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

**Atlanta, Georgia
Barbara Hampton, Chairperson**

**March 20, 2012
Dr. John Barge, Superintendent**

The State Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2070 Twin Towers East, State Board Room for a Called State Board Meeting.

Roll Call

Ms. Linda Zechmann	Mr. Mike Royal	Dr. Grant Lewis
Ms. Ms. Helen Rice	Ms. Wanda Barrs	Dr. Mary Sue Murray
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Mr. Larry Winter	
Ms. Barbara Hampton	Mr. Brian Burdette	

Absent: Mr. Daniel Israel, Mr. Allen Rice, and Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale

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, March 20, 2012 State Board Meeting.)

AGENDA

1. **CIA – Contract Amendment – RT3 Funded Metro RESA Professional Learning Specialist.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with Metro RESA to increase by \$35,000.00 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$195,048.00 in Federal Funds for Metro RESA to add one additional part-time English Language Arts Professional Learning Specialist. Mr. Winter moved to approve the Contract Amendment – RT3 Funded Metro RESA Professional Learning Specialist. Dr. Murray seconded the motion, which unanimously passed by those present.
2. **EAP – Start-Up Charter Petition – DeKalb Preparatory Academy Charter School.** Grant a charter for DeKalb Preparatory Academy Charter School, a grades K-8 start-up charter school approved by DeKalb County Board of Education, for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Burdette moved to approve a charter for DeKalb Preparatory Academy Charter School. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion, which unanimously passed by those present.
3. **EAP – Charter Renewal – International Academy of Smyrna.** Renewed a charter for International Academy of Smyrna Charter School, a grades K-8 start-up charter school approved by Cobb County Schools, for a five-year term to run from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017. Mr. Burdette moved to approve the charter renewal for International Academy of Smyrna. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion, which unanimously passed by those present.
4. **Variance Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests or the Georgia High School Writing Test.** Ms. Barrs moved to approve and Ms. Rice seconded the motion, which unanimously passed by those present to 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: 12-0651, 12-0857, 12-0894, 12-0907, 12-0922

Science: 12-0777, 12-0852, 12-0853, 12-0854, 12-0855, 12-0859, 12-0861, 12-0862, 12-0863, 12-0864, 12-0865, 12-0866, 12-0877, 12-0893, 12-0937, 12-0938, 12-0953, 12-0954

Mathematics: 12-0858

Writing: 12-0835

English/Language Arts: n/a

5. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in English Language Arts.** By motion of Ms. Barrs and seconded by Mr. Mason, which unanimously passed by those present to make 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
12-0603E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0624	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0629	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0663E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0675E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0677E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0684E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0763E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0766E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0773E	Deny	Hardship & Disability	English Language Arts
12-0774E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0780E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0781E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0784E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0794E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0796E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0805	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0814E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0823	Approve	Disability	English Language Arts

6. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in Mathematics.** By motion of Ms. Barrs and seconded by Mr. Mason, which unanimously passed by those present to make 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
12-0603M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0621M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0629M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0636	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0655	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0662M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0673M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0674M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0677M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0684M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0689	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0690	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0699	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0701	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0723	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0724	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0733M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
120-734M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0749	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0755M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0758M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0759M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0760M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0763M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0766M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0770	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0773M	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
12-0774M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0775	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0776M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0784M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0787M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0794M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0796M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0797M	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
12-0798M	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
12-0799	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0813M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics

7. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) in Science.**
 By motion of Ms. Barrs and seconded by Mr. Mason, which unanimously passed by those present to make the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) for Science for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0617SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0629SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0635SC	Approve	Disability	Science
12-0645SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0648	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0656SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0657SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0677SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0686	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0708SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0712	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0716	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0744	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0755SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0756	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0758SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0763SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0764SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0765	Approve	Disability	Science
12-0773SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science
12-0774SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0776SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0781SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0784SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0797SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science
12-0798SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science

8. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in Social Studies.** By motion of Ms. Barrs and seconded by Mr. Mason, which unanimously passed by those present to make the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0603SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0629SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0635SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0643	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0644	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0650	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0658	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0665	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0666	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0672SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0673SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0674SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0675SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0677SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0678	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0679SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0683	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0685	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0692	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0693	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0694	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0695	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0696	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0697	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0698	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0708SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0710	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0714	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0715	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0726	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0734SS	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0740	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0741	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0748	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0755SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0760SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0764SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0768	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0772SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0773SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0774SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0781SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-12-0783	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0784SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0786	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0787SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0791	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0795	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0796SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0797SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0798SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0801	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0804	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0807	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0808	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0810	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0813SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0814SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies

9. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSWT) in Writing.** By motion of Ms. Barrs and seconded by Mr. Mason, which unanimously passed by those present to make 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
12-0672W	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Writing
12-0751	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0759W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0766W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0773W	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Writing
12-0789	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Writing

10. **Waiver Reconsideration Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) or the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test (GHSWT).** By motion of Ms. Barrs and seconded by Mr. Mason, which unanimously passed by those present to make the following decisions on the reconsidered waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) for the following cases:

Case Number	Reconsideration Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0806SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0806SS	Deny	Hardship	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.

Adjournment

At 12:45 p.m., by motion of Ms. Barrs, seconded by Ms. 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 Thursday, April 5, 2012.

Brenda Turner
Recording Secretary