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

**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Ms. Barbara Hampton, Chairperson**

**January 11 & 12, 2012**  
**Dr. John Barge, Superintendent**

On January 11 & 12, 2012, the State Board of Education assembled to consider its committee work, conduct its public hearings, and take action on official business.

**Roll Call - Committee of the Whole**

January 11, 2012

Ms. Linda Zechmann	Mr. Mike Royal	Dr. J. Grant Lewis
Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale	Ms. Wanda Barrs	Mr. Allen Rice
Ms. Helen Odom Rice	Mr. Larry Winter	Dr. Mary Sue Murray
Ms. Barbara Hampton	Mr. Brian Burdette	

Absent: Mr. Daniel Israel, Mr. Kenneth Mason

On January 11, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., the Budget Committee, Charter Committee, and Rules/Policy Committee met to consider State Board items to be presented to the Committee of the Whole.

On January 11, 2012, pursuant to the public hearing notice and posting of the agenda, Ms. Hampton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Chair asked if there were any comments the public would like to make regarding the following rule:

**Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers**

**Rule 160-4-2-.20 LIST OF STATE-FUNDED K-8 SUBJECTS AND 9-12 COURSES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING NINTH GRADE IN 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

There were no speakers. At 1:10 p.m., by motion of Ms. Rice, seconded by Dr. Ragsdale, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing waivers, appeals, legal and personnel matters.

At 2:35 p.m., by motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Dr. Lewis, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to come out of Executive Session.

With recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, Thursday's action agenda was created. The Chair with consent from the Board members and the Superintendent moved to the Superintendent's Report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. **RT3 Update.** An update was given by Theresa MacCartney, Deputy Superintendent, Race To The Top.
2. **Technology.** An update on LDS was given by Bob Swiggum, Chief Information Officer.

3. **Special Recognition** –Mr. Wayne Reese was recognized for his support of International Education and Economic Development.
4. **Special Presentation** –Ms. Wanda Barrs was recognized for her years of serving as Chair of the State Board of Education.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

1. **Lake Oconee Academy** – A progress report regarding the Lake Oconee Academy Charter School was given by Mr. Otho Tucker, CEO., Lake Oconee Academy.

**Roll Call – State Board meeting**

January 12, 2012

Ms. Linda Zechmann  
 Dr. Elisabeth Ragsdale  
 Ms. Helen Rice

Ms. Barbara Hampton  
 Ms. Wanda Barrs  
 Mr. Larry Winter

Mr. Brian Burdette  
 Dr. J. Grant Lewis  
 Mr. Allen Rice  
 Dr. Mary Sue Murray

Absent: Mr. Daniel Israel, Mr. Kenneth Mason, Mr. Mike Royal

At 8:00 a.m. the Chair called the meeting to order.

**Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Mary Sue Murray gave the inspiration and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEMS**

*(Please note that the items in their entirety, with backup material and attachments, can be found on the State Board of Education’s E-Board website, January 11, 2012 State Board Meeting.)*

**AGENDA**

By motion of Ms. Rice, seconded by Dr. Murray, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2012 State Board Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Ms. Rice, a unanimous-vote was given to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 12, 2012 State Board Meeting.

1. **Grant – FY12 Even Start Family Literacy Program Budget Amendment.**  
Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the budgets of five Even Start programs, through the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), increasing the overall budget by \$300,444.81 to an amount not exceed \$992,322.81 in Federal Funds.
2. **Contract – Contract for the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.**  
Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$92,000 in Federal Funds for the evaluation of SES providers in 2011-2012.
3. **Grant – Title I, Part A, 1003(a) RESA School Improvement Grants FY12 – Amendment.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant with two Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) by the amount of \$287,000 for a cost not to exceed \$4, 296,250 in Federal Funds for the purpose of school improvement services to Title I schools in Needs Improvement levels 1-3. (Metro RESA and Southwest Georgia RESA)
4. **Grant – Title I, Part A, 1003(a) School Improvement Grants FY12.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$12,215,000 in Federal Funds for school improvement services. (See Appendix 1)
5. **Grant – FY12 National Title I Distinguished Schools Award.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to two National Title I Distinguished Schools, Fayette County-Fayette Middle School and Brooks County-Brooks County Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 in Federal Funds for making the greatest gains in closing the achievement gap and/or exceeding the school's adequate yearly progress for two or more years.
6. **Grant – FY12 Title I Distinguished Schools Award.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant in the amount of \$868,054 for FY12 Title I Distinguished Schools making eight or more consecutive years of AYP. (See Appendix 2)
7. **Grant – FY12 Title I Distinguished Districts Grant Award.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to four Title I Distinguished Districts Spalding County, Carrollton City, Ben Hill County, and Chickamauga City at a cost not to exceed \$200,000 in Federal Funds for making the greatest gains in closing the achievement gap.
8. **Contract – Advanced Placement Exam Contract with The College Board.**  
Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with The College Board at a cost not to exceed \$993,605 in State Funds for administering, scoring, and reporting of Advanced Placement exams in May of 2012. This amount reflects what is currently remaining in the budget; however, estimates suggest additional funds will be needed to cover costs.

9. **Contract – Race To The Top Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the Georgia Growth Model.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment (NCIEA) at a cost not to exceed \$365,625 in Federal Funds for technical assistance with the implementation of the Georgia Growth Model.
10. **Grant – Resource Reallocation Support Grants to LEAs.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to five local education agencies (LEAs), Dougherty County, Fulton County, Hall County, Treutlen County, and Vidalia City Schools, at a cost not to exceed \$475,000 in Federal Funds for implementing Georgia’s Race To The Top (RT3) resource allocation support project.
11. **State Board Rule – 160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS (Repeal).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to repeal State board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS.
12. **State Board Rule – 160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS (Initiation).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Act so as to change State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS.
13. **State Board Rule 160-5-3-.01 PURCHASES OF SCHOOL BUSES (Initiation).** Authorized the State Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-5-3-.01 PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES.
14. **Warren County Waiver Request for State Board Rule 160-5-4-.15(2)(c): Purchasing of Plans and Specifications for Public School Construction.** Approved a waiver of State Board Rule 160-5-4-.15(2)(c) for the Freeman Elementary School roofing project.
15. **System Waivers – Bus Drivers.** Approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244 for local education agencies (LEAs): Charlton, Thomas, and Webster.
16. **Waiver – Statewide Passing Score – Clarke County Schools.** Approved, for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014, school years a waiver of specified portions of SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score to allow Clarke County Schools to implement standards-based report cards in the fourth and fifth grades.
17. **Title 20 Waiver – Electronic Communication Devices.** Approved, for the 2011-2012, school year the Title 20 requests for a waiver of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1183 Possession of Electronic Communication Devices for Cherokee County Schools and Hall County Schools as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.

18. **Systems Waiver – Personnel Required – Jefferson County Schools.** Approved, for the 2011-2012, school year, the Jefferson County School System’s waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22 Personnel Required and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-180 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
19. **School Improvement Contracts to Support State-Directed Schools in Needs Improvement.** Accepted the Improvement Contracts for the following Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for state-directed schools: Atlanta Public Schools-Parks Middle, Gideons Elementary, Dobbs Elementary; Bibb County-Westside High Schools; Calhoun County-Calhoun County Middle High School; Clarke County-Cedar Shoals High School, Clarke Central High School; Cobb County-Osborne High School; Coffee County-George Washington Carver Freshman Academy, Coffee County High School; Colquitt County-Colquitt County High School; Dublin City-Dublin City High School; Grady County-Cairo High School; Haralson County-Haralson County Middle School; Madison County-Madison County High School; Richmond County-Hepzibah High School; Sumter County-Americus Sumter County High School North, Americus Sumter County High School South; Talbot County-Central Elementary/High School; Terrell County-Terrell County High School; Valdosta City-Valdosta High School.
20. **The Center for Working Families 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program Withdrawal.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to accept the voluntary withdrawal of The Center for Working Families from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant program, effective December 5, 2011.
21. **Grant – Federal Charter Schools Program Dissemination Grant.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to Lake Oconee Academy, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 in Federal Funds from the Federal Charter School Program grant, for the dissemination of Lake Oconee Academy’s student achievement best practices.
22. **Charter System Contract Amendment – Marietta City Schools.** Approved a charter amendment for Marietta City Schools to include Sawyer Road Elementary School, a conversion charter school, as part of their charter system contract.
23. **Contract – K-12 Network Contract Renewal.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with AT&T at a cost not to exceed \$3,431,639 in State Funds for maintenance and upgrades related to the K-12 Statewide Network.
24. **November 9 & 10, 2011 State Board Minutes.** Approved the minutes of the November 9 & 10, 2011 State Board Meeting.
25. **November 9, 2011 Called Meeting: IN RE: Suspension Hearing of the Board of Members of the Board of Education of the Atlanta Public School System.** Approved the minutes of the November 9, 2011 Called Meeting: IN RE: Suspension Hearing of the Board Members of the Board of Education of the Atlanta City Public School System.
26. **November 28, 2011 Called State Board Meeting.** Approved the minutes of the November 28, 2011 Called State Board Meeting.

27. **November 28, 2011 Called Meeting: IN RE: Suspension Hearing of the Board of Members of the Miller County Board of Education.** Approved the minutes of the November 28, 2011 Called Meeting: IN RE: Suspension Hearing of the Board of Members of the Miller County Board of Education.
28. **December 9, 2011 Called State Board Meeting.** Approved the minutes of the December 9, 2011 Called State Board Meeting.
29. **Personnel Actions.** Approved the January 2012 Personnel Actions as presented by the State Superintendent of Schools.
30. **Case No. 2012-08. Lynette Swint v. Clayton County Board of Education.** Sustained the decision of the Local Board
31. **Case No. 2012-09. Dee Dee Bergbreiter v. Rabun County Board of Education.** Sustained the decision of the Local Board.
32. **Case No. 2012-10. Joni Howard-Skipper v. Atlanta Independent School System.** Sustained the decision of the Local Board.
33. **Case No. 2012-11. E.H. v. Bartow County Board of Education.** Dismissed the Appeal.
34. **Case No. 2012-12. E.H. v. Bartow County Board of Education.** Dismissed the Appeal.
35. **Case No. 2012-13. Rosa Johnson v. Fulton County Board of Education.** Sustained the decision of the Local Board.
36. **Case No. 2012-15. C.S. v. Habersham County Board of Education.** Sustained the decision of the Local Board.
37. **Case No. 2012-16. Angel Goddard v. Clayton County Board of Education.** Sustained the decision of the Local Board.

38. **Variance Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests or the Georgia High School Writing Test.** Approved the requests for a variance of the identified portions(s) of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHS WT) for the following cases:

**Social Studies:** 12-0401, 12-0416, 12-0458, 12-0460, 12-0466, 12-0501, 12-0528, 12-0541, 12-0543, 12-0549, 12-0569, 12-0575, 12-0576, 12-0577, 12-0583, 12-0584, 12-0586

**Science:** 12-0399, 12-0417, 12-0448, 12-0449, 12-0450, 12-0452, 12-0453, 12-0454, 12-0455, 12-0459, 12-0461, 12-0462, 12-0463, 12-0464, 12-0479, 12-0480, 12-0483, 12-0493, 12-0494, 12-0503, 12-0504, 12-0525, 12-0526, 12-0527, 12-0259, 12-0542, 12-0544, 12-0545, 12-0546, 12-0550, 12-0551, 12-0552, 12-0553, 12-0567, 12-0568, 12-0570, 12-0571, 12-0572, 12-0573, 12-0574, 12-0578, 12-0582, 12-0585, 12-0597, 12-0605

**Mathematics:** 12-0400, 12-0418, 12-0451, 12-0456, 12-0457, 12-0517, 12-0548

**Writing:** 12-0524, 12-0530, 12-0547

**English/Language Arts:** n/a

39. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in English Language Arts.** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for English Language Arts for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0331	Approve	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0352R	Approve	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0354	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0362E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0368E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0392	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0419E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0427E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0428E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0429E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0433E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0433	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0469E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0478	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts



40. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in Mathematics.** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0334	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0335	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0352M	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
12-0353M	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0367	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0368M	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
12-0384	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
12-0395	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0405M	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
12-415M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0423M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0424	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0427M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0431	Approve	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
12-0440M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0468M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0469M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0470M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0474M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0486	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics

41. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in Science.** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Science for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0312	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0323	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0333	Approve	Hardship	Science
12-0350SC	Approve	Disability	Science
12-0353SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0368SC	Approve	Disability	Science
12-0405SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0406SC	Approve	Disability	Science
12-0407	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0410SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science
12-0414	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0415SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0423SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0427SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0430	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0435	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0440SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0447SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0469SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0472SC	Approve	Hardship	Science
12-0473SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0490	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science

42. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) in Social Studies.** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) for Social Studies for the students listed below:

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Area(s) of Request</b>
12-0256	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0322	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0324	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0326	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0327	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0328	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0239	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0330	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0336	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0347	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0348	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0355	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0356	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0357	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0359	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0361SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0364	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0366SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0368SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0379	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0381	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0383	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0393	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0394	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0397	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0402	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0403	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0405SS	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0406SS	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0415SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0419SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0420	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0421	Approve	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0427SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0428SS	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0429SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0432	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0436	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0437	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0438	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0440SS	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0441	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0442	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0444	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0445	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0447SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0468SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0469SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0470SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0472SS	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0473SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0474SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0477	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0485	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0488	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0489	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0491	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0510SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies

43. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSWT) in Writing.** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSWT) for Writing Test for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0362W	Approve	Disability	Writing
12-0363	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0423W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0427W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0469W	Deny	Hardship	Writing
12-0474W	Deny	Hardship	Writing
12-0482	Deny	Disability	Writing

44. **Waiver Reconsideration Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) or the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHSWT).** Made the following decisions on the reconsidered waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) or the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHSWT) for the following cases:

Case Number	Reconsideration Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0365	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0389	Approve	Hardship	Science
12-0396	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0398E	Deny	Disability	English/Language Arts
12-0398SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0495SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science
12-0495SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies

## EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

1. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0331.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 12-0331. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 5 voting yes and 5 voting no.
2. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0350E** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified in Case 12-0350E. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
3. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0404E.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified in case 12-0404E. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 4 voting yes and 6 voting no.
4. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0510E.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified in case 12-0510E. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 3 voting yes and 7 voting no.
5. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0378M.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 12-0378M. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 2 voting yes and 8 voting no.
6. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0411M.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 12-0411M. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which, was denied with 5 voting yes and 6 voting no.
7. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0473M** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 12-0473M. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 9 voting yes and 1 voting no.
8. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0325.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0325. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 7 voting yes and 3 voting no.
9. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0358.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0358. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.

10. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0361SC.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0361SC. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 5 voting yes and 5 voting no.
11. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0390.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0390. Mr. Winter seconded the motion which, was denied with 4 voting yes and 6 voting no.
12. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0404SC.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0404SC. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
13. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0411SC.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0411SC. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 4 voting yes and 6 voting no.
14. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0487.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 12-0487. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
15. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0338.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0338. Mr. Burdette on seconded the motion, which passed with 7 voting yes and 3 voting no.
16. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0350SS.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0350SS. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
17. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0378SS.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0378SS. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 5 voting yes and 5 voting no.
18. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0380.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0380. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 9 voting yes and 1 voting no.

19. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0391.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0391. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
20. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0408.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0408. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
21. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0409.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0409. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
22. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0410SS.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0410SS. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 7 voting yes and 3 voting no.
23. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0422.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0422. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
24. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0425.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0425. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
25. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0426.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0426. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
26. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0434.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0434. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 6 voting yes and 4 voting no.
27. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0439.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0439. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
28. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0446.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0446. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.

29. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0471.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0471. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 7 voting yes and 3 voting no.
30. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0511.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 12-0511. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 6 voting yes and 4 voting no.
31. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0366W.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHS WT) for Writing for the student identified in case 12-0366W. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 9 voting yes and 1 voting no.
32. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0433W.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHS WT) for Writing for the student identified in case 12-0433W. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 6 voting yes and 4 voting no.
33. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0467.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHS WT) for Writing for the student identified in case 12-0467. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which passed with 8 voting yes and 2 voting no.
34. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0476.** Ms. Zechmann moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science or the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHS WT) for the student identified in case 12-0476. Mr. Winter seconded the motion, which was denied with 1 voting yes and 9 voting no.
35. **Case No. 2012-06. Lorenzo Nash v. DeKalb County Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is reversed. Dr. Murray moved to approve the decision with a second from Ms. Zechmann. The vote was affirmative by those present.
36. **Case No. 2012-07. Calvin King v. Worth County Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is reversed. Dr. Murray moved to approve the decision with a second from Ms. Zechmann. The vote was affirmative by those present.

## **RULES**

1. **Rule 160-4-2-.20 LIST OF STATE-FUNDED K-8 SUBJECTS AND 9-12 COURSES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE IN 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.** Aadopted the State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.20 LIST OF STATE-FUNDED K-8 SUBJECTS AND 9-12 COURSES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE IN 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

2. **Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers.** Adopted the State Board of Education Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers.
3. **Rule 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools Definitions.** Adopted State Board of Education Rules 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools Definitions.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Miller County Board of Education.** In accordance with the discussions during the Committee of the Whole Wednesday, January 11, 2012, a motion was made to reconvene the hearing regarding the Miller County Board of Education on Thursday, February 16, 2012. The vote was affirmative by those present.
2. **AP Resolution.** A motion was made to designate February 8, 2012, as Advanced Placement Day during which the Department, The College Board, school districts, and local schools may celebrate the AP successes in various ways, including but not limited to district/school/student recognitions and celebrations and parent, business, civic, and political leader awareness activities. The vote was affirmative by those present.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:30 a.m., by motion of Mr. Burdette, seconded by Mr. Rice, an affirmative vote was given to adjourn the State Board meeting.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting of the State Board**

The next State Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

Brenda Turner  
Recording Secretary