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December 10, 2020

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

Atlanta, Georgia  
Scott Sweeney, Chairman

December 10, 2020  
Richard Woods, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

The State Board of Education convened on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. Chairman Scott Sweeney called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**ATTENDEES**

State Board of Education:

Dr. Butch Mosely (via  
conference call)  
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore  
Mr. Kenneth Mason  
Mr. Scott Sweeney  
Mr. Mike Royal

Mr. Jason Downey  
Ms. Lee Anne Cowart (via  
conference call)  
Ms. Martha Zoller (via  
conference call)

Mr. Scott Johnson  
Mr. Trey Allen  
Mr. Leonte Benton  
Ms. Phenna Petty

Others participating: Mr. Richard Woods, Mr. Matt Jones, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Mr. Rusk Roam, Ms. Tiffany Taylor and Ms. Susan Haynes.

At 11:35 a.m., by motion of Mr. Jason Downey 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 1:00 p.m., by motion of Ms. Mike Royal 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, December 10, 2020, State Board Meeting.)*

**Guest Recognition**

Chairman Scott Sweeney acknowledged guests including Ms. Sally Lynn Nabors, former State Board member; Mr. Donovan Head, Deputy Director, GOSA; Mr. Trevor Cason, Innovative Programs Specialist, GOSA; Mr. Jonathan Wesley Martin, 2017 Governor's Honors Program Alum and UGA Student; Ms. Joy Hawkins, Director, GOSA; and Mr. Richard Smith, First District RESA.

## **Invocation/Pledge**

Ms. Phenna Petty provided the invocation and led in the pledge to the flag.

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

### **Chair's Report**

1. Recognition of Lynn Nabors. Chairman Scott Sweeney
2. Governor's Honors Program Update. Mr. Donovan Head, Mr. Trevor Cason and Mr. Jonathan Wesley Martin.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **AGENDA**

By motion of Mr. Trey Allen and a second from Mr. Jason Downey, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Agenda for the December 10, 2020 State Board meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion of Mr. Jason Downey and a second from Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 10, 2020, State Board meeting.

1. **FP – Grant – FY21 Rural Education Innovation STEM/STEAM Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 7 school districts at a cost not to exceed \$244,714 in Federal Funds for professional learning in collaboration with regional and local community partners to create and develop STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) programs and activities.
2. **FP – Grant – FY21 Title IV, Part A stART Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 13 school districts at a cost not to exceed \$200,000 in Federal Funds for supplemental arts education and programming grants.
3. **FP – Grant – FY21 Title III, Part A Immigrant Grant Awards.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to local education agencies at a cost not to exceed \$825,313.00 in Federal Funds for the provision of supplemental services to immigrant children and youth and their families, and to build capacity in school personnel that work with them.

4. **FP – Grant – FY21 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Continuation Awards Amendment.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with Title IV, Part B, 21st CCLC by the amount of \$142,209 for a cost not to exceed \$37,593,201 in Federal Funds for the purpose of reinstating grant funds that were reduced in FY20 for six (6) subgrantees in accordance with 21st CCLC attendance-based funding reductions.
5. **FP – FY21 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Renewal Awards Amendment.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with Title IV, Part B, 21st CCLC by the amount of \$30,027 for a cost not to exceed \$3,727,299 in Federal Funds for the purpose of reinstating grant funds that were reduced in FY20 for one (1) subgrantee in accordance with 21st CCLC attendance-based funding reductions.
6. **FP – Contract – Retention of Teachers and Early Intervention Providers, Center for Leadership in Disability, Georgia State University.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Center for Leadership in Disability, Georgia State University at a cost not to exceed \$200,028.00 in Federal Funds for the retention of Early Intervention providers to support children with disabilities.
7. **FP – Contract – FY21 Garrett Consulting, LLC Contract for Retention of Special Education Teachers Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Garrett Consulting, LLC. at a cost not to exceed \$41,250.00 in Federal Funds for the retention of Teachers and Early Intervention providers to support children with disabilities.
8. **FP – Contract – Retention of Special Education Teachers and Early Intervention Providers, American Institutes of Research, Great Teachers and Leaders Center.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with American Institutes of Research, Great Teachers and Leaders Center at a cost not to exceed \$84,979.00 in Federal Funds for the retention of Teachers and Early Intervention providers to support children with disabilities.
9. **FP – Contract – FY21 Contract with Parent to Parent of Georgia.** The State Board of Education authorized the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Parent to Parent of Georgia at a cost not to exceed \$58,000.00 in Federal Funds for the provision of information, technical assistance, and training to parents of children with disabilities.
10. **FP – Grant – State Personnel Development Grant - Sub Grant Capacity Building Allocations.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) Cohort Districts at a cost

not to exceed \$180,000.00 in Federal Funds for SPDG Capacity Building Allocations to cohort districts and schools.

11. **FBO – Grant – No Kid Hungry Campaign.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from Share Our Strength’s No Kid Hungry Campaign in the amount of \$115,000 in Other Funds for strengthening the capacities of school nutrition professionals supporting culinary skills to meet the nutritional needs of Georgia’s students.
12. **FBO – Grant – Team Nutrition Training.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to receive a grant from United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$193,141 in Federal Funds for Fueling Georgia with Quality Meals.
13. **PFEA – Grant – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Allocations to New and Expanding State Charter Schools.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to new or significantly expanded state charter schools at a cost not to exceed \$352,864 in Federal Funds to offset expenses related to COVID-19.
14. **SI – Contract – FY21 Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) – 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 GOSA at a cost not to exceed \$960,000 in State Funds to provide for one (1) additional counselor at nine (9) identified high schools to support a limited caseload of at-risk students in achieving academic, personal/social, and career development success, and for one (1) GRASP program specialist to provide training, coaching, and oversight of the program.
15. **TL – Contract – Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center (GYSTC) Contract.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with GYSTC at a cost not to exceed \$290,700.00 in State Funds for providing quality programs for teachers of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects that improve the teaching and learning process at the K-8 levels.
16. **TL – Grant Amendment - FY21 Construction Related Equipment Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with the attached list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) by the amount of -\$21,750 for a cost not to exceed \$7,708,500 in Other Funds for the purpose of CTAE Construction-Related Equipment Grants for Middle and High School Programs.

17. **TL – Grant Amendment– FY21 Agricultural Education Grants.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with the attached list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) by the amount of -\$27,717 for a cost not to exceed \$11,118,979 in State/Federal Funds for the purpose of Agricultural Education Programs.
18. **TL – Grant – FY20 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 \$1,495,594 in Other Funds for the purpose of CTAE Construction-Related High School Programs.
19. **TL – Grant Amendment– FY21 State High School Program Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with the attached list of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) by the amount of \$0 for a cost not to exceed \$14,897,523 in State/Federal Funds for the purpose of CTAE School Programs.
20. **TL – Contract – Project Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education (AWARE) Contract with Georgia State University (GSU) Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with GSU CLD at a cost not to exceed \$152,080 in Federal Funds for evaluation activities, providing universal behavior screening, Spanish Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training, Spanish interpretation and translation, and creating a Georgia school-based mental health manual with best practices, resources, and lessons learned.
21. **TL – Contract – Project Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (AWARE) - National Council for Behavioral Health.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with National Council for Behavioral Health at a cost not to exceed \$64,200 in Federal Funds for providing Mental Health training in the districts served by the AWARE project.
22. **TL – Grant – FY21 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant—Project Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education (AWARE).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to three (3) Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$1,080,000 in Federal Funds for the SAMHSA project for building and expanding the capacity of State Educational Agencies in creating awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth, provide training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect, respond to mental health issues, and connect school-aged youth, who may have behavioral health issues and their families to needed services.

- 23. TL – Contract – Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) to receive funds not to exceed \$9,000 in Other Funds to provide meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) to 14 GVRA students who live on the GVRA training campus in Cave Spring, Georgia for a period of not more than 3 months starting January 2021.
- 24. TL – Contract – Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP).** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with GaFCP at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 in Federal Funds for professional learning for Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading in GA (L4GA) districts developing their community partnerships.
- 25. TL – Grant – Computer Science for Georgia (CS4GA) Computer Science Capacity Grant.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 31 school systems at a cost not to exceed \$645,000 in State Funds for Computer Science (CS) teacher capacity development.
- 26. TS – Contract Amendment – Elucidat.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with Elucidat, approved on January 21, 2020, to increase the maximum compensation amount from \$18,533.36 for a total not to exceed \$60,633.36 in Other funds to support the increase in usage of Georgia Virtual School's (GaVS) shared resources directly related to our COVID-19 response and support.
- 27. TS - Contract Renewal - FY21 Dell Computer Corporation - Microsoft Licensing.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to renew a contract with Dell Computer Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$622,821 in State Funds for product licensing to support the agency's technology infrastructure and productivity applications.
- 28. WCS - Contract – Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Office of Behavioral Health and Prevention.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the DBHDD Office of Behavioral Health Prevention (OBHP) and Federal Grants to receive funds not to exceed \$511,500 in State Funds to provide Sources of Strength implementation in Georgia schools in order to support districts in communities identified by DBHDD as most impacted by the opioid crisis.
- 29. 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.

30. **PFEA - State Charter Schools Commission Appointment.** The State Board of Education approved the appointment of Mr. John Anthony Lowden to the State Charter Schools Commission for the term of office ending January 16, 2022.
31. **PFEA – Start-Up State Charter School – Northwest Classical Academy.** The State Board of Education affirmed the State Charter Schools Commission’s grant of a five-year charter contract to Northwest Classical Academy.
32. **2021 State Board of Education Meeting Calendar.** The State Board of Education adopted the 2021 State Board Meetings Calendar.
33. **State Board Meeting – November 19, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the November 19, 2020 State Board meeting.
34. **Executive Session Meeting – November 18, 2020.** The State Board of Education approved the minutes of the November 18, 2020 Executive Session meeting.
35. **Legal.** The State Board of Education approved the December Legal Report as presented.
36. **Personnel.** The State Board of Education approved the August 2020 Personnel Report as presented.
37. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0045.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0045.
38. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0061.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0061.
39. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0062.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0062.
40. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0063.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0063.
41. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0064.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0064.
42. **EAP - Individual Student Waiver - Case # 21-0068.** The State Board of Education approved Individual Student Waiver Case #21-0068.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE ITEMS**

1. **FBO – Contract - Voluntary Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant.** State School Superintendent Richard Woods recommended the approval of **FBO – Contract - Voluntary Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant.** Upon motion from Mr. Mike Royal and a second from Ms. Phenna Petty, the State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with a vendor to be named at a cost not to exceed an amount to be disclosed in Federal Funds for the purpose of administering the Voluntary Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant Program.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:00 p.m., by motion of Mr. Jason Downey and a second from Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, a unanimous affirmative vote (13-0) was given to adjourn. The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo  
Recording Secretary