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

Atlanta, Georgia
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

August 27, 2020
Richard Woods, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

The State Board of Education convened on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

State Board of Education:

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

Others participating: Mr. Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Ms. Shaun Owen, Mr. Rusk Roam, Dr. Kenney Moore, Mr. Matt Cardoza, Ms. Meghan Frick and Ms. Susan Haynes.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order. At 9:05 a.m., by motion of Mr. Mike Long and a second by Mr. Trey Allen, 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 10:00 a.m., by motion of Ms. Martha Zoller and a second by Mr. Jason Downey, 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, August 27, 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. School Improvement Update. Matt Jones, Chief of Staff, discussed the high stakes testing survey responses.

ACTION ITEM

AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Lee Anne Cowart, a unanimous affirmative vote (13-0) was made to approve the Agenda for the August 27, 2020 State Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Mike Long and a second from Mr. Trey Allen, a unanimous affirmative vote (13-1) was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the August 27, 2020, State Board meeting.

1. **AA – Contract – Lexile Measures.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with MetaMetrics, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$97,833 in State Funds for the licensing of Lexile measures based on the reading portion of the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts (ELA) assessments through the Winter 2020 EOC administration.
2. **AA – Contract Renewal – ACCESS for English Language Learners 2.0 (ACCESS for ELLs).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to renew a contract with the University of Wisconsin at a cost not to exceed \$3,880,839 in Federal Funds for the 2020-2021 administration of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.
3. **FP – Grant – FY21 Preschool Disability Services State Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to local educational agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$38,305,599 in State Funds for meeting the needs of preschool children with disabilities. (Appendix 2)
4. **FP – Grant – FY21 State Interagency Grant (Rule 10).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to designated state agencies and selected local educational agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$2,539,213 in State Funds for collaborative Individualized Education Program (IEP) consultants/teachers. (Appendix 3)
5. **FBO – Grant – Commercial Warehouse Storage and Delivery Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to Local Education Agencies (LEA) at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 in Federal Funds for reimbursement of expenses from Commercial Storage and Delivery of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods.

6. **PFEA – Grant – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Supplemental Relief Allocations to Local Education Agencies (LEAs).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$6,000,000 in Federal Funds for LEAs to offset Special Education expenses related to COVID-19. (Appendix 4)
7. **PFEA – Grant – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Allocations to Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to RESAs at a cost not to exceed \$1,180,800.81 in Federal Funds for RESAs to offset expenses related to COVID-19. (Appendix 5)
8. **PFEA – Grant – Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESA) Mental Health Awareness Training.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the 16 RESAs at a cost not to exceed \$800,000 in State Funds for assisting with mental health awareness to support student mental health and well-being. (Appendix 6)
9. **PFEA – Grant – Feminine Hygiene Products for Low-Income Students.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to local school systems on the attached at a cost not to exceed \$300,000 in State Funds to provide feminine hygiene products to low-income students. (Appendix 7)
10. **SI – Grant Amendment– FY21, Title I, Part A, 1003 School Improvement Grants.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with local educational agencies (LEAs) with schools identified as Targeted Support and Improvement and Comprehensive Support and Improvement by the amount of \$95,000 for a cost not to exceed \$18,730,000 in Federal Funds for the purpose of school improvement services. The amendment is requested to include the Performance Learning Center in Richmond allocation of \$75,000, Robert Harvey Elementary School in Dougherty an allocation of \$25,000 and Morgan Road Middle School this month, their allocation of \$20,000. Northside Elementary was no longer Turnaround eligible removing the allocation of \$25,000. (Appendix 8)
11. **TL – Contract – Coastal Plains Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Coastal Plains RESA to receive funds not to exceed \$15,800 in Other Funds for travel costs related to the Mobile Audiology Program providing support services.
12. **TL – Contract – College Board Contract to provide Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) Fall 2020 Administration.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a

contract with College Board at a cost not to exceed \$1,190,000 in State Funds for the October 2020 administration of the Sophomore PSAT.

13. **TL – Grant – Computer Science Professional Learning Module Sub-award.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from Georgia State University (GSU) in the amount of \$60,000.00 in Federal Funds for replicating online teacher professional learning courses for Computer Science (CS), initially created by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and GSU, into our Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) platform.
14. **TL – Contract – College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Contract.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with The College Board at a cost not to exceed \$3,734,130 in State Funds for the May 2021 AP exams.
15. **TL – Grant – Georgia’s ReStart: Embrace, Engage, Expand, and Enhance Learning with Technology (GRE4T).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$18,594,304.00 in Federal Funds for improving professional learning available to leaders and educators on personalized learning, enhancing Georgia Virtual School (GAV) infrastructure, and expanding access to the GAV’s offerings.
16. **TL – Grant Amendment– Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading in Georgia 2019 (L4GA 2019) Grant Amendment.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with selected districts by the amount of \$114,000.00 for a cost not to exceed \$22,215,554.55 in Federal Funds for the purpose of including a grant allocation for Lovejoy Middle School in Clayton County Public Schools. (Appendix 9)
17. **TS – Contract Amendment – Dell Marketing (ADDED 8/21/2020).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with Dell Marketing that was approved at the May 9, 2019 Board meeting to increase the maximum compensation amount from \$104,018.04 in State Funds for Georgia Virtual School’s Dell Marketing Microsoft Campus by adding \$65,442.80 in Other Funds for a total not to exceed \$169,460.84 to add additional subscriptions for the anticipated growth in enrollment due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19.
18. **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 10)
19. **TL - Standards - High School Social Studies Elective Courses (Adoption).** The State Board of Education adopted the Georgia Standards of Excellence for History and

Literature of the Old Testament and History and Literature of the New Testament which will subsequently be added to the State-Funded List of K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses.

20. **TL - Standards - Workforce Ready Career Pathway (Public Comment)**. The State Board of Education granted permission for the posting of the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Workforce Ready Career Pathway courses for public review and comment.
21. **TL – Standards - Revision K-12 Health Education Standards of Excellence (Public Comment)**. The State Board of Education granted permission for the posting of the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Health Education for public review and comment.
22. **AA- State Board Rule - 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS – STUDENT ASSESSMENT (Initiation)**. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-3-1-.07 Testing Programs – Student Assessment.
23. **TL- State Board Rule - 160-4-2-.34 Dual Enrollment (Initiation)**. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.34 Dual Enrollment.
24. **TL- State Board Rule - 160-4-2-.32 - Student Support Team (Initiation)**. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.32 Student Support Team.
25. **FP- State Board Rule – 160-4-5-.02 LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs) (Initiation)**. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-4-5-.02 LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs).
26. **FP – FY21 Title I Committee of Practitioners**. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to approve the proposed list of nominees to serve on the Title I Committee of Practitioners to advise the Georgia Department of Education in carrying out its responsibilities as required by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.
27. **GFPE – Appointment to the Board of Directors**. The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Shaunae Motley to the Georgia Foundation for Public Education Board of Directors as provided in O.C.G.A. 20-2-14-1.

28. **PFEA - Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) Contract Amendments.** The State Board of Education approved the Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) contract amendments for Appling County, Bacon County, Berrien County, Burke County, Camden County, Chickamauga City, Cook County, Crisp County, Dalton City, Douglas County, Effingham County, Jenkins County, Johnson County, Meriwether County, Oconee County, Paulding County, Pickens County, Pike County, Pulaski County, Rabun County, Schley County, Screven County, Tattnall County, Taylor County, Valdosta City, Ware County, Whitfield County and Wilkes County school systems to add additional waivers to the SWSS contracts.
29. **PFEA – Waiver Request – State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.34** The State Board of Education approved the waiver request of the applicants on the attached list from Section (5)(a) of State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.34: “where students physically attend classes.” The waiver shall only be for the 2020-2021 school year. (Appendix 11)
30. **PFEA - 2020-2021 Local Board Governance Training Proposals.** The State Board of Education approved, for the 2020-2021 school year, the Local Board Governance Training Providers on the attached list. (Appendix 12)
31. **PFEA – Charter System Amendment – Jasper County Schools.** The State Board of Education approved a charter system contract amendment for Jasper County Schools to extend the charter term to June 30, 2022.
32. **PFEA – Charter School Board Governance Training Providers Amendment.** The State Board of Education approved the addition of Moxley and Associates, LLC to the approved 2020-2021 Charter School Board Governance Training Providers on the attached list. (Appendix 13)
33. **State Board Meeting – July 23, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the July 23, 2020 State Board meeting.
34. **Executive Session Meeting – July 23, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Executive Session meeting.
35. **Legal.** The State Board of Education approved the August Legal Report as presented.
36. **Case Number 2020-31. M.A. vs Gwinnett County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-31.
37. **Case Number 2020-30. T.G. vs Henry County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the dismissal of Case #2020-30.

38. **Case Number 2020-29. Tomica Owens vs DeKalb County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the dismissal of Case #2020-29.
39. **Personnel.** The State Board of Education approved the August 2020 Personnel Report as presented.
40. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0013.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0013.
41. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0015.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0015.
42. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0017.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0017.
43. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0019.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0019.
44. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0020.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0020.
45. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0021.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0021.
46. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0022.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0022.
47. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0023.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0023.
48. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0024.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0024.
49. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0026.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0026.
50. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0027.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0027.

POLICY COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. **AA – State Board of Education Resolution Regarding Georgia Milestones End-of-Course Tests.** State School Superintendent Richard Woods recommended the approval of a Resolution regarding Georgia Milestones End-of-Course Tests. Upon motion from

Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Helen Rice, the State Board of Education adopted the Resolution by a 13-0 unanimous affirmative vote.

**State Board of Education Resolution Regarding
Georgia Milestones End of Course Tests**

Whereas, Governor Brian Kemp signed into law Senate Bill 367 from the 2020 legislative session, which became effective on August 1, 2020; and
Whereas, Senate Bill 367 reduces the number of student assessments; provides for when assessments must be administered; provides for analysis of locally implemented assessments; and removes outdated provisions; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 367 decreases the number of end-of-course assessments required for students in grades nine through 12 to take in order to graduate with a regular high school diploma; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education must adopt and administer, through the Department of Education, one end-of-course assessment for students in grades nine through 12 in each of the four core subjects of English language arts/reading, mathematics, science and social studies, and

Whereas, Senate Bill 367 requires the State Board of Education to determine which end-of-course assessments for students in grades nine through 12 will be administered in each of the four core subjects, and

Whereas, the State Board of Education has determined the following four end-of-course assessments shall be administered to students in grades nine through 12 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year:

- Algebra I or Coordinate Algebra
- American Literature and Composition
- Biology
- US History

Therefore, be it resolved that State School Superintendent Richard Woods and the State Board of Education hereby determine that the end-of-course assessments listed above shall satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 367 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and beyond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the Georgia State Board of Education Seal to be affixed this 27th day of August 2020.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. **Case Number 2020-34. Z.S. vs DeKalb County Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education affirm in part and reverse in part the decision of the local board in Case #2020-34. Upon motion

from Ms. Kinnemore and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed by a vote of 13-1 as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:45 p.m., by motion of Mr. Scott Johnson and a second from Mr. Mike Long, a unanimous affirmative vote (13-0) was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo
Recording Secretary