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

Atlanta, Georgia
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

October 1, 2020
Richard Woods, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

The State Board of Education convened on Thursday, October 1, 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 (via	Mr. Scott Johnson
Dr. Butch Mosely (via	conference call)	Mr. Trey Allen
conference call)	Mr. Mike Royal	Mr. Leonte Benton
Ms. Helen Rice	Ms. Jason Downey	Ms. Phenna Petty
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart	
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Ms. Martha Zoller	

Others attending in-person: Superintendent Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Mr. Rusk Roam and Mr. Matt Cardoza. **Others attending via conferencing:** Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Ms. Shaun Owen, 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.

Guest Recognition

Chairman Scott Sweeney welcomed Superintendent Grant Rivera, Marietta City Schools; Mary Lynn Hoffman; Dr. Marcese Beasley, Superintendent of Clayton County Schools; Superintendent Michelle Taylor, Calhoun City Schools; Ms. Rachel Spates, West Georgia RESA; Mr. Richard Smith, First District RESA; Ms. Debbie Alexander, CSRA RESA; Mr. Steven Miletto, Heart of Georgia RESA; Ms. Joy Hawkins, GOSA Executive Director; Mr. Donovan Head, GOSA Deputy Director and Ms. Jada Dawkins, Clayton County Schools.

Invocation/Pledge to the Flag

Ms. Helen Rice provided the Inspiration and Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Public Hearing

Pursuant to the public notice and posting of the agenda, the Chair asked if there were any comments from the public regarding State Board Rule – 160-4-5-.02 Language Assistance: Program for English Learners (ELs) (Adopt). No one signed up to speak to the rule.

(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, October 1, 2020.

Superintendent's and Chair's Report

Superintendent's Report

1. RESA CARES Act Report – Rachel Spates, West Georgia RESA and Richard Smith, First District RESA provided an update on their work with local school districts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Pathways and Postsecondary Success – Matt Jones, Chief of Staff
3. Assessment Challenges – Superintendent Woods invited Superintendent Michelle Taylor, Superintendent Marcese Beasley and Superintendent Grant Rivera to address issues and/or accomplishments at their respective school district during the pandemic.

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 October 1, 2020 State Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 1, 2020, State Board meeting.

1. **AA – Contract Amendment – Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with Questar Assessment, Inc. that was approved at the June 18, 2020, Board meeting to increase the total maximum compensation amount from \$2,209,586 to \$2,469,036 and change the scope of work.
2. **FP – Grant – FY21 National ESEA Distinguished School Award.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to St. Simons Elementary – Glynn County Schools and Elm Street Elementary School – Coweta County Schools at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 (\$20,000 to each school) in Federal Funds for recognition as Georgia 2021 National ESEA Distinguished Schools.
3. **FP – Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children Consortium Incentive Grants (CIG).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to accept the Consortium Incentive Grants (CIG) award in the amount of \$59,288 from the United States Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education to allow Georgia to continue to participate in the development of innovative state-to-state coordination of service delivery initiatives for migrant children and youth age 0-21.
4. **FBO – Contract Amendment – Comprehensive Management Application for School Nutrition Department.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with PrimeroEdge that was approved at the April 9, 2020 Board meeting to increase the total maximum compensation amount from \$430,160.25 to \$544,049.25.
5. **FBO – Grant – Farm to School Grant Program.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from United States Department of Agriculture In the amount of \$100,000 in Federal Funds for Fueling Georgia with Farm to School professional development workshops.
6. **FBO – Grant – FY 2021 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) July 2020 – September 2020.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 40 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$854,411.00 in Federal Funds for participation in the 2020 – 2021 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
7. **FBO – Grant – FY 2021 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) October 2020 – June 2021.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 40 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$4,346,302.00 in Federal Funds for participation in the 2020 – 2021 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
8. **PFEA - FY21 Charter Schools Facilities Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the attached list of charter

schools at a cost not to exceed \$3,396,000 in State Funds for the Charter Schools Facilities Grant.

9. **SI – Contract – FY21 Communities In Schools of Georgia.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Communities In Schools (CIS) of Georgia at a cost not to exceed \$90,516 in State Funds for a system of integrated student supports focused on increasing attendance, improving behavior and course performance, and engaging families to address basic needs in six Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools: Robert Harvey Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Alice Coachman Elementary School, and Radium Springs Middle School in Dougherty County as well as Dooly County K-8 Academy and Dooly County High School.
10. **TL – Contract – Certiport.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Certiport at a cost not to exceed \$288,750 in Other Funds for certification practice exams for Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) in Georgia public high schools.
11. **TL – Contract Renewal – Department of Public Health (DPH) to the Georgia Parent Infant Network for Educational Services (Georgia PINES).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to renew a contract with the DPH to receive \$44,075 in State Funds for the Georgia Parent Network for Educational Services (Georgia PINES)/Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) for the provision of Early Hearing Orientation Services (EHOS) services to children with a hearing loss..
12. **TL – Contract – University of Georgia (UGA).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with UGA to receive funds not to exceed \$10,000.00 in State Funds to provide services for “In-Home Sensory Impaired Training and Education” (INSITE) Program training for new and existing Georgia PINES Early Intervention Specialists who serve infants/toddlers with dual sensory loss.
13. **TL – Contract Amendment – College Board Contract to provide the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) Fall 2020 Administration.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with College Board that was approved at the August 27, 2020, Board meeting to add the PSAT administration date of January 26, 2021, to the already approved dates of October 14, 2020, and October 29, 2020.
14. **TL – Grant – FY20 Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) State Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of \$9,000,000 in Federal Funds to (1) increase awareness of mental health issues among

school-aged youth, (2) provide training to school staff and community members on identifying signs and symptoms of mental health concerns in school-aged youth, and (3) connect school-aged youth with mental health concerns and their families to the necessary supports.

15. **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.
16. **TL - Standards - Workforce Ready Career Pathway (Adoption).** The State Board of Education adopted the Georgia Standards of Excellence for Workforce Ready Career Pathway courses which will subsequently be added to the State-Funded List of K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses.
17. **PFEA - Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) Contract Amendments.** The State Board of Education approved the Strategic Waivers School Systems (SWSS) contract amendments for Clinch County, Lowndes County, Worth County, Brantley County, Cook County and Ware County.
18. **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.
19. **State Board Meeting – August 27, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 27, 2020 State Board meeting.
20. **Executive Session Meeting – August 27, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 27, 2020 Executive Session meeting.
21. **Legal.** The State Board of Education approved the September Legal Report as presented.
22. **Case Number 2020-35. Lakeisha Griffith vs DeKalb County Board of Education.** The State Board of Education affirmed the decision of the local board in Case #2020-35.
23. **Personnel.** The State Board of Education approved the September 2020 Personnel Report as presented.
24. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0031.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0031.

25. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0032.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0032.
26. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0033.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0033.
27. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0034.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0034.
28. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0035.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0035.
29. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0037.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0037.
30. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0038.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0038.
31. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0039.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0039.
32. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0040.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0040.
33. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0041.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0041.
34. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0043.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0043.
35. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0044.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0044.

BUDGET COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. **AA – Contract Amendment – Georgia Milestones Assessment System.** State School Superintendent Richard Woods recommended the approval to amend the contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) that was approved at the June 30th meeting to increase the total maximum compensation amount from \$7,508,980 to \$17,326,702 and change the expiration date. Following much discussion, motion was made by Ms. Martha Zoller and seconded by Ms. Helen Rice. The State Board unanimously approved the recommendation with a 12-0 affirmative vote.

POLICY COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. **FP - State Board Rule – 160-4-5-.02 Language Assistance: Program for English Learners (ELs) (Adoption).** State School Superintendent Richard Woods recommended the State Board of Education adopted the State Board of Education adopt the amendment to State Board of Education Rule 160-4-5-.02 LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS (ELs). Upon motion from Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the State Board of Education the State Board of Education unanimously affirmed the recommendation as presented with a 12-0 vote.
2. **TL- State Board Rule - 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score (INITIATE).** State School Superintendent recommended initiating rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score. The amendment will provide that the EOC percentage weight to be included in a student’s final grade in the course assessed by the Georgia Milestones EOC be reduced to .01% for the 2020-2021 school year, in recognition of the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, families, and educators. Following much discussion and motion, the State Board voted (8 No/4 Yes) to deny the recommendation.

After the denial of the recommendation by the State School Superintendent, the State Board of Education, upon motion from Mr. Trey Allen and a second from Mr. Mike Royal recommended initiating rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score. The amendment will provide that the EOC percentage weight to be included in a student’s final grade in the course assessed by the Georgia Milestones EOC be reduced to 10% for the 2020-2021 school year. Following much discussion and motion, the State Board voted (3 No/9 Yes) to affirm the recommendation as presented

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. **Case Number 2020-32. R.P. vs Cobb County Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education remand with instructions the decision of the local board in Case #2020-32. Upon motion from Ms. Kinnemore and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed by a vote of 12-0 as presented.
2. **Case Number 2020-33. X.C. vs Atlanta Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education reverse the decision of the local board in Case #2020-33. Upon motion from Ms. Kinnemore and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed by a vote of 12-0 as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:45 p.m., by motion of Mr. Scott Johnson and a second from Mr. Mike Long, a unanimous affirmative vote (12-0) was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo
Recording Secretary