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

**Atlanta, Georgia
Wanda Barrs, Chairman**

**January 8, 2009
Kathy Cox, Superintendent**

The State Board of Education met in an official meeting on Thursday January 8, 2009, at 8:10 a.m. in the State Board Room.

Executive Session

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

At 9:00 a.m., by motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Dr. Bostic, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to come out of Executive Session.

Roll Call

Ms. Wanda Barrs	Mr. Al Hodge	Dr. Mary Sue Polleys
Dr. Jim Bostic	Mr. Buzz Law	Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale
Mr. Brad Bryant	Dr. Mary Sue Murray	Mr. Allen Rice
Mr. Brian Burdette	Mr. Jose Perez	Mr. Larry Winter

Absent: Mrs. Linda Zechmann.

Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Wanda Barrs, Chair and State Board Member representing the Eighth Congressional District, gave the inspiration and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Hodge, seconded by Dr. Murray, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda as amended for the January 8, 2009 State Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Law, 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, January 8, 2009 State Board Meeting.

1. Contract – NACSA Training Program for Georgia State Charter Schools Commission (GSCSC) [Contract to be reviewed by Budget Committee in February 09]. With the consent of the Superintendent, the Board requested the staff to rework the proposed training contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and directed this new contract, even though it will be less than \$50,000, to be presented to the Board as a specific agenda item for the Board's review.
2. Grant – USDOE Education EDFacts. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to accept a grant to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE)'s Office of Technology Services (TS) at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00 in Federal funds to facilitate the reporting of EDFacts data.
3. Grant – Title IID Competitive Grant FY2008 – Teachers, Teamwork, and Technology. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend a grant award to 80 schools from the eligibility list approved in April 2008 at a cost not to exceed \$1,875.00 per school in order to disburse grant funds to be used to pay for outside evaluation.
4. Grant Amendment – Title IID Formula Grant FY2009. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend a grant award to 181 Title I Local Education Agencies (LEA) at a cost not to exceed \$3,918,548.00 in Federal funds for FY2009. (This item replaces the item previously approved October 2008.)
5. Contract – Title IID Competitive Grant FY 2008 Evaluation Teachers, Teamwork and Technology. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with The Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC) at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 in Federal funds for evaluation of the Title IID FY2008 Teachers, Teamwork, and Technology (T3) Competitive Grant.
6. Contract – Training and Support for Graduation coaches for Middle and High Schools – FY 09. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Communities in Schools of Georgia at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00 in State funds for training and support for graduation coaches in middle and high schools.
7. Grant – Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA) FY 09. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to the Georgia School Superintendents Association at a cost not to exceed \$71,100.00 in State funds for professional development for prospective Georgia school system superintendents.
8. Grant – FY09 Georgia Learn and Serve Grants. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to selected schools at a cost not to exceed \$321,971.00 in Federal funds for the implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve.
9. Contract – Readers for 2009-2010 Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Provider Application. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with 40

approved readers at a cost not to exceed \$94,000.00 in Federal funds for review of SES Provider Applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

10. Contract – Cayen System, Inc. Data Collection Contract. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with Cayen System, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$76,650.00 in Federal funds for Title IV, Part B - 21st CCLC programs.
11. Contract – National Science Center. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with the National Science Center (NSC) at a cost not to exceed \$675,000.00 in State funds for the purpose of providing students and educators with high-quality resources aligned to the Georgia Performance Standards.
12. Grant Amendment – High School Program Grant Amendments for Agricultural Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the grants awarded to school systems to reallocate funds based on teacher certification and years of experience at a cost not to exceed the approved grant amount of \$9,112,199.00 in State/Federal funds for High School Program Grants for Agricultural Education.
13. Grant – Allocations Amendment for Special Education. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the FY09 Allocations awarded to LEAs and State Operated Programs in the amount of \$65,000 in Federal funds for meeting the excess cost needs of students with disabilities attending a GNETS program.
14. Grant – FY 2008 Title III, Part A. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$69,115.00 in Federal funds for FY2009.
15. Donation – SMART Technologies Donation to the ETCs. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to accept a donation from SMART Technologies valued in the amount of \$99,544.00 to be made directly to the hosting agency of all 13 Educational Technology Centers (ETCs) within the Office of Technology Services.
16. Grant – Charter Schools Planning Grants – Round 2. Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to the twelve grant applicants listed on the attachment at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00 in State funds for Charter Schools Program Planning Grants.
(Applicant listing can be found on e-Board, January 8, 2009 State Board Meeting under Consent Agenda.)
17. System Waiver – Title 20 Waiver – White County School District. Approved White County School District's request for a waiver for the 2008-2009 school year to allow the district to receive middle school program funding for the 6th grade.
18. System Waiver – Title 20 Waiver – Rabun County School District. Approved Rabun County School District's request for a waiver for the 2008-2009 school year to allow the district to receive middle school program funding for the 6th grade.

19. System Waiver – Savannah-Chatham County Middle School Athletic Waiver – 2008-2009.
Approved a waiver request of Rule 160-5-1-.19 Grade 6-8: Competitive Interscholastic Activities for Savannah-Chatham County School District for the 2008-2009 school year.
20. System Waiver – Dodge County Alternative Education Waiver – School Year 2008-2009.
Approved for the 2008-2009 school year, the Dodge County Board of Education's request for a waiver for two additional Alternative Education Programs (AEP).
21. System Waiver – 2008-2009 Class Size Waivers – January. Approved for the 2008-2009 school year the requests to waive SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.08 CLASS SIZE to increase the maximum class size requirement for the specified schools in the districts listed below.

Bremen City School District, Carroll County School District, Cobb County School District; Coweta County School District; DeKalb County School District, Emanuel County School District, Fannin County School District, Fayette County School District, Glascock County School District, Madison County School District, Monroe County School District, Muscogee County School District, Pierce County School District, Vidalia City School District
22. Case No. 2009-12. Tonya Craft v. Chickamauga City Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board's decision.
23. Case No. 2009-13. N.G. v. Gwinnett County Board of Education. Dismissed this appeal.
24. Case No. 2009-14. K.K. v. Clayton County Board of Education. Dismissed this appeal.
25. Case No. 2009-16. B.M. v. Henry County Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board's decision.
26. Case No. 2009-17. T.J. v. Henry County Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board's decision.
27. Case No. 2009-18. William Dominick v. Fulton County Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board's decision.
28. Case No. 2009-21. J.C. v. Burke County Board of Education. Sustained the Local Board's decision.
29. 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:

Mathematics: 09-0451; 09-0500; 09-0528; 09-0529; 09-0544; 09-0561; 09-0565; 09-0591;
Mathematics and Social Studies: 09-0521;
Science: 09-0455; 09-0499; 09-0501; 09-0502; 09-0504; 09-0505; 09-0507; 09-0508; 09-0518; 09-0522; 09-0524; 09-0525; 09-0526; 09-0527; 09-0530; 09-0532; 09-0535; 09-0536;

09-0537; 09-0538; 09-0540; 09-0541; 09-0542; 09-0543; 09-0545; 09-0547; 09-0548; 09-0550; 09-0552; 09-0555; 09-0557; 09-0558; 09-0559; 09-0560; 09-0562; 09-0566; 09-0567; 09-0569; 09-0571; 09-0583; 09-0584; 09-0586; 09-0587; 09-0589; 09-0593;

Science and Mathematics: 09-0563;

Science and Social Studies: 09-0506; 09-0523; 09-0539; 09-0551; 09-0588; 09-0592;

Social Studies: 09-0531; 09-0534; 09-0546; 09-0549; 09-0556; 09-0564; 09-0568; 09-0570; 09-0572; 09-0585.

30. 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:

Case #	Recommendation	Area(s) of Request
09-0452	Approve	Social Studies
09-0455	Deny	Social Studies
09-0498	Deny	English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science
09-0503	Deny	Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Writing
09-0509	Deny	Science
09-0510	Deny	Science
09-0511	Deny	Mathematics
09-0513	Deny	Science
09-0515	Deny	Science
09-0516	Deny	Science
09-0519	Deny	Writing
09-0520	Deny	Science
09-	Deny	Science

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09-0553	Deny	Science
09-0554	Deny	Science
09-0573	Approve	Reading (BST)
09-0574	Deny	Science
09-0578	Deny	Science
09-0579	Deny	Science
09-0580	Deny	Science

31. 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 reconsideration requests for Waivers of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests or the Georgia High School Writing Test made at earlier State Board of Education meetings for the students and areas identified below:

Case #	Recommendation	Original Decision Date	Areas of Request
09-0456	Sustain decision to deny	5/8/2008	Science
09-0590	Overturn denial and approve waiver	4/3/2008	Science

32. Waiver Request – Case 09-0517 – Graduation Requirements. Approved the request of the student identified as Case 09-0517 to substitute AP Statistics for Geometry in order to meet college preparatory graduation requirements.

33. Minutes. Approved the minutes of the December 11, 2008 State Board Meeting.

POLICY/RULES COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. System Waiver – Class Size. By motion of Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Law, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the State Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for an exemption to the class size maximums as set out in state statute and State Board of

Education rule for the 180 school districts facing anticipated budget shortfalls for the 2009-2010 school year.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Gwinnett County Schools Board of Education Contract – Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2). By motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Bryant, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to authorize the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into an IE² Partnership Contract with the Gwinnett County Schools Board of Education.

At the State Board of Education's Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, presentations were given by Dr. Clara Keith, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Ms. Kathleen Mathers, Governor's Office of Student Affairs, Mr. Alvin Wilbanks, Superintendent, Gwinnett County Schools, and Dr. Steve Flynn, Gwinnett County Schools on the Gwinnett County Contract – Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2). All of the presentations will be placed on e-Board, January 8 State Board Meeting, and the GaDOE Website.

Announcements

1. Superintendent Cox and Chair Barrs welcomed the two new State Board members. Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale will represent the Second Congressional District and Mr. Allen Rice will represent the Twelfth Congressional District. Mrs. Linda Zechmann and Dr. Mary Sue Murray were reappointed by the Governor. At 10:45 a.m. this morning, Dr. Ragsdale and Mr. Rice will be sworn in by the Governor. Everyone was invited to go over to the Capitol for this ceremony.
2. The Schools of Excellence and Blue Ribbon Schools Banquet will be held on January 23, 2009 at the International Convention Center in College Park.

Adjournment

At 9:20 a.m., by motion of Dr. Bostic, seconded by Mr. Perez, 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 February 12, 2009.

Lynn Roberts, Recorder