MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 22, 2008

The State Board of Education met for its regular meeting in the First Floor Conference Room, Andrew Johnson Towers, Nashville, Tennessee, at 8:30 a.m. CST, on August 22, 2008.

Present..... 8 **Absent.....0**

Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair
Mr. Jim Ayers
Mr. Flavius Barker
Ms. Vernita Justice
Ms. Carolyn Pearre, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Ray
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers
Ms. Teresa Sloyan
Dr. Melvin Wright
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio
Ms. Brittni England, Student Member

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the audience.

He then recognized and welcomed the newly appointed Board members -- **Ms. Vernita Justice**, District 3 and **Ms. Teresa Sloyan**, District 9. He asked that the former Board members, **Dr. Valerie Rutledge**, District 3 and **Ms. Sharon Thompson**, District 9, stand and presented them with plaques along with the thanks of the State Board of Education members and staff for a job well done during their terms.

In accordance with the by-laws of the State Board of Education, the Chair and Vice Chair were to be elected at this meeting. **Dr. Gary Nixon**, Executive Director, presided over the nominations.

Mr. Ray asked that **Mr. Rolston** be re-elected as Chair. **Dr. Wright** seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

Dr. Nixon then asked for nominations for Vice Chair. **Dr. Wright** nominated **Ms. Pearre**. **Dr. Rogers** seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

I. Consent Items

A. Adoption of Agenda
B. Approval of April 25, 2008 Minutes

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved acceptance. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Report Items

A. Summary Report: Performance of 2006-2007 Teacher Education Graduates

The Board reviewed the annual report on graduates from teacher education programs. No institution had more than 30 percent of its students fail the examination.

T.C.A. 49-5-5607 requires the Board to annually review the Praxis scores from each public and private teacher education institution. The Praxis II examinations include the Principles of Learning and Teaching examination and subject area assessments.

III. Action Items (First Reading)

A. Leadership – Tennessee Learning Centered Leadership System Policy

Dr. Mary Jo Howland, State Board of Education, requested the Board approve on first reading of the Learning Centered Leadership System Policy. She explained, in response to a Board member's request the policy was prepared in an official policy format. The reformatted policy had the same content as the materials included in the agenda.

Dr. Howland explained this policy provides the guidelines and details necessary to implement the learning centered leadership redesign rules. The redesign rules are currently pending with an assigned effective date of 11-28-08.

ACTION: **Vice Chairman Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Web Design Essentials and Web Design Applications Curriculum Standards

Ms. Lynn Cohen, Department of Education, presented the Business Technology standards for Web Design Essentials and Web Design Applications. This course curriculum focuses on the language, structure, and essential concepts and principles of web page layout and design and the ethics related to the production of Internet presentations.

C. Textile and Apparel Production and Service Management Licensure Standards

Ms. Cohen requested the Family & Consumer Sciences, Textile and Apparel Production and Service Management add-on endorsement program standards, 9-12, be approved for first reading. Changes in the clothing and textile development industry do not align with the standards for Clothing Management, 9-12, 1994. Industry advancements have

necessitated adopting a more relevant, redesigned curriculum. Textile and Apparel Production and Service Management, 9-12 meets the new industry standards.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved acceptance on first reading of Items III.B-C. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Tennessee School Board Association Training Module on Facilities

Dr. Howland presented a request from the State Department of Education to have a fourth elective added to the School Board Academy program. The School Board Academy Advisory Committee has proposed a facilities module be added to the course offerings. She explained that, pursuant to TCA 49-2-202(a)5, every member of a local board of education is required to participate in training provided by the Tennessee School Board Academy.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. ISTE NETS·T

Dr. David Sevier, State Board of Education, presented the ISTE teacher technology standards. He noted that these are similar to the student standards that were passed on first reading at the previous SBE meeting.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved acceptance on first reading. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Policy 3.207

Dr. Sevier presented this item and noted that it was part of the policy that would be used to keep the state in compliance with the federal laws that govern ESL and Title VI compliance.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved to approve. **Mr. Ray** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Policy on Distance Learning and e-Learning

Dr. Sevier presented this item. **Mr. Ray** noted that he believes this policy will do much to open up additional possibilities for distance and e-learning in the state.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Category II Non-Public School Accrediting Agencies

Mr. Rich Haglund, State Board of Education, explained that E.A. Sutherland Educational Association was added since first reading, because it had not previously had five member schools in good standing. All accrediting agencies are seeking approval for the school years from 2008-2009 through 2013-2014.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved to approve. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Charter School Appeal – Ivy Academy

Dr. Nixon explained that Ivy Academy's application was scored high by the review committee in Hamilton County. However, the Hamilton County Board of Education (HCBE) denied the application, citing concerns about the proposed facility (access and compliance with IDEA and Section 504). The HCBE was also concerned about financial liquidity sufficient for operations.

Dr. Nixon explained that with approval from the State Board, Ivy Academy would be in a better position to obtain funding commitments sufficient to show the working capital necessary for operations.

Dr. Nixon recommended that the Board remand the decision to the HCBE with instructions for approval of the charter.

ACTION: **Mr. Barker** moved to approve. **Ms. Sloyan** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Alternative Education Programs, Models, and Standards

Dr. Sevier noted that the Board has previously approved standards for alternative programs and that these serve as an update. He pointed out that these standards were the types of high quality attributes that you would desire to see in any school, not just alternative programs.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved to approve. **Mr. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. ISTE NETS•S
G. Physical Education: Prek-12 Curriculum Standards
H. Health Education: Prek-8 Curriculum Standards
I. Course Substitution – JROTC for Personal Finance
J. Science Curriculum Standards (Principles of Technology I and II, and Biology for Technology)

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve Items F-J. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Advisory Council on Teacher Education & Certification Membership and Bylaws

Dr. Sevier presented this item. He stated that in the recent sunset hearing for the Advisory Council on Teacher Education and Certification it was suggested that a voting member from a historically black college be added. Board staff contacted Dr. Christon Arthur and he accepted.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** moved to approve. **Dr. Rogers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Basic Education Program (BEP) Salary Schedule for Teachers and Supervisors

M. Basic Education Program (BEP) 2.0 Allocations for Fiscal Year 2008- 2009

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve Items IV.L-M. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

N. Alternative Preparation for Licensure Policy

O. Licensure Standards for Clothing Management, Production, and Services, 9-12, Extend Supersede Date

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve Items IV.L-O. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

P. Basic Education Program Review Committee Recognition & New Appointment

Mr. Art Fuller, State Board of Education, recognized the retirement of Larry Ridings and recommended the appointment of the elected President of the Tennessee School Systems for Equity, Dr. Bobby Webb, and Ms. Denise Brown as new members to the BEP Review Committee.

ACTION: **Ms. Sloyan** moved to approve. **Dr. Wright** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Q. Special Education Rule

Dr. Howland requested the Board approve on final reading a rule to correct an omission to the definition of intellectually gifted. The complete definition of intellectually gifted was accidentally, deleted, during a final edit of the Special Education Rules approved August 10, 2007.

The correct definition was approved by the Board on first reading. The first reading rules were the ones disseminated for public comment and used for the public comment period and for the rule making hearing. The complete definition was the result of a task force recommendation.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve. **Dr. Wright** seconded. 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		
Brittni England	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Teacher License Actions

A. Kent S. Armstrong
B. Alan J. Brown
C. James G. Davis
D. Damon L. Dietz
E. Brian Echols
F. Gregory P. Hall
G. James B. Loveday
H. Michael E. Noel

Mr. Haglund said that the recommendations of the review committee had been presented to the Board members for suspension and revocation. **Mr. Rolston** explained that the staff are doing thorough reviews of each case, comparing their recommendations to similar cases for consistency.

ACTION: **Mr. Ray** moved to approve. **Mr. Ayers** seconded. 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		
Brittni England	X		

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Rolston thanked the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations and announced that the Board will meet on November 14, 2008.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____