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

Atlanta, Georgia  
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

July 23, 2020  
Richard Woods, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

The State Board of Education convened on Thursday, July 23, 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. Phenna Petty
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart	
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Ms. Martha Zoller	

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

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order. At 10:05 a.m., by motion of Mr. Jason Downey and a second by Ms. Martha Zoller, 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.

At 10:55 a.m., by motion of Ms. Helen Rice and a second by Mr. Mike Long, 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, July 23, 2020, State Board Meeting.)*

**Superintendent's and Chair's Report**

**Superintendent's Report**

1. **Legislative Report.** Tiffany Taylor, Deputy Superintendent for External Affairs and Policy, provided a briefing on legislative issues affecting K-12 education in Georgia.

2. High Stakes Testing Survey Response. Matt Jones, Chief of Staff, discussed the high stakes testing survey responses.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **AGENDA**

By motion of Ms. Phenna Petty and a second from Mr. Scott Johnson, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Agenda for the July 23, 2020 State Board meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion of Ms. Martha Zoller and a second from Dr. Butch Mosely, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the July 23, 2020, State Board meeting.

1. **AA – Contract Amendment – Innovative Assessment Pilot Technical Assistance.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with WestEd, Inc. that was approved at the August 22, 2019 Board meeting to change the expiration date from 7/31/2020 to 9/30/2020.
2. **FP – Grant – FY21 Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership (GaPMP) Participation Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 85 participating Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$1,396,800.00 in Federal Funds for the hiring of a parent of a student with a disability to provide support and training to families within the LEA. (Appendix 2)
3. **FP – Grant – FY21 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Supports (GNETS) Allocations.** 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 \$59,203,052 in State/Federal Funds for the purpose of providing children with disabilities who exhibit severe social, emotional/behavioral challenges with educational and therapeutic supports. (Appendix 3)
4. **FP – Grant – FY 21 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Supports (GNETS) Supplemental Instruction Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) at a cost not to exceed \$104,868.00 in State Funds for the purpose of providing teachers with diagnostic data and instructional materials that will be used to enhance and remediate identified academic strengths and weaknesses of students served by GNETS. (Appendix 4)

5. **FP – Grant – FY21 State Allocation-Therapeutic Services Reimbursement for GNETS Fiscal Agents.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to reimburse 11 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) fiscal agents at a cost not to exceed \$846,578.00 in State Funds for covering the costs incurred by GNETS to provide therapeutic counseling services to children with identified significant mental health and behavioral needs. (Appendix 5)
6. **FP – Grant – FY21 Federal Formula Grant Awards.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 223 local educational agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$995,057,905 in Federal Funds for the purpose of awarding annual formula-based allocations under Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title I, Part D Subpart 1; Title I, Part D Subpart 2; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; Title V, Part B; IDEA 611; and IDEA 619. (Appendix 6)
7. **FP – Grant – FY21 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant (McKinney-Vento).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 46 local educational agencies at a cost not to exceed \$3,098,322 in Federal Funds for activities proposed under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education grant. (Appendix 7)
8. **FP – Grant – FY21 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Continuation Awards.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 123 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) programs at a cost not to exceed \$37,450,992.00 in Federal Funds for continuation of non-school hour 21st CCLC programs. (Appendix 8)
9. **FP – Grant – FY21 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Renewal Awards.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to eleven 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) programs at a cost not to exceed \$3,697,272.00 in Federal Funds for renewal of non-school hour 21st CCLC programs. (Appendix 9)
10. **FBO – Authorization to Issue Bonds.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted the resolution authorizing the State School Superintendent to take the appropriate actions necessary for the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to issue a total of \$383,575,000 in general obligation bonds on behalf of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). (Appendix 10)
11. **PFEA – Grant Amendment– Residential Treatment Facilities Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with 20 Residential Treatment Facilities by the amount of \$855,231 for a cost not to exceed \$6,219,657 in State Funds for the purpose of educating students in these facilities. (Appendix 11)

12. **PFEA – Grant – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Allocations to School Districts.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to school districts at a cost not to exceed \$15,866,211 in Federal Funds for school districts to offset expenses related to COVID-19. (Appendix 12)
13. **SI – Grant – FY21 RESA Supplemental Grants.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 16 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) at a cost not to exceed 16,367,868 in State/Federal Funds for School Improvement Specialists, Educational Technology Services, Mathematics Mentors, English Language Arts Specialists, School Climate Specialists, Wraparound Specialists, Growing Readers, a School Improvement Resource Design Project Manager, and a Subgroup Project Manager. (Appendix 13)
14. **SI – Contract – FY21 Governor’s Office of Student Achievement – Graduate Ready to Attain Success in Postsecondary (GRASP) Program.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) at a cost not to exceed \$960,000 in State Funds for one additional counselor at 9 identified high schools to support a limited caseload of at-risk students in achieving academic, personal/social, and career development success.
15. **TL – Grant – FY21 State and CARES Act Agricultural Education Grants.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the attached list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$11,146,696 (\$10,358,287 in State Funds and \$788,409 in CARES Act Funds) for Agricultural Education Programs. (Appendix 14)
16. **TL – Grant – FY21 Construction-Related Equipment Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the attached list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$7,730,250 in Other Funds for the purpose of CTAE Construction-Related Equipment Grants for Middle and High School Programs.
17. **TL – Contract – FY21 Federal High School Program Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) – CTAE Resource Network (CTAERN).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with CTAERN at a cost not to exceed \$1,413,962.00 in Federal Funds for facilitating professional development opportunities as defined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
18. **TL – Grant – FY21 Federal High School Program Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the attached list of Local Education Agencies

(LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$18,150,071 in Federal Funds for CTAE High School programs. (Appendix 15)

19. **TL – Grant – FY21 State and CARES Act High School Program Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the attached list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$14,897,523 (\$13,876,585 in State Funds and \$1,020,938 in CARES Act Funds) for the purpose of CTAE High School Programs. (Appendix 16)
20. **TL - Contract Amendment - Learning Management System (LMS) - Instructure, Inc.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract by \$265,000 with Instructure for Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) for additional seats as necessary to support an anticipated increase in Georgia Virtual School (GaVS) enrollment at a total cost not to exceed \$517,125.
21. **TL – Other - Smokey Powell Center FY21 Plan and Budget.** The State Board of Education approved the FY21 Smokey Powell Center plan and budget in the amount of \$201,800.
22. **TL – Contract – Evaluation for Continuous Improvement Contract for the Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading 2019 (L4GA 2019) Grant (Georgia State University).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of Georgia State University at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 in Federal Funds for evaluation of the overall impact of the Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading 2019 (L4GA 2019) grant program on student achievement.
23. **TL – Contract – Evaluation of Systems Contract for the Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading 2019 (L4GA 2019) Grant (Georgia Tech Research Corporation).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Georgia Tech Research Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 in Federal Funds for the evaluation of systems of the Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading 2019 (L4GA 2019) grant program on student achievement.
24. **TS - Contract Renewal - FY21 Computer AID, Inc.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to renew a contract with Computer AID, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$4,100,000 in State/Federal funds for Temporary IT Staffing.
25. **TS – Contract – Georgia Technology Authority (Updated 7-22-20).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) using prior approved CARES Act funding for the purpose of utilizing GTA’s telecommunication contracts and professional services not to exceed \$2,145,000.

26. **TS – Contract – Winegard (Updated 7-22-20).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Winegard at a cost not to exceed \$735,000 in Federal Funds for the purchase of up to 3000 mobile wireless transmitters to connect students in areas that are unserved by wireline internet service providers.
27. **FBO - \$50,000.01 - \$250,000 Recurring Contracts List.** 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 17)
28. **PFEA – Special Needs Scholarship Program- 2020-2021 Private School List.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) authorized the private schools listed in Attachment A to participate in the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program for the 2020- 2021 school year. (Appendix 18)
29. **PFEA – Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) Contract Amendments.** The State Board of Education approved the Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) contract amendments for the systems identified in the attached list to add additional waivers to the SWSS contract.
30. **State Board Meeting – June 18, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 18, 2020 State Board meeting.
31. **Executive Session Meeting – June 18, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 18, 2020 Executive Session meeting.
32. **Called State Board Meeting – June 30, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 30, 2020 Called State Board meeting.
33. **Called Executive Session Meeting – June 30, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 30, 2020 Executive Session meeting.
34. **Case Number 2020-24. V.L. vs Gwinnett County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-24.
35. **Legal.** The State Board of Education approved the July Legal Report as presented.
36. **Personnel.** The State Board of Education approved the July 2020 Personnel Report as presented.
37. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0001.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0001.

38. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0003.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0003.
39. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0006.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0006.
40. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0008.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0008.
41. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0009.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0009.
42. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0010.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0010.
43. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0011.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0011.
44. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0012.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0012.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

1. **Case Number 2020-23. Tonya Angeli vs Polk 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 #2020-23. Upon motion from Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Mr. Jason Downey, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed as presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:00 p.m., by motion of Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Helen Rice, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo  
Recording Secretary