

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 7, 2011**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 10:00 a.m., CST, on January 7, 2011.

Present..... 9	Absent.....1
Mr. Jim Ayers	Mr. Flavius Barker
Ms. Vernita Justice	
Ms. Carolyn Pearre	
Mr. Richard Ray	
Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair	
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers	
Ms. Teresa Sloyan	
Dr. Melvin Wright	
Mr. Chip Woods	

Others Present

Dr. Gary Nixon, State Board of Education (SBE)
Dr. David Sevier, SBE
Mr. Art Fuller, SBE
Ms. Phyllis Childress, SBE
Mr. Bruce Opie, Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE)
Ms. Cory Curl, TDOE
Dr. Debbie Owens, TDOE
Ms. Jean Sharp, TDOE
Dr. Dan Long, TDOE
Ms. Bobbi Lussier, TDOE
Ms. Emily Robertson, TDOE
Mr. Soohee Park, TDOE
Ms. Amanda Anderson, TDOE
Mr. Patrick Smith, Finance and Administration
Ms. Sara Heyburn, Finance and Administration

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order.

I. Consent Items

A. *Adoption of Agenda*

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Vice Chair Pearre** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Items (First Reading)

A. Tennessee College and Career Ready Goals and Indicators

Ms. Cory Curl, Department of Education, presented goals, indicators, and learning targets for 2020 with interim targets for 2015. The targets were developed as part of the state's involvement in the College and Career Ready Policy Institute (CCRPI).

She pointed out the importance, both economic and moral, of strong education expectations. She stated that these targets are a critical part of this work. She also noted that by meeting these targets, students will be well-positioned for future endeavors as adults.

Vice Chair Pearre asked about baseline data for the higher education components of the report. **Ms. Curl** responded that these were currently being developed in collaboration with THEC and that the numbers will be available to Board members soon.

Chairman Rolston stated that these were strong aggressive targets and commended Ms. Curl and others on the development of these targets.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved approval on first reading. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Local-Level Grievance Procedure for Teacher Evaluation Policy & Rule

Ms. Christy Ballard, Department of Education, presented the grievance procedure language in accordance with the First to the Top Act. She noted that the procedure is meant to remedy technical errors with data.

Ms. Sloyan asked about the timeliness of the process and the inclusion of the local school board. **Ms Ballard** responded that she believes most

issues will be resolved at the first level and that local boards would rarely be involved.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved approval on first reading. **Dr. Rogers** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. 2010 List of State Identified High Priority Schools and School Systems

Dr. Debbie Owens, Department of Education, presented the list of High Priority schools and systems. She noted that this is a year of transition to new standards and that the list did not increase as much as anticipated. She went over the "delay of status" provision as provided for in the law as a result of the May 2010 flooding.

Questions regarding the list centered around the number of schools that were added to the list as a result of increased curriculum rigor. **Dr. Owens** responded that the information was available and could be sent to Board members.

Dr. Owens went on to add clarification to the natural disaster provisions and how this impacts the status of a school or system. Other questions were about comparisons of student results to the NAEP.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** moved approval. **Dr. Wright** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Jim Ayers	X		
Flavius Barker			X
Vernita Justice	X		
Carolyn Pearre	X		

	Yes	No	Absent
Dick Ray	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan	X		
Melvin Wright	X		
Chip Woods	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rolston thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by: _____ Date _____