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

Atlanta, Georgia
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

October 15, 2020
Richard Woods, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

The State Board of Education convened a called meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, via conference call at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.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	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart	Mr. Leonte Benton
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Martha Zoller	Ms. Phenna Petty
Mr. Kenneth Mason		

Others participating via teleconference: Mr. Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Mr. Rusk Roam, Mr. Keith Osburn, Mr. Bob Swiggum, Ms. Shaun Owen, Ms. Zolphine Smith Dixon, and Ms. Meghan Frick.

(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 15, 2020, Called State Board Meeting.)

ACTION ITEM

AGENDA

By motion of Ms. Lee Anne Cowart and a second from Ms. Helen Rice, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Agenda for the October 15, 2020, called State Board meeting.

1. **FP – Grant – Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities--Improving Retention of Special Education Teachers and Early Intervention Personnel.** A motion was made by Ms. Lisa Kinnemore and a second from Ms. Helen Rice. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs in the amount of \$500,000 per year for up to five years (\$2,500,000 – total) in Federal Funds for addressing the retention of special education teachers and Early Intervention Providers.

2. **TS – Grant – Accept Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funding to support K-12 Internet Access.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from Office of Planning and Budget In the amount of \$29,300,000 in Other Funds for supporting student connectivity by providing schools with more options to connect students to the internet this academic year.
3. **TS – Contract – Department of Community Affairs.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into an interagency contract with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) so as to sub-grant \$10,053,000 in State Funds through the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Act funding for the purpose of fulfilling Governor Kemp’s initiatives to support K-12 by providing Internet access in additional areas such as low income housing and to support social distanced learning locations.
4. **TS – Contract Amendment – K12 Network.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (BOR), that was approved at the June 18, 2020 State Board meeting, to increase the amount from \$4,141,939 to \$13,455,939 in State and other funds for maintenance and upgrades related to the K-12 Statewide Network.
5. **TS – Contract – Georgia Technology Authority.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) using prior approved Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding for the purpose of utilizing GTA’s telecommunication contracts and professional services not to exceed \$9,933,000.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m., by motion of and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November, 19, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo
Recording Secretary