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**MINUTES OF THE
CALLED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Atlanta, Georgia
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

May 14, 2020
Richard Woods, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

The State Board of Education convened on Thursday, May 14, 2020, via conference call, at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

State Board of Education:

Mr. Mike Long	Mr. Scott Sweeney	Mr. Scott Johnson
Dr. Butch Mosely	Mr. Mike Royal	Mr. Trey Allen
Ms. Helen Rice	Mr. Jason Downey	Ms. Lynn Nabors
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart	Ms. Phenna Petty
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Ms. Martha Zoller	

Others participating via teleconference: Mr. Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Dr. Barbara Wall, Ms. Shaun Owen, Mr. Rusk Roam, Mr. Kenney Moore, Ms. Meghan Frick, Ms. Arveeta Turner, Mr. Russell Willard and Ms. Susan Haynes.

At 10:05 a.m., by motion of Mr. Scott Johnson and a second by Mr. Butch Mosely, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appeals, legal, personnel matters and recommendations that are exempt from disclosure under the Open Records Act. (*Minutes of the Executive Session can be found in Appendix 1*)

At 11:45 a.m., by motion of Ms. Martha Zoller and a second by Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, an affirmative vote was given to exit Executive Session.

(Please note that the contents in their entirety, with backup material and attachments, can be found on the State Board of Education's Simbli website, May 14, 2020, State Board Meeting.)

ACTION ITEM

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Ms. Martha Zoller and a second from Mr. Mike Long, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 14, 2020, State Board meeting.

1. **Case Number 2020-28. M.D. vs Henry County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-28.
2. **Case Number 2020-27. S.S. vs Carroll County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-27.
3. **Case Number 2020-26. N.G. vs Gwinnett County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-26.
4. **Case Number 2020-25. J.K. vs Gwinnett County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-25.
5. **Legal.** The State Board of Education approved the May Legal Report as presented.
6. **Personnel.** The State Board of Education approved the May 2020 Personnel Report as presented.
7. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0069.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0069.
8. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0083.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0083.
9. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0085.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0085.
10. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0088.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0088.
11. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0089.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0089.
12. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0092.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0092.
13. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 20-0093.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #20-0093.
14. **TL – Contract Amendment – Red Cloud Services, LLC.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with Red Cloud Services, LLC that was approved at the April 9, 2020, Board meeting to increase the contract amount from \$51,048.54 to \$89,175.90, so the contractor can repair the sidewalks at the Georgia Academy for the Blind.
15. **TL – Contract – Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission at a cost not to exceed

\$700,000 in State Funds for repairs and maintenance projects at the State Schools. The funds are FY20 state funds.

16. **AA – Contract Renewal – Technical Assistance to Support the State Assessment and Accountability Systems.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to renew a contract with the National Assessment for the Improvement of Educational Assessment (NCIEA) at a cost not to exceed \$60,100 in State Funds for on-going technical assistance in support of the technical quality of the state’s assessment and accountability systems..
17. **AA – Contract Renewal – Keenville Game-Based Formative Assessment for Grades 1 and 2.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to renew a contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on behalf of The University of Georgia, The Georgia Center for Assessment (GCA) at a cost not to exceed \$689,605 in State Funds for the maintenance and enhancement of Keenville, Georgia’s game-based formative assessment for grades 1 and 2.
18. **FP – Grant – FY20 Grant for High Cost Fund for Special Education.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 53 select local educational agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$3,999,994 in federal funds for students with disabilities whose direct instructional and related services exceed \$27,000 in individual annual costs. (Appendix 2)
19. **FP – Grant – Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Supports (GNETS) Federal Supplemental Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the 24 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Supports (GNETS) at a cost not to exceed \$395,500 in Federal Funds for the purpose of providing children with disabilities who demonstrate severe social, emotional/behavioral challenges with educational and therapeutic services. (Appendix 3)
20. **FP – Contract – FY21 Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Office of State Administrative Hearings at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.00 in Federal Funds for due process hearings for special education disputes.
21. **FBO – Grant – Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$1,102,000 in Federal Funds for Georgia to assist local education agencies in voluntarily testing for lead contamination in drinking water in schools.

22. **FBO – Five Year Local Facilities Plan.** The State Board of Education approved the Five-Year Local Facilities Plan for Baldwin County, Bulloch County, Calhoun City, Candler County, Cobb County, Dade County, Early County, Gilmer County, Habersham County, Henry County, Jefferson City, Marietta City, Pierce County, Sumter County, Taliaferro County, Tattnall County, Telfair County, Thomaston-Upson County, Vidalia City, Whitfield County and Worth County school districts.
23. **FBO - \$50,000.01 - \$250,000 Recurring Contracts List (Updated 5-8-20).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into contracts with the vendors specified in the attachments entitled \$50,000.01 - \$250,000 Recurring Contracts at a cost not to exceed the amounts provided in said attachments. (Appendix 4)
24. **CTO – Invoice Approvals for Travel.** The State Board of Education approved the attached list of invoices for travel expenses for the Chief Turnaround Office dating from August 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$13,616.45, and authorized the Chief Financial Officer of the Georgia Department of Education to sign-off on these approved invoices for payments on behalf of the Board. (Appendix 5)
25. **TL - Standards – Financial Tech (FinTech) Pathway (Adoption).** The State Board of Education adopted the Georgia Standards of Excellence for the FinTech Pathway courses which will subsequently be added to the State-Funded List of K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses.
26. **FP – FY21 Special Education State Advisory Panel.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to approve the new member appointment to the State Advisory Panel (SAP) for Special Education. (Appendix 6)
27. **PFEA – State Board of Education School System Waivers for the 2019-2020 School Year Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.** The State Board of Education adopted the attached resolution regarding the State School Superintendent’s recommendation for waivers from certain state laws, rules, and regulations for all Georgia Local Education Agencies (LEAs), the State Schools, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Corrections for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Appendix 7)
28. **PFEA - 2020-2021 Local Board Governance Training Proposals.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved for the 2020-2021 school year the Local Board Governance Training Providers on the attached list. (Appendix 8)
29. **PFEA – Special Needs Scholarship Program- 2020 - 2021 Private School List.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) authorized the following qualified private schools; The Academy, Colquitt Christian Academy, High Achievers Education Center, and

Piedmont Academy, to participate in the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program for the 2020- 2021 school year. (Appendix 9)

30. **PFEA – Charter Renewal – Polk County College and Career Academy.** The State Board of Education authorized the renewal of a charter for Polk County College and Career Academy, a grades 9-12 start-up charter school approved by the Polk County Board of Education and certified by the Technical College System of Georgia, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025.
31. **PFEA – Charter Renewal – Southeastern Early College and Career Academy (SECCA).** The State Board of Education authorized the renewal of a charter for the Southeastern College and Career Academy, a grades 9-12 start-up charter school approved by the Montgomery County Board of Education, Toombs County Board of Education, Treutlen County Board of Education, and Vidalia City School Board of Education and certified by the Technical College System of Georgia, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025.
32. **PFEA – Charter Amendment – North Metro Performing Arts Charter School.** The State Board of Education approved a charter contract amendment for North Metro Performing Arts Charter School, a grades K-8 start-up charter school approved by the Gwinnett County Board of Education, to extend the charter term by one (1) year.
33. **PFEA – SWSS Termination – Chattahoochee County Schools.** The State Board of Education authorized the termination of the Strategic Waiver School System contract for the Chattahoochee County School System and convert their contract to a charter system contract.
34. **PFEA – Charter System – Chattahoochee County Schools.** The State Board of Education granted a system charter for Chattahoochee County School System, a grades K-12 charter system for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025.
35. **Called State Board Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the March 23, 2020, Called State Board meeting.
36. **Called Executive Session Minutes – March 23, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the March 23, 2020, Called Executive Session meeting.
37. **State Board Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the March 26, 2020, State Board meeting.
38. **Executive Session Minutes – March 26, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the March 26, 2020, State Board Executive Session meeting.

39. **Called State Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the April 9, 2020, Called State Board meeting.
40. **Called State Board Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the April 28, 2020, Called State Board meeting.
41. **Called State Board Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the May 4, 2020, Called State Board meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

1. **Case Number 2020-21. D.A. vs Gwinnett County Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education affirm the reversal of the decision of the local board in Case #2020-21. Upon motion from Ms. Phenna Petty and a second from Mr. Scott Johnson, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed as presented.
2. **Case Number 2020-22. J.W. vs DeKalb County Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education affirm the reversal of the decision of the local board in Case #2020-22. Upon motion from Mr. Jason Downey and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:00 p.m., by motion of Dr. Butch Mosely and a second from Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo
Recording Secretary