ms. Eileen Klein
Mr. Gregory Miller
Mr. Jacob Moore
Dr. Rottweiler

Members Absent:

Ms. Ortiz-Parsons

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE
ROLL CALL

1. BUSINESS REPORTS

A. President's Report

Mr. Molera thanked Dr. Balentine for hosting the Board meeting.

Mr. Molera stated the Board worked on the structure of the legislative priorities for the upcoming year. Mr. Molera said he has had conversations regarding these priorities with various legislators and the feedback he has received has been very positive. Mr. Molera also said the legislative priorities discussed were a working progress and he would continue to meet with key organization in order make everyone aware of the direction the Board is taking and the significance and rational of each project.

B. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Huppenthal stated the ADE has completed the customer satisfaction survey and stated the results are being reviewed. School Finance and the SAIS system were the lowest rated. ADE is working towards improving the quality of these systems. Mr. Mark Masterson will provide an update of the technology system for the Board in August.

A conference call with Sec. of State Mr. Duncan regarding the next cycle of Race to the Top was held. Supt. Huppenthal stated the funds for this cycle are very modest but the process will assist moving the system forward through a consensus.

Mr. Molera introduced Dr. J.D. Rottweiler and welcomed him to the State Board.

Dr. Rottweiler stated he has been the President of Cochise College for two years and provided and stated he was pleased to serve as a Board member.

C. Board Member Reports

Mr. Tyree stated Supt. Huppenthal and Mr. Bob McLendon attended the first meeting in Yuma regarding the pipeline work that is being developed. Assessment and Common Core were two of the topics discussed. Mr. Tyree said the next meeting would be held in August and he was hoping more people would be involved in the next meeting.

Dr. Balentine thanked staff for the assistance to facilitate the meeting.

Ms. Klein provided an update regarding the meeting regarding Race to the Top. Ms. Klein stated the purpose of round three is not to have states compete against each other but rather assist with the necessary funds to implement the plans presented. Ms. Klein stated Arizona was well prepared to move forward with this opportunity.

D. Director's Report

Mr. Yanez stated the legislative study committee on outcome based funding held their first meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review Rep. Crandall's areas of interest and vision for the upcoming session. The committee will meet twice per month through December.

Mr. Yanez asked to pull item 3E.

Mr. Tyree moved to adjourn as the State Board of Education and convene as the State Board for Vocational and Technological Education.

Motion second by Dr. Balentine

Motion Passes

2. ADJOURN AS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND RECONVENE AS THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Consideration to appoint the following individuals to the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee;

1. Dr. Robert Torres
2. Michael Mulcaire
3. Mike McAfee
4. Karla Phillips
5. James Apperson
6. Randy Kimmens
7. Susan Carlson
8. Greg Donovan
9. Steven Dockray
10. Nancy Walker
11. Mary Anne Berrens
12. Pam Ferguson
13. Jim Zaharis
14. Richard Condit
15. Robert Cordes
16. Troy Thygerson

Ms. Barbara Border introduced Dr. Marvin Lamer as the new Associate Superintendent of Highly Effective Schools. Ms. Border stated she has worked directly with Dr. Lamer on the appointments requested for the committee as well as the input received from various organizations.

Ms. Border stated the positions of the committee were in need of revision due to changes such as categories that no longer exist.

Ms. Border requested the approval of the members to serve on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee.

Ms. Klein asked to reevaluate the position from the office of commerce, and she would like to keep that representative. Ms. Border stated that amendment would not be a problem.

Mr. Molera asked for the motion to be amended and include the position on the committee for a representative from the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Dr. Balentine moved to appoint the recommended slate of candidates to the Career Technical and Education Advisory Committee and include a designee from the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Motion second by Mr. Tyree

Motion passes

Supt. Huppenthal introduced and welcomed Dr. Lamer to the ADE. Dr. Lamer thanked Supt. Huppenthal and provided information regarding his background and stated he was pleased to be part of the CTE Unit.

Supt. Huppenthal moved to adjourn as the State Board of Vocational and Technological Education and reconvene as the State Board of Education

Motion second by Mr. Tyree

Motion Passes

ADJOURN AS THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND RECONVENE AS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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| A. | Consideration to approve State Board of Education minutes
1. May 23, 2011 - Regular meeting
2. June 10, 2011 - Special meeting | Mr. Yanez |
| B. | Consideration to approve contract abstracts for the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program | Mr. Dones |
| C. | Consideration to approve trainers for the Structured English Immersion Provisional and Full Endorsements | Ms. Alley |
| D. | Consideration to approve additional monies for teacher compensation for fiscal year 2011-2012, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 15-952 and 15-537 | Ms. Amator |
| E. | Consideration to grant professional preparation program approval for the following school districts:
1. Tolleson Elementary School District
2. Pendergast Elementary School District | Dr. Butterfield
Ms. Amator |
| F. | Consideration to approve the 2011-2012 Optional Performance Incentive Program and budget for Joseph City Unified School District and Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified School District pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-919 | Dr. Butterfield
Ms. Amator |
| G. | Consideration to approve Intergovernmental agreement between the ADE and the Early Childhood Development and Health Board (First Things First) | Ms. Corriveau |
| H. | Consideration to accept the voluntary surrender of the teaching credentials held by the following individuals:
1. Derrick Gray
2. Thomas McSherry
3. James Faux
4. Robert Tsinigine | Mr. Easaw |
| I. | Consideration to appoint the following individuals to the Professional Practices Advisory Committee: | Mr. Easaw |

1. Sheila Rogers
2. Anna Battle

- J. Consideration to approve Arizona Global School, Cottonwood-Oak Creek School District application for participation in the Arizona On-Line Instruction program, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-808 Mr. Yanez

Mr. Tyree moved to approve the consent agenda with exception of item 3E
Motion second by Dr. Rottweiler
Motion Passes with amendment

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
No request to speak

5. GENERAL SESSION

- A. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve proposed modifications to the AZ LEARNS school evaluation system, for 2011 and 2012, pursuant to A.R.S § 15-241

Ms. Kuriakose provided an overview of the proposed AZ LEARNS system. The following are key changes in the AIMS data for AZ LEARNS.

- New writing test – Standard setting for the new test and new cut points for the AIMS levels
- Two years of math data
- Math added to the MAP portion

Ms. Kuriakose explained the new status cut points for percent passing and new growth pass points for percent improvement. Examples of the new proposed cut points were presented for grades 1 through 6.

Mr. Miller asked if there was data explanation regarding the significant increase in performing plus. Ms. Kuriakose stated the increase was due to the growth and the change in the cut points.

Mr. Miller also asked if the data was only for students who attended the full academic year and if this would be the same for the new model. Ms. Kuriakose stated for individual student growth the data includes all students and for the percent passing the data includes only full academic year students.

Supt. Huppenthal asked if a special search could be performed to assure there are no underperforming schools with above average growth.

A copy of the power point presentation can be provided by the Board office.

Supt. Huppenthal moved to approve the proposed modifications to the AZ LEARNS school evaluation system for 2011 and 2012, and amend the adoption to move any underperforming schools with above average growth to be moved to the performing category
Motion second by Mr. Moore as amended
Motion Passes

- B. Presentation, discussion and consideration to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee and revoke the teaching certificates held by Jake G. Verrue

Mr. Charles Easaw stated Mr. Verrue received notice of the hearing but was not present. Mr. Easaw provided an overview of the case. The Professional Practices Advisory Committee recommended by a vote of 4 to 0 that Mr. Verrue's teaching certificate be revoked.

Supt. Huppenthal moved to adopt the finding of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee and revoke the teaching certificates held by Jake G. Verrue
Motion second by Mr. Tyree
Motion Passes

- C. Presentation, discussion and consideration to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee and grant the teacher certification application for Brian Bell

Mr. Easaw provided an overview of the case and stated Mr. Bell was present. The Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) recommended by a vote of 4 to 0 recommended that the State Board grant Brian Bell's application for certification. Mitigation factors found by the PPAC are as follows:

- Mr. Bell has been successfully coaching student for several years since the suspension
- The positive letters of recommendation from administrators, supervisors, colleagues and parents who are familiar with his past conduct
- Evidence that he now understands effective student behavior management

Mr. Brian Bell stated he would appreciate the opportunity to work in a classroom and work with students.

Mr. Tyree moved to adopt the finding of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee and grant the teacher certification application for Brian Bell
Motion second by Mr. Miller
Motion Passes

- D. Presentation, discussion and consideration to modify the teacher certification fee scheduled as it relates to the issuance and evaluation of Structured English Immersion Endorsements

As stated in R7-2-618.A(2)(3), the fee for the evaluation for and issuance of an endorsement is \$60. Mr. Yanez stated that at its December 5, 2006 meeting, the State Board of Education approved a waiver of that fee for the Provisional Structured English Immersion (SEI) Endorsement. The Board granted this waiver to relieve part of the burden placed on all existing teachers and administrators by the 2000 Stipulation in the matter of Flores v. State of Arizona, et. al. This stipulation requires all teachers and administrators who don't hold full English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education Endorsement to have the SEI Endorsement.

Mr. Yanez requested the Board to reinstate the fee for the Provisional SEI Endorsement and provided the rationale for the request.

Supt. Huppenthal moved to modify the teacher certification fee schedule as it relates to the issuance and evaluation of Structured English Immersion Endorsements, as presented
Motion second by Mr. Tyree

Dr. Balentine asked what the fee was. Mr. Yanez stated there is a \$60. fee.
Motion Passes

- E. Presentation, discussion and possible action to define "teaching experience" for the purpose of satisfying teacher certification practicum requirements

Mr. Yanez provided an overview of the rules in place regarding the practicum requirements. A handout with the two State Board rules that govern the issuance of the elementary and secondary teaching certificates was provided to the members.

Mr. Yanez reviewed the language for the elementary teaching certificate and stated the area of concern for possible consideration to modify is the requirement for two years of practicum. Possible consideration waive the two years of required practicum with verified teaching experience.

Mr. Yanez stated the verified teaching experience would not include special education teaching certificates due to the specific pedagogy required in this area.

Dr. Balentine Amphitheater Public School District had a situation with a special education teacher whom has been affected by the interpretation and provided the details of the matter. Dr. Balentine stated she is interested in broadening the interpretation for this particular rule.

Mr. Molera asked for the necessary steps to modify the rule.

Ms. Hamilton asked if there was a way to not make the exception too broad and have people abuse the modification.

Dr. Balentine moved to revise the Board rules governing teacher certification and include special education teaching experience in Pre-K through 8 and secondary education may be substituted for the 8 practicum hours required

Motion second by Ms. Hamilton

Motion passes

Mr. Yanez stated the rule is not being changed the modifications are only to clarify current requirements.

- F. Presentation, discussion and consideration of the Board's strategic priorities. Discussion may include, but is not limited to, critical issues planning, legislative priorities and identification of Board policy initiatives.

Mr. Molera stated the Board members were provided a handout with the key areas discussed at the Special Board meeting. The proposed 2012 priorities are categorized in three sections on the handout provided.

Mr. Yanez stated some of the priorities from the previous year will carry over. The list of proposed priorities is as follows for Tier 1:

- Data System Enhancement
- Reform Plan (Standards and Assessment)
- Teacher Certification
- School Funding
- Visibility of SBE/SBE Authority

Tier2:

- School Interventions
- Accountability and Enforcement

Tier 3:

- School Calendar

Supt. Huppenthal stated Arizona is lowest within the cost of assessments in place. There are fundamental challenges along with a contingency plan and there will be significant annual costs.

Mr. Molera asked to highlight the area of the resources required in order to develop the necessary structures. An evaluation of current funds and pending funds such as funds from Race to the Top and how the funds can be used to assist the accountability issue. Supt. Huppenthal stated AZ is one of the lowest cost systems in place.

Mr. Yanez reviewed the teacher certification topics discussed by the Board and stated he collected information from the Federal requirements, state requirements for the Board to review in order to consider the necessary changes that would be made to the current system. Mr. Yanez provided specific information for certification rules of policies in place.

Mr. Moore stated he would like to address these issues without making the matter more complicated and making the system more equitable.

Supt. Huppenthal stated the time limit is an important factor and encouraged the members to have an open dialogue with

Mr Tyree said the ultimate accomplishment is to create options. Mr. Molera said if there are schools and school districts that have demonstrated success those entities should be rewarded by not adding more rules. For schools that are falling and constantly underperforming the assistance should be clear.

Mr. Tyree said there is support for these changes throughout the state and people willing to help inform the legislature of the changes necessary.

Mr. Yanez stated there was no major discussion regarding School Funding and SBE Authority.

Molera asked to propose a process to address items such as this and refine the list of concerns in order to continue the dialogue at the August meeting and ultimately have a consensus document.

Mr. Tyree stated he agreed with Mr. Miller but he would like to have further discussion regarding how the extra dates would be handled and what the different models for this would look like.

Mr. Moore stated an area that has not been fully discussed is the Board's visibility and clarity of leverage in priorities and work with other education entities.

Mr. Molera stated he would like to provide the final consensus document to the field and the various leaders in order to receive feedback.

- G. 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.

No items for discussion requested.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn

Motion second by Mr. Tyree

Motion Passes

Meeting convened at 11:26