

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Board Meeting, August 14, 2015
1535 W. Jefferson, Conf Room 122, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION

<p>MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Schmidt Mr. Ballantyne Superintendent Douglas Dr. Rottweiler Mr. Carter Mr. Jacks President Miller Mr. Taylor</p>	<p>MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Crow Mr. Deschene Ms. Hamilton</p>
<p>CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND ROLL CALL</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 9:00 am Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call confirmed a quorum</p>
<p>Call to Public</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available: (Part 1/06:15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Murphy, Dir of Early Childhood Policy, Childrens Action Alliance spoke about the Move On When Reading program
<p>Item 1 - Presentation, discussion and possible action to adopt proposed AzMERIT performance levels.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available: (Part 1/07:50)</p> <p>Presentation of proposed performance levels on AzMERIT was given by Dr. Leila Williams, Associate Superintendent for High Quality Assessments and Adult Education, Arizona Department of Education and Irene Hunting, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Assessment, Arizona Department of Education and staff from the American Institute of Resear (AIR).</p> <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"/> <p>Recorded comments are available: (Part 1/46:45)</p> <p>Call to the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe O’Rielly, Executive Director of Mesa Schools • Becky Hill, Arizona State Chamber • Gina Bahlman, Mayer Unified School District, K-12 Instructional Coach

- Anna-Lisa Kersch, Arizona School for the Arts, 7th grade teacher sat on the committee for setting the standard cut scores.
- Ilde Lasko Kerr, Arizona Charter Association
- Patricia Tate, Superintendent, Osborn School District thanked the Board
- Mike Huckins, VP of Public Affairs, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
- Erin Hart, COO, Expect More Arizona
- Arlynn Grodinez, Director of Curriculum and Programming, Superior Unified School District
- Jennifer Reynolds, Arizonans Against Common Core
- Lisa Hoberg, Vice President Legislation, Scottsdale Parent Council
- Joe Thomas, Vice President, Arizona Education Association
- Rebecca Gau, Stand for Children Arizona, Executive Director
- Janice Palmer, Arizona School Boards Association, Director of Governmental Relations
- Joe Geusic, Arizona resident

MOTION (Part 1/28:15)

A motion was made by Vice President Ballantyne to adopt the proposed performance levels on AzMERIT. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Douglas.

Roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Schmidt - Yes

Mr. Ballantyne - Yes

Superintendent Douglas - Yes

Dr. Rottweiler - Yes

Mr. Carter - Yes

Mr. Jacks - Yes

President Miller - Yes

Mr. Taylor - Yes

The motion passed unanimously. (Part 1/01:40:00)

<p>Item 2. Presentation, discussion and possible action to adopt a “Move on When Reading” cut score for AzMERIT Grade 3, English Language Arts (ELA)</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1/01:41.35)</p> <p>This item was presented by Dr. Leila Williams, Associate Superintendent for High Quality Assessments and Adult Education, Arizona Department of Education and Irene Hunting, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Assessment, Arizona Department of Education and staff from the American Institute of Resear (AIR).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION – (Part 2:05:02)</p> <p><i>A motion was made by Dr. Rottweiler to adopt the proposed AzMERIT 3rd grade ELA score that demonstrates a student’s reading falls far below the third grade level for purposes of promotion, as required in ARS §15-701. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Recorded comments are available: (Part 1/ 02:05)</p> <p>Call to the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ilde Lasko-Kerr, AZ Charters Association, VP of Academics <hr/> <p>Recorded comments are available: (Part 1/ 02:11:25)</p> <p><i>Dr. Rottweiler withdrew his motion and Mr. Carter withdrew his second of that motion. Member Carter made a motion to table this item until the next Board meeting on Monday, Aug. 24th. Member Ballantyne seconded the motion.</i></p> <p><i>The motion passed 7 – 1. Superintendent Douglas opposed.</i></p>

<p>Item - 3. Presentation and discussion regarding proposed performance levels (cut scores) for the National Center and State Collaborative Alternate Assessment (NCSC).</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1/02:18)</p> <p>This item was presented by Dr. Leila Williams and Audra Ahumada, Director of Alternate Assessment.</p> <p>Ms. Ahumada provided a powerpoint presentation along with confidential cut score information.</p> <p><i>Presentation Only. No action required.</i></p>
<p>Item – 5. Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding filling Board staff vacancies in the positions of Deputy Director and Administrative Assistant for the Investigative Unit, including consideration of the Superintendent’s recommendation and those of other Board members.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.(Part 02:36:16)</p> <p>Item 5 is concerning filling vacancies on Board staff. Mary O’Grady, Board Counsel, presented this item and was available for questions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION (Part 1/02:39:25)</p> <p><i>Member Ballantyne made the following motion:</i></p> <p><i>Having considered both the Superintendent’s recommendation not to fill the vacancies on Board staff, as outlined in her letter of 7/15/15 and also the current legal interpretation of the Board’s authority to hire and fire its employees, I move that Christine Thompson, the Board’s Executive Director, take all steps necessary to fill the positions of Administrative Assistant to the Board’s Investigation Unit and Deputy Executive Director.</i></p> <p><i>I do not believe this motion is necessary in light of the Executive Director’s job description, but I am making this motion so there is absolute clarity regarding the scope of Ms. Thompson’s authority as the Executive Director of the State Board of Education. Member Jacks seconded the motion.</i></p> <p><i>The motion passed 7-1. Superintendent Douglas opposed.</i></p>
<p>Item - 7. Presentation, discussion and possible consideration regarding Douglas v. State Board of Education (CV2015-006171).</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available. (Part 1/02:42:08)</p>

	<p>Mary O’Grady gave a public update to the Board regarding the status of this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION (Part 1/02:44:25)</p> <p><i>Member Schmidt made a motion for the Board to move into executive session for legal advise or to consider its position and instruct its attorneys concerning pending litigation or contemplated litigation and/or settlement discussions. Member Carter seconded the motion.</i></p> <p><i>The Motioned Passed 7-1. Superientendent Douglas opposed the motion and stated she would not participate in the executive session.</i></p> <p><i>Board convened into Executive Session.</i></p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>Recorded comments are available.(Part 2/00:10)</p> <p><i>Board reconvened into Regular Session.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p><i>President Miller moved to advise the Board’s attorney to continue as directed in Executive Session. Vice President Ballantyne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p>
ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned (Part 2/00:26)