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

Atlanta, Georgia  
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

November 18-19, 2020  
Richard Woods, Superintendent

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order. At 11:05 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.

The State Board of Education convened on Thursday, November 19, 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	Ms. Jason Downey	Mr. Leonte Benton
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart	Ms. Phenna Petty
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Ms. Martha Zoller	

Others attending in-person: Superintendent Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Mr. Matt Cardoza. Others attending via conferencing: Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Dr. Allison Timberlake, Ms. Shaun Owen, Dr. Kenney Moore, Mr. Rusk Roam, Ms. Meghan Frick and Ms. Susan Haynes.

At 9:05 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 Mr. Brian Sirmans, Lanier County Schools; Mr. John Floresto, Cobb County Schools; Dr. Katherine Wolenda, Walton High School; Ms. Tina Link, Walton High School; Ms. Whitaker, parent and student advocate; Mr. Craig Harper, PAGE; Ms. Joy Hawkins, GOSA Executive Director; and Mr. Donovan Head, GOSA Deputy Director.

### **Invocation/Pledge to the Flag**

Ms. Lee Anne Cowart provided the 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 - Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score. Mr. Brian Sirmans, Lanier County Schools; Mr. John Floresto, Cobb County Schools; Dr. Katherine Wolenda, Walton High School; Ms. Tina Link, Walton High School; Ms. Whitaker, parent and student advocate; and Mr. Craig Harper, PAGE, all spoke in affirmation of the Superintendent's .01% weight of the End of Course testing.

*(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, November 19, 2020.*

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

#### **Superintendent's Report**

1. Get Georgia Reading. Dr. Caitlin Dooley provided an update on the Get Georgia Reading campaign.
2. Performance Contracts. Ms. Tiffany Taylor provided an overview of the performance contracts.
3. Reimagining K-12. Mr. Matt Jones presented the Reimagining K-12 framework.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **AGENDA**

By motion of Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Lee Anne Cowart, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Agenda for the November 19, 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 November 19, 2020, State Board meeting.

1. **State Board Meeting – October 1, 2020**. The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the October 1, 2020 State Board meeting.

2. **Executive Session Meeting – October 1, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Executive Session meeting.
3. **Called State Board Meeting – October 15, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Called State Board meeting
4. **Legal.** The State Board of Education approved the November Legal Report as presented.
5. **Personnel.** The State Board of Education approved the November 2020 Personnel Report as presented.
6. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0046.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0046.
7. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0047.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0047.
8. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0048.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0048.
9. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0051.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0051.
10. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0052.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0052.
11. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0054.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0054.
12. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0055.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0055.
13. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0057.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0057.
14. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0058.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0058.
15. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0059.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0059.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

1. **TL- State Board Rule - Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score (AS PRESENTED BUT NOT ADOPTED).** The State Board of Education did not adopt its recommendation of a 10% course grade weight for Georgia Milestones End-of-Course (EOC) exams in 2020-21. Following public hearing and discussion, State Board member Martha Zoller moved to amend the motion on the table and initiate rulemaking procedures to amend the rule to reduce the End-of-Course assessment percentage weight in a student's final grade to .01%, at a minimum, for the 2020-2021 school year. State Board member Leonte Benton seconded Ms. Zoller's amended motion and the State Board approved the amended motion by a vote of 10-3.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

1. **Case Number 2020-33. X.C. vs Atlanta Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education deny reconsideration in Case #2020-33. Upon motion from Ms. Kinnemore and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed as presented.
2. **Case Number 2021-01. Z.E. vs Walton County Board of Education.** Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, Vice Chair of Appeals, recommended the State Board of Education affirm the decision of the local board in Case #2021-01. Upon motion from Ms. Kinnemore and a second from Ms. Martha Zoller, the recommendation was unanimously affirmed 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 was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo  
Recording Secretary