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

**Atlanta, Georgia  
Wanda Barrs, Chairman**

**June 11, 2009  
Kathy Cox, Superintendent**

The State Board of Education met in an official meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the State Board Room.

**Executive Session**

By motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Dr. Bostic, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing waivers, appeals, legal and personnel matters.

At 9:45 a.m., by motion of Mr. Law, seconded by Dr. Ragsdale, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to come out of Executive Session.

**Roll Call**

Ms. Wanda Barrs	Dr. Mary Sue Murray	Mr. Larry Winter
Dr. Jim Bostic	Mr. Jose Perez	Mrs. Linda Zechmann
Mr. Brian Burdette	Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale	
Mr. Buzz Law	Mr. Allen Rice	

Absent: Mr. Brad Bryant, attending the NASBE Conference in Washington and Mr. Al Hodge, attending the GSBA Conference in Savannah. District three is vacant.

**Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Buzz Law, State Board Member representing the Sixth Congressional District, introduced Mr. Jim Donald, Member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to give the inspiration. Mr. Law led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Excellence Recognition**

**Award of Excellence.**

This is an award given to Georgia High School Seniors with disabilities who have accomplished either academic or extracurricular excellence, as shown by: 1) earning a scholarship to a four-year, two-year, or vocational technical school; 2) earning a regular education diploma with outstanding extracurricular involvement in school/community; 3) earning a special education diploma with transition to career education and/or employment. Awards were presented to the following students.

**Dewayne Phillip Strayer.** Dewayne graduated from **Pierce County High** with a 3.2 grade point average in spite of the fact that he has a disability. He accomplished this all the while working 40 hours a week at a local medical facility.

**Kendarius Benning** (also known as **Rocky**). Rocky attended **Spencer High School** in **Muscogee County**. Rocky is most proud of being able to successfully graduate from high school. He has learned several skills from the automotive program at Spencer High. In the last year and a half, Rocky has worked in the Muscogee County Schools' Transportation Department assisting with the upkeep of buses.

**William Kyle Hancock.** Kyle graduated from **Ola High School** in **Henry County**. Kyle says he was ready to drop out of school in 10<sup>th</sup> grade but thanks to the adults in his school, especially one in particular who promised she'd never give up on him, he was able to graduate. He is proud that his teachers cared enough about him to help him learn. Kyle says he's learned to listen more and talk things out. He is the first in his family to graduate high school.

**Abigail JoAnn Woodall.** "Abbey" graduated from **Atlanta Area School for the Deaf**. Abbey is most proud that she stayed at AASD for 17 years to get her high school diploma. She says she has accomplished numerous things that made her who she is today. With her Graduation Coach's support, Abbey was able to learn her post-secondary options and apply to the college of her choice, Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

**DeCedric Jones.** DeCedric graduated from **Washington High School, Atlanta City Schools**. DeCedric is very proud of himself that he has continued to persevere even after receiving a traumatic brain injury when he was involved in a serious automobile accident. His proudest moment so far in his life is that he has graduated from high school.

**George Dallas Duke.** Dallas graduated from **Woodstock High School** in **Cherokee County**. When he won the Award of Excellence Dallas said, "Being able to win is something I am really proud of because it was nice to see that all my hard work was worth it." He says his greatest accomplishment so far is graduating from high school.

**Devise O'Bryant Blount.** Devise graduated from **Loganville High School** in **Walton County Schools**. Devise says he's most proud of passing all of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests and being able to graduate so that he can continue his education at a technical college. Devise received the "*Student of the Semester Award*" three times. He was also nominated for Senior Superlative by his teachers for his outstanding achievements.

**Javarous Trevor Faulk.** Javarous graduated from **Central High School** in **Bibb County Schools**. Javarous is proud to be a graduate with a college prep diploma and to be representing the deaf community in winning a football scholarship. Javarous has been able to maintain his grades while continuing to work, as well as excel in athletics. He is proud that he passed all of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests on his first attempt.

**Alexander Zachary Miller,** is a graduate of **South Forsyth High School** in **Forsyth County**.

Alex is extremely proud of his great family and the ability to pursue a career he can use to create a better world. He considers becoming an Eagle Scout as being his greatest accomplishment.

**Charles Seidel Dwozan.** Charlie graduated from **Habersham Central High** in **Habersham County**. Habersham Central has a program called *READING WITH RAIDERS*, where athletes go into the elementary schools and read to the kids. Since Charlie struggled with reading throughout his elementary years, he offered much insight to students. Charlie found that learning to read with a disability took a lot of work and maintaining a high GPA was even harder. He considers his greatest accomplishment to be an Honor Graduate and Academic Letterman.

**Christopher Bohannon**, graduated from **Trion High School** in **Trion City Schools**. Chris says he is most proud of graduating from high school last month. Chris has been involved in the band program for seven years and for the last five years has lettered in the high school marching band program. He has been the recipient of the *Spirit Award* for the past few years. This award now bears his name in honor of his dedication to the Trion Band Program.

**Bryson Rajendran.** Bryson graduated from **Marietta High School** in **Marietta City Schools**. Bryson completed the International Baccalaureate program- and ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in a class of 398. Bryson has held leadership positions in the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Beta Club, Model UN, and Engineering Club.

**Jasmond Goode**, a graduate of **Toombs County High School**. Jasmond was a member of the Technology Student Association, Prom Committee and Future Farmers of America, where she was honored with the Future Farmers of America Greenhand Award. Jasmond feels her greatest accomplishment has been her determination and positive attitude to overcome her disability and to achieve her best.

**State Migrant Education Honor Graduate Award.** This award goes to the graduating migrant senior with the highest level of achievement, both in school and in the community.

This year's Migrant Honor Graduate Award goes to **Connie Presas**. Connie attended **Tattnall County High School**. Connie is the oldest of six children. Her family's migrant work history includes time spent in different towns within Georgia to trips to work in the fields of North Carolina. In spite of these continuous school disruptions Connie has excelled in academics, successfully completing numerous Advanced Placement, Honors, and Gifted classes.

**Georgia Association for Gifted Children.** Each year this association recognizes a parent, a student, a teacher, and an administrator who have demonstrated outstanding abilities, commitment, contributions, and leadership to gifted education and students.

The first honoree is **Conner Jay Gayda**. Conner is a fourth grader at **Peeples Elementary School** in **Fayette County**. Conner won the *Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award*. This award program is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts, in children grades 3 through 6. Conner was named because of his work with Joey's Toy Box, a program named after Joey Doolittle. The mission is to provide support for the Child Life

program at the AFLAC Cancer Center & Blood Disorders Service located at the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta.

**2009 Georgia Association for Gifted Children Teacher of the Year.** **Donna S. Brockmann** serves two elementary schools: **Snapfinger** and **Kelley Lake**, in **DeKalb County**. This award was presented to Donna because she demonstrated exceptional teaching, dedication and positive parent relations in her schools, the community and the state of Georgia. Several letters were written on her behalf to give her this nomination. Donna is proud of having served gifted elementary students in DeKalb County for the past 24 of her 30-year career.

**2009 Georgia Association for Gifted Children Leadership Award.** The recipient of this award is **Dr. Sharon Jones**, the Gifted Education Coordinator for **Atlanta Public Schools**. Dr. Jones has worked to advance Gifted Education in Georgia for 30 years. She is most proud of her efforts to increase the percentage of minority and other under-represented populations who have qualified to participate in the state-funded gifted program. As a result, the percentage of minority and economically disadvantage students receiving gifted program services in Atlanta Public Schools has doubled. Dr. Jones has served as the APS Gifted Program Coordinator since 1996.

**2009 Georgia Association for Gifted Children Parent of the Year.** This award is presented to a parent who has demonstrated outstanding abilities at parenting the gifted child through involvement in and dedication to his/her school, community, and the state of Georgia. This award was presented to **Mr. Paul Schutes**. His child attends **State Bridge Crossing Elementary School** in Fulton County Schools. Paul is proud of the number of gifted students they were able to help with summer camp scholarships. He was also instrumental in arranging more mini-grants for teachers. He helped to increase membership for the Georgia Association for Gifted Children.

**Douglas County Association for Gifted Children** was awarded the **2009 Chapter of the Year.** Current President Ray Waites and membership Chair Lynn Waites were here to accept the award on the association's behalf. The award is presented to a local chapter that has made a significant difference in a school district to support gifted education services. They were nominated by a member of the Georgia Association for Gifted Children and then went on to the final selection by a review committee. Douglas County is proud of the enthusiasm and support shown by their parents towards their students and their teachers. The Chapter considers increasing awareness of gifted education and the needs of gifted students within the school district as one of its greatest accomplishments.

**2010 Georgia Teacher of the Year.**

The Georgia Teacher of the Year was chosen from 149 district teachers of the year. The evaluation was based on classroom observations, interviews and a speech. This year's 2010 Georgia Teacher of the Year is **Gwen Desselle**. Ms. Desselle is from **Colquitt County High School**. Ms. Desselle has been teaching Social Studies for 32 years. Ms. Desselle will represent Georgia teachers around the state and the nation, and will be working with the curriculum

division here at the Department of Education. Ms. Desselle will represent Georgia in the National Teacher of the Year competition and program.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **AGENDA**

By motion of Dr. Bostic, seconded by Mrs. Zechmann, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda as amended for the June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Dr. Ragsdale, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the following items on the amended Consent Agenda.

*All of these items in their entirety, with backup material, can be found on the State Board of Education E-Board website, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting.*

1. FY 10 Contract – Georgia Virtual School Contract with Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers at Kennesaw State University. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers (GYSTC) at Kennesaw State University at a cost not to exceed \$2,612,000.00.
2. FY 10 Contract – Adjunct Teachers for Georgia Virtual Schools for Summer 2009 and SY 2009-2010. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with 140 adjunct teachers at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in State funds.
3. FY 10 Contract – Covendis Technologies – Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Covendis Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$1,837,520.00 in State/Federal funds.
4. FY 10 Contract – Teksystems, Inc. – Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Teksystems, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$930,000.00 in State funds.
5. FY 09 Grant – Title IID Competitive Grant – Increasing Student Achievement with Digital Learning Resources. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 14 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$3,918,548.00 in Federal funds.
6. FY 09 Grant – Georgia Virtual School – Grants to Schools for School Year 2008-2009. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$133,462.50 in State funds.
7. Contract – Reading First Professional Learning Architect. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Dr. Sharon Walpole at a cost not to exceed \$195,000.00 in Federal funds for the Professional Learning Architect for Reading First.

8. Contract – Teachers on Assignment for the Division of Academic Standards. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with local school systems at a cost not to exceed \$232,522.00 in State funds for services of teachers on assignment with the Division of Academic Standards.
9. Contract – Focused Monitoring Parent Team Members. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with parents of students with disabilities at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 in Federal funds for participation in Focused Monitoring in FY 10.
10. Grant – FY 10 Allocations for Special Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to local education agencies (LEAs) and state operated programs (SOPs) at a cost not to exceed \$403,389,700.00 in Federal and State funds for meeting the excess cost needs of students with disabilities.
11. Contract – Complaint Investigators for Special Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with up to twelve (12) complaint investigators at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00 in Federal funds for services of complaint investigators for special education.
12. Contract – Mediators for Special Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with mediators at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00 in Federal funds for the mediation of special education disputes.
13. Grant – FY 10 Due Process Hearings for Special Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to the Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH) at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00 in State and Federal funds for due process hearings for special education.
14. Grant – State Interagency Services for Students with Disabilities. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to selected local education agencies (LEAs) and state operated programs (SOPs) at a cost not to exceed \$3,089,213.00 in State funds for special education services.
15. Grant – High School Program Grants for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to the attached list (*see E-Board, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting under Consent Agenda*) of school systems at a cost not to exceed \$48,511,914.00 in State and Federal funds for CTAE High School Program Grants.
16. Grant – High School Program Grants for Agricultural Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to the attached list (*see E-Board, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting under Consent Agenda*) of school systems at a cost not to exceed \$8,007,989.00 in State and Federal funds for High School Program Grants for Agricultural Education.

17. FY 10 Contract – Georgia Online Assessment System (OAS) Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Riverside Publishing Company at a cost not to exceed \$1,021,653.00 in State funds for software, delivery, hosting, and support for the Georgia Online Assessment System.
18. FY 10 Contract – End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Pearson Educational Measurement at a cost not to exceed \$5,840,193.00 in State funds for the services related to the development, administration, printing and scoring/reporting of the EOCT.
19. FY 10 Contract – Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia at a cost not to exceed \$184,211.00 in State funds for services related to the continued development, state-wide training, administration, scoring and reporting the GKIDS.
20. FY 10 Contract – Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with CTB McGraw Hill at a cost not to exceed \$12,500,000.00 in State and Federal funds for services related to the development, administration, printing and scoring/reporting services of the CRCT.
21. FY 10 Contract – Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Pearson Educational Measurement at a cost not to exceed \$3,518,481.00 in Federal funds for services related to the development, administration, printing/distribution, and scoring/reporting services of the GHS GT.
22. FY 10 Contract – Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Contract. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Questar Assessment, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$1,429,996.00 in Federal funds for services related to the development, printing, distribution, scoring and reporting of the GAA.
23. FY 10 Contract – Georgia Writing Assessment Program Contract Renewal. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, at a cost not to exceed \$1,642,864.00 in State funds for services related to the administration, printing, distribution, scoring and reporting of the Georgia Writing Assessment Program.
24. Contract – The College Board for the PSAT. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with The College Board at a cost not to exceed \$1,080,000.00 in State funds for administration, scoring, and reporting services for the PSAT for the 2009-2010 school year.
25. Contract – The College Board for SAT Online Prep Course. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with The College Board at a cost not to



exceed \$600,000.00 in State funds for a fifth year renewal of the SAT Online Prep Course for all students in grades nine through twelve.

26. Contract – Colquitt County School System. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with the Colquitt County School System at a cost not to exceed \$67,478.00 in State funds for reimbursement of the 2010 Georgia Teacher of the Year’s salary.
27. FY 10 Contract – American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) at a cost not to exceed \$225,000.00 in State funds for providing access to interscholastic athletics to students with disabilities.
28. Grant – National Board for professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Grants – FY 09 – Amendment. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards grant to Local Education Agencies at a cost not to exceed \$12,894,628.00 in State funds for persons certified through the national Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).
29. Grants – School Nutrition Equipment Stimulus Grants. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to approximately 130 Georgia schools at a cost not to exceed \$4,420,793.00 in Federal funds for equipment purchases.
30. Grant – FY 09 – Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 54 Georgia Schools at a cost not to exceed \$397,364.38 in Federal funds for participation in the 2008-2009 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
31. FY 10 State Salary Schedule. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to adopt the FY 10 (School Year 2009-2010) salary schedule for which funding has been appropriated by the General Assembly.
32. FT 10 Local Facilities Plans Submitted for Board Approval. Approved the five-year Local Facilities Plans for the school systems listed below.

Bibb County Schools, Brantley County Schools, Bryan County Schools, Calhoun City Schools, Camden County Schools, Carroll County Schools, Carrollton City Schools, Cartersville City Schools, Chattahoochee County Schools, Cherokee County Schools, Coffee County Schools, Coweta County Schools, Crawford County Schools, Decatur City Schools, Decatur County Schools, Dodge County Schools, Dublin City Schools, Evans County Schools, Fannin County Schools, Glynn County Schools, Grady County Schools, Greene County Schools, Gwinnett County Schools, Laurens County Schools, Lee County Schools, Long County Schools, Lowndes County Schools, Pelham City Schools, Pike County Schools, Rockdale County Schools, Stephens County Schools, Toombs County Schools, Trion City Schools, Twiggs County Schools, Valdosta City Schools, Walton County Schools, Washington County Schools, and White County Schools.

33. Contract – IBM (Cognos) ARRA Financial Reporting. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with IBS (Cognos) at a cost not to exceed \$632,020.00 in State/Federal funds for ARRA Reporting and Tracking software applications.
34. Authorization for Existing State Chartered Special Schools to Submit Petitions to the Georgia Charter Schools Commission. Allowed three State Chartered Special Schools to petition the Georgia Charter Schools Commission for approval as Commission Charter Schools.  
  
Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts & Technology (CCAT);  
Ivy Preparatory Academy Charter School; and  
Scholars Academy Charter School
35. Renewal Charter Petition – Academy of Lithonia. Denied a renewed charter for Academy of Lithonia, a K-7 start-up charter school located in the DeKalb County School System.
36. Renewal Charter Petition – Amana Academy. Approved a renewed charter for Amana Academy, a K-8 start-up charter school located in the Fulton County School System, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
37. Renewal Charter Petition – Bishop Hall Charter School. Approved a renewed charter for Bishop Hall Charter School, a 9-12 LEA start-up charter school located in the Thomas County School System, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
38. Renewal Charter petition – Central Educational Center. Approved a renewed charter for Central Education Center, an 8-12 start-up charter school located in the Coweta County School System, for a ten-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2019.
39. Renewal Charter Petition – Chamblee Charter High School. Approved a renewed charter for Chamblee Charter High School, a 9-12 conversion charter school located in the DeKalb County School system, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
40. Renewal Charter Petition – Chesnut Charter Elementary School. Approved a renewed charter for Chesnut Charter Elementary School, a Pre K-5 conversion charter school, located in the DeKalb County School System, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
41. Renewal Charter petition – Hapeville Charter School. Approved a renewed charter for Hapeville Charter School, a 6-12 start-up charter school located in the Fulton County Schools System, for a ten-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2019.
42. Renewal Charter Petition – International Community School. Approved a renewed charter for International Community School, a K-6 start-up charter school located in the DeKalb County Schools System, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

43. Renewal Charter Petition – Kennesaw Charter School. Approved a renewed charter for Kennesaw Charter School, a K-5 start-up charter school located in the Cobb County School System, for a one-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
44. Renewal Charter Petition – New Life Academy. Approved a renewed charter for New Life Academy, a K-8 start-up charter school located in the Gwinnett County School System, for a three-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.
45. Renewal Charter Petition – Spalding Drive Charter Elementary School. Approved a renewed charter for Spalding Drive Charter Elementary School, a K-5 conversion charter school located in the Fulton County School system, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
46. Renewal Charter Petition – Tech High School. Approved a renewed charter for Tech High School, a 9-12 start-up charter school located in the Atlanta Public Schools district, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
47. New Charter petition – Reese Road Leadership Academy. Approved a charter for Reese Road Leadership Academy, a Pre K-5 conversion charter school located in the Muscogee County School District, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
48. New Charter Petition – Sandy Springs Middle School. Approved a charter for Sandy Springs Middle School, a 6-8 conversion charter school located in the Fulton County School system, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
49. New Charter petition – Sardis Enrichment School. Approved a charter for Sardis Enrichment School, a K-5 conversion charter school located in the Hall County School system, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
50. New Charter petition – Smoke Rise Elementary Charter School. Approved a charter for Smoke rise Elementary Charter School, a Pre K-5 conversion charter school located in the DeKalb County School District, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
51. Charter Termination – Connected Academy. Terminated the existing charter for Connected Academy, an 11-12 LEA start-up charter school located in the Fulton County School system.
52. Charter Amendment – DeKalb Academy of Technology and the Environment (D.A.T.E.). Approved charter amendments for DeKalb Academy of Technology and the Environment (D.A.T.E.), a K-8 start-up charter school located in DeKalb County.
53. Charter Amendment – Golden Isles Career Academy. Approved charter amendments for Golden Isles Career Academy, a 9-12 start-up charter school located in Glynn County.
54. System Waiver – Jackson County School District Instructional Program Waiver. Approved Jackson County Schools' request for a waiver from specified provisions of Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score for three years beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

55. System Waiver – Spalding County School District Instructional Program Waiver. Approved Spalding County Schools’ request for a waiver from specified provisions of Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score for three years beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.
56. System Waiver – Class Size Waivers. Approved the requests to waive SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.08 CLASS SIZE to increase the allowable maximum class size for the school districts listed below for the 2008-2009 school year.

Columbia County Schools, Dalton City Schools, Dougherty County Schools, Fayette County Schools, Richmond County Schools, and Gordon County Schools. (*Specified schools in each of these counties can be found on E-Board, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting, under Consent Agenda*).

57. System Waiver – Scheduling for Instruction Waivers 2009-2010. Approved for the 2009-2010 school year, the waivers for Scheduling for Instruction for school districts on the attached list. (*List can be found on e-Board, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting under Consent Agenda.*)
58. Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers List (2009-2010 School Year). Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to approve the attached list of 70 recommended SES Providers for the 2009-2010 school year. (*List can be found on E-Board, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting, under Consent Agenda.*)
59. Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program – 2009-2010 Private School List. Approved the attached list of private schools to participate in the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Program for the 2009-2010 school year. (*List can be found on E-Board, June 11, 2009 State Board Meeting under Consent Agenda.*)
60. Personnel Action. Approved the June 11, 2009 personnel actions as recommended by the State Superintendent of Schools.
61. Case No. 2009-40. J.G. v. Henry County Board of Education. Dismissed this appeal.
62. Case No. 2009-42. Reubena Whitted v. Fulton County Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board’s decision.
63. Case No. 2009-43. K. A. v. Bibb County board of Education. Dismissed this appeal.
64. Case No. 2009-44. S.C. v. Forsyth County Board of Education. Dismissed this appeal.
65. Case No. 2009-45. N.G. v. Bartow County Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board’s decision.
66. Case No. 2009-46. D.M. v. Talbot County Board of Education. Dismissed this appeal.

67. 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 Writing Test (GHS WT) for the following cases:

**English Language Arts:** 09-1059;

**Mathematics:** 09-1063; 09-1123; 09-1132;

**Science:** 09-1036; 09-1038; 09-1043; 09-1056; 09-1057; 09-1060; 09-1061; 09-1062; 09-1064; 09-1066; 09-1080; 09-1081; 09-1082; 09-1083; 09-1084; 09-1086; 09-1087; 09-1096; 09-1099; 09-1125; 09-1126; 09-1127; 09-1129; 09-1130; 09-1131; 09-1136; 09-1137; 09-1138; 09-1140; 09-1141; 09-1142; 09-1143; 09-1144; 09-1145; 09-1153; 09-1158; 09-1172; 09-1194; 09-1195; 09-1196; 09-1209; 09-1210; 09-1215; 09-1216;

**Science and Social Studies:** 09-1037; 09-1139; 09-1133; 09-1134; 09-1197;

**Social Studies:** 09-1044; 09-1058; 09-1065; 09-1079; 09-1085; 09-1088; 09-1124; 09-1128; 09-1135; 09-1147; 09-1155; 09-1156; 09-1157; 09-1159; 09-1208; 09-1214;

**Writing:** 09-1146; 09-1154.

68. Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests or the Georgia High School Writing Test. Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Tests (GHS WT) for the students and areas identified below:

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Area(s) of Request</b>
09-1051	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts Writing
09-1052	Deny	Disability	Science
09-1053	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
09-1054	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09-1055	Deny	Hardship/Disability	Science
09-1067	Deny	Disability	Science
09-1068	Deny	Disability	Writing
09-1069	Deny	Disability	Mathematics Science Social Studies
09-1070	Deny	Hardship	Science
09-1071	Deny	Hardship/Disability	English Language Arts Social Studies Mathematics
09-1072	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09-1073	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09-1074	Deny	Hardship	Physical Education
09-1075	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
09-1076	Deny	Hardship/Disability	Science Social Studies

09-1077	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
09-1050	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
09-1048	Deny	Disability	Mathematics Science
09-1049	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09-1042	Deny	Disability	Writing
09-1045	Deny	Hardship/Disability	Science Social Studies
09-1046	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09-1047	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
09-1034	Deny	Disability	Writing
09-1035	Deny	Hardship/Disability	English Language Arts Writing Science Social Studies
09-1039	Deny	Hardship	Science
09-1040	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts Writing
09-1041	Deny	Disability	Writing
09-1029	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
09-1030	Deny	Hardship/Disability	English Language Arts Writing Science Social Studies Mathematics
09-1031	Deny	Hardship/Disability	Mathematics
09-1032	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
09-1033	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09--1078	Deny	Disability	Science
09-0865	Deny	Hardship	Science Social Studies Mathematics
09-0937	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
09-1011	Deny	Disability	Writing
09-1012	Deny	Disability	Science
09-1013	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
09-1014	Deny	Hardship/Disability	Social Studies
09-1015	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts Writing Science Social Studies Mathematics
09-1016	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
09--1017	Deny	Hardship/Disability	English Language Arts
09-1018	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
09-1019	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts

09-1020	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
09-1027	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts Writing
09-1028	Deny	Hardship/Disability	Social Studies

69. Waiver Reconsideration Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT). Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Tests (GHS WT) for the students and areas identified below:

Case #	Area(s) of Request	Date of Original Denial Decision	Current Recommendation
09-0102	Science	9/11/2008	Deny
09-0718	Mathematics Writing	3/12/2009	Deny
09-0660	Social Studies	2/12/2009	Deny

70. Minutes – May State Board Meeting. Approved the minutes of the May 14, 2009 State Board Meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS**

1. Waiver Request – Case 09-1031 – Georgia High School Graduation Test. By motion of Mr. Burdette, seconded by Mrs. Zechmann, it was recommended that the State Board of Education deny the request for a waiver of the Mathematics portion of the Georgia High School Graduation Test for the student identified as Case 09-1031. Vote was 9 no, 1 yes. Waiver was approved.

### **POLICY/RULES COMMITTEE ITEMS**

1. Rule 160-5-1-.07 STUDENT DATA COLLECTION. By motion of Dr. Bostic, seconded by Mr. Winter, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to initiate the rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.07 STUDENT DATA COLLECTION.

### **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Georgia Performance Standards for Physical Education. By motion of Dr. Ragsdale, seconded by Dr. Bostic, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) for Physical Education.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. **CRCT Presentation.** Superintendent Cox stated that all tests are now aligned to the Georgia Performance Standards. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies tests were field-tested this year. Students gained on all 14 CRCTs. The biggest gain was 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, with an 8% increase. There was a 5% increase in science, grades 3 & 5. Superintendent Cox discussed the various scores with the Board in all the areas and showed how all subjects have risen.
2. **Longitudinal Data System Update.** Ann Ware stated that she had met with several educational organizations to talk about this new Longitudinal Data System. Next steps are:
  - 1) Establishing an Executive Governance Board and their role. DOE will serve as leadership for this Governance Board;
  - 2) Fill project staff position; and,
  - 3) develop a 90-day Project Initiative Plan.

### **Announcements**

1. There will be a June Special Called Board Meeting to amend a contract with Bearing Point to include the Longitudinal Data System and to amend an IE2 Contract.

### **Adjournment**

At 11:55 a.m., by motion of Dr. Bostic, seconded by Mr. Law, a unanimous 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 July 9, 2009.

Lynn Roberts, Recorder