

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Arizona State Board of Education held a regular meeting on March 24, 2014 at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson Street, Room 417, Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Members Absent:
President Tyree	Dr. Hart
Ms. Hamilton	Dr. Rottweiler
Superintendent Huppenthal	
Ms. Klein	
Mr. Jacks	
Vice President Miller	
Mr. Molera	
Mr. Moore	

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND ROLL CALL

1. BUSINESS REPORTS

A. President's Report

President Tyree announced the confirmation of Member Miller and Member Rottweiler. Ms. Diane Ortiz-Parson was not confirmed and is no longer a member of the State Board of Education.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Huppenthal spoke about the federal government waiver issues. He presented the 2014 Education Technology Award of Excellence to Aaron Moya from Camp Verde for this accomplishment. Mr. Masterson addressed the Board and thanked Mr. Moya for his dedication, excellence and hard work. Mr. Moya thanked the Board for this recognition and thanked his staff and the Superintendent of his school.

C. Board Member Reports

Mr. Molera spoke about policy direction and how the business leaders and school administrators and education leaders in the community coming together and working hard for the best interest on K-12 education. He is extremely pleased to see the outstanding support provided to this Board.

Mr. Moore addressed the Board and spoke about a tribal leaders gathering which took place this past month. These leaders came together to discuss and understand the challenges that impact tribal schools, leaders, teachers and students. Many schools have seen tremendous success and high academic achievement.

D. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Thompson announced that Ms. Cindy Daniels has retired and introduced Sabrina Vasquez as the new Deputy Director of the State Board of Education.

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

Superintendent Huppenthal made a motion to recess as the Arizona State Board of Education and convene as the Arizona State Board for Vocational and Technological Education. Member Jacks seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Presentation and discussion regarding the process for analyzing Career and Technical Education programs for embedded Arizona Career and College Ready Standards for Mathematics for the purpose allowing the issuance of mathematics credits, pursuant to R7-2-302.02(4)(a)

Mr. Dan Brown spoke briefly to the Board regarding the process for the embedded credits for the Career and College Ready Standards. Superintendent Huppenthal talked about the approval process between the State Board and the local school Boards and asked Mr. Brown to clarify the process. Mr. Brown detailed the process involved. Superintendent Huppenthal asked if all embedded credits need to come to the State Board for approval or will they have to go through local school boards for approval. Mr. Brown stated all embedded credits would have to come through the State Board of Education. President Tyree asked about the 12 career and technological education programs that are waiting to be approved. Member Jacks stated this is an issue because if these are not approved by fall, they will have to wait another whole year before these classes could be offered for enrollment. Mr. Brown stated only two programs will be approved. Member Molera stated these items have been discussed for more than three years and spoke about how it has taken so long to get this done and moving along. Ms. Thompson spoke about the process. President Tyree talked about the State Board of Education being vested with the responsibility to ensure that programs being presented for Career and Technological Education have gone through the rigors to make sure programs.

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

Member Miller had a motion to adjourn as the Arizona State Board for Vocational and Technological Education and reconvene as the Arizona State Board of Education. Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to approve the following contract abstracts:
 - 1. 2014 Migrant Education Program-Summer School Program Allocations
 - 2. Title 1 Distinguished Schools Awards
 - 3. Arizona Charter School Program Awards, Round II, Project Years 2015-2017
 - 4. Security Hardware Grant
 - 5. Eligible LEAs to receive Mathematics and Science Partnerships Subgrant Awards

- B. Consideration to approve funds for Interagency Service Agreement No. ISA-14-23-ED between the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) for the purpose of the annual subscription to the AZCIS from ADE.

- C. Consideration to approve funds for Interagency Service Agreement No. ISA-14-17-ED between the Arizona Department of Economic Security Refugee Resettlement Program (ADES) and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) for the purpose of developing Refugee Education action plan.

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

- E. Consideration to permanently revoke any and all teaching certificates held by Timothy Dwayne Lawson, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550.

- F. 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.

Member Miller made a motion to approve consent agenda. Member Jacks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bud Forman spoke to the Board regarding Peach Springs School in Mohave County regarding the financial issues involving this school district.

6. GENERAL SESSION

- A. Presentation and discussion regarding legislative affairs. The Board may take action to support, oppose or remain neutral on specific legislative proposals. This item to be presented by Ms. Cannata.

Ms. Cannata addressed the Board and gave a brief update on the current legislative session. Two bills SB1395 and SB1396 aimed to undermine the Board's adopted

standards and/or affecting this Board's selection of an assessment were defeated last week. Ms. Cannata spoke briefly on bills still alive that may have some impact on the Board and its rules.

First, two more bills aimed at undermining this Board's adopted standards and/or affecting this Board's selection of an assessment were defeated last week (SB 1395 and 1396) by a vote of 12 to 17. Previously, SB 1310 (schools; common core; prohibition) was defeated by the same margin. Those were the final bills moving through the process on that subject.

Ms. Cannata discussed other bills impacting the Board, including HB 2265 (computer science course; math credit); HB 2316 (schools; local control; student privacy); 2605 (teachers; continuing education; suicide prevention); 2662 (schools; sexual abuse; information handbook); and SB 1242 (critical language; economic development; pilot).

Ms. Cannata gave a presentation on the status of the state budget. With regard to K-12 education, the Senate budget package includes several significant policy issues and spending items, including the following: a K-6 Technology-Based Language Development and Literacy Intervention Pilot Program; a prohibition on school district governing boards from sponsoring a charter school retroactive to June 30, 2013; Student Success Funding; School Emergency Pilot Program ; and Broadband Expansion and Education Technology. Significant spending items include:

- Essentially flat level funding for this Board, including the K-3 reading monies.
- A footnote in the feed bill is modified to require that this Board "submit for review by JLBC" any estimated cost impact changes in the achievement testing program; previously only required to report those changes.
- Funds standard inflation in the base level, plus the additional \$20 million already mentioned for student success funding.
- Adds \$2.5M for AZELLA test administration
- Provides \$5M in new funding for ADE's data system
- Provides \$500,000 for Teach for America, with 50% to be used in rural and 50% to be used in urban areas
- Provides 500,000 for JTED performance funding based upon number of students placed in jobs related to their JTED program, and another \$1M for soft capital and equipment for small JTEDs.
- Lastly, increases ADE's accountability and achievement testing line item by \$8M, for a total of a little more than \$18M.

Member Molera asked about the budget and how it will affect the RFP. He talked about

the RFI and RFP and some inaccurate information that was being circulated by the press. Ms. Thompson addressed those issues and talked about the cost estimates and the impact of the types of bids the Board is able to secure based upon the cost estimates. Member Molera stated the Board needs to take great care that we do not select an assessment on the cheap based on the fact that the budget has been reduced. He talked about having strong accountability for a strong assessment. He mentioned that there has been very strong business and community support and he talked about the need to be aggressive so the public knows what will happen if we don't have the resources to get significant policy done. Superintendent Huppenthal agreed with Member Molera's comments. Member Miller talked about the difficulty to receive a world class assessment based upon budget constraints. Member Klein asked what the legal options are in regarding to availability of funds. Jordan Ellel, Assistant Attorney General generally spoke about procurement guidelines. Ms. Klein stated she will not vote for a test that is substandard and would like the Board to look at the exact costs and budgeting issues. President Tyree stressed the pressing timeframe for the RFP and the budget. President Tyree talked about a formal response to the press which addresses the financial constraints in regarding to a new assessment.

No action - Information only.

- B. Consideration to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to grant the application for certification for Frederick Darnell Haynes. This item will be presented by Charles Easaw

Mr. Easaw addressed the Board and clarified a minor revision on the agenda summary pertaining to specific hearing dates and asked the record reflect the change. Mr. Haynes was present for the Board meeting. Mr. Haynes spoke to the Board regarding this matter.

Member Molera made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee to grant the application for certification for Fredrick Darnell Haynes. Member Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed. Member Klein opposed. Superintendent Huppenthal was not present for the vote.

- C. Presentation, discussion and consideration to approve the proposal for the formation of a Yuma Joint Technological Education District (JTED). This item will be presented by Christine Thompson.

President Tyree recused himself from the vote as he has been intimately involved in the development of this item and turned the gavel over to Vice President Miller. Ms. Thompson spoke briefly to the Board explaining the process involving the formation of a Joint Technological Education District. Mr. Robbie Woodhouse addressed the Board as a representative of the committee involved in the formation of the YUMA JTED. There was total unanimous support of both local governing boards at Yuma Union and Antelope Union in regard to this formation. He talked briefly about the process involved with the steering committee in regarding to the formation of this JTED and provided a budget worksheet for FY 2014. He talked about the community support and provided letters of support to the Board reflecting this support. Member Miller thanked Mr.

Woodhouse for his outstanding presentation. Member Molera stated Yuma County has been outstanding. Member Jacks commended the presentation as well. Member Molera commended the committee and their work involved in the formation of Yuma County's JTED and involving the community and business leaders in this thorough package.

Member Jacks made a motion to approve the proposal for the formation of a Yuma County Joint Technological Education District, having determined that the proposed plan meets the legal requirements of ARS §15-392. Member Molera seconded the motion. Motion passed. President Tyree recused himself from the vote.

D. Presentation and discussion regarding proposed amendments to Article 10 and Article 11 of Board rule related to school district procurement, consisting of proposed rules R7-2-1001 through R7-2-1008; R7-2-1010 through R7-2-1016; R7-2-1018; R7-2-1021 through R7-2-1033; R7-2-1035 through R7-2-1037; R7-2-1041 through R7-2-1042; R7-2-1044 through R7-2-1050; R7-2-1053; R7-2-1055 through R7-2-1056; R7-2-1058; R7-2-1061 through R7-2-1063; R7-2-1066 through R7-2-1070; R7-2-1073 through R7-2-1081; R7-2-1083 through R7-2-1087; R7-2-1092 through R7-2-1093; R7-2-1100 through R7-2-1115; R7-2-1117 through R7-2-1123; R7-2-1125; R7-2-1131; R7-2-1141 through R7-2-1153; R7-2-1155 through R7-2-1159; R7-2-1161; R7-2-1164 through R7-2-1165; R7-2-1167 through R7-2-1170; R7-2-1181 through R7-2-1185; R7-2-1191 through R7-2-1192; and R7-2-1194 through R7-2-1196, and the proposed repeal of rules R7-2-1009, R7-2-1057, R7-2-1091, and R7-2-1116. This item to be presented by Ms. Thompson and Mr. Stelpstra.

Ms. Thompson stated that two rules hearings were held where no public comments were made, and informed the Board that the proposal had been modified after considering one written comment. Ms. Thompson indicated that the modified proposal would be circulated for public comment.

No action required, information only.

E. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed modification to the A-F Letter Grade Accountability System. This item to be presented by Dr. Metcalfe.

Dr. Yovhane Metcalf, Chief Accountability Officer, addressed the Board and presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. She spoke briefly about the AZ Learns Subcommittee meeting which was held on March 13th and the items to be discussed at the next AZ Learns Subcommittee meeting. She discussed the A-F modifications and the justifications for these modifications. Dr. Metcalf addressed the timeline involved in these modifications. She talked about the improved substantive appeals process and explained how an event can affect the testing process. Member Molera asked if any business or committee participation and what plan is involved in establishing the process for committee representation. Dr. Metcalf explained this to the Board. Member Klein asked about the quality measure and asked wouldn't it be better to suspend and hold until we have new data, discussing the internal integrity. Member Klein stated this has been incredible complex and hard to follow. Discussion was held

regarding adding a new component and the affect those new components may have on the field. Dr. Metcalf spoke regarding the College and Career Readiness Index (CCRI) and the CCRI graduation rate component recommendation for 2014. She talked about the need for a new letter grade scale due to the new assessment issues and the consideration for 2015 accountability and the delayed receipt of new assessment data. Superintendent Huppenthal asked about when the data will be available. Dr. Metcalf stated that data may not be available until the fall, depending on which assessment is selected. The possibility of proficiency rates dropping due to the new assessment will have a huge impact on the field. Superintendent Huppenthal thanked Dr. Metcalf for her thorough and professional presentation. Member Miller supports waiting for data. Ms. Thompson informed the Board that next AZLearns Subcommittee meeting would be held prior to the next Board meeting.

Dr. Amy Schlessman from Rose Academies spoke during call to the public regarding this matter and thanked the Board for reconvening the AZLearns Subcommittee. She talked about the reasonableness of the proposed inclusion of the graduation rate. She is encouraged to hear that the distribution scale will no longer be in effect. She looks forward to future discussions.

Dr. Althe Allen, Phoenix Union High School District Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability thanked the Board for their work on behalf of their students. She urges the Board to be mindful of impact of including the graduation rate may have on the schools, the students, the moral of the teachers. A work study session is a wonderful idea.

Dr. Ildi Lasko-Kerr spoke to the Board during call the public regarding this matter and addressed her concerns regarding the data and urged the Board to slow down during this process and address the needs of policy as well as practices with the schools. She urged the Board to have a full work study after the Subcommittee has the chance to review the proposed recommendation.

No action required, information only.

- F. 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.

Member Klein suggested the Board be updated on the Peach Springs issues. President Tyree thanked the Board for all the discussion held today.

7. ADJOURN

Member Miller made a motioned to adjourn. Superintendent Huppenthal seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:10.