

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 12:45 p.m. CST, on February 19, 2008.

Present..... 7

Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair
Mr. Jim Ayers
Ms. Carolyn Pearre
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers
Dr. Valerie Rutledge
Ms. Sharon Thompson
Dr. Melvin Wright

Absent.....4

Mr. Flavius Barker
Mr. Richard Ray
Ms. Caroline Hadley
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio

Others Present in the Conference Room and On the Call:

Dr. Gary Nixon, Executive Director, State Board of Education
Dr. David Sevier, Research Associate, State Board of Education
Mr. Rich Haglund, Legal Counsel, State Board of Education
Mr. Art Fuller, Research Associate, State Board of Education
Dr. Tim Zeidner, Research Associate, State Board of Education
Ms. Phyllis Childress, Executive Assistant, State Board of Education
Dr. Tim Webb, Acting Commissioner, Department of Education

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call for Board members. He stated that the special meeting, held via telephone conference, was called to consider the Ivy Academy Charter School appeal, the Advisory Council on Teacher Education & Certification Membership and the reprint of the State Board of Education Master Plan for final reading.

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved to approve the agenda. **Dr. Jean Anne Rogers** seconded the motion.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

I.A. Charter School Appeal - Ivy Academy

Dr. Nixon outlined the reasons he recommended the Board affirm Hamilton County Board of Education's denial of the public charter school application. **Mr. Haglund** explained that Eric Hilgendorf, the Director of Charter Schools for the Department of Education, did meet with Board members and administrators in Hamilton County earlier this year to talk about public charter schools. **Dr. Nixon** noted that Ivy Academy has the potential to provide a good program, but that their application needed more work before it could become part of a charter agreement between the district and the public charter school.

ACTION: **Dr. Wright** moved to uphold Hamilton County's denial of the charter school application. **Dr. Rogers** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

I.B. Advisory Council on Teacher Education & Certification Membership

Dr. Zeidner presented the proposed membership for the Advisory Council. He noted that with the newly passed organization and by-laws for the Advisory Council on Teacher Education and Certification, it is necessary to select a diverse and highly effective group of educational leaders to serve on this council to ensure meaningful advice and assistance to the Board. To continue the work of the Advisory Council, new leadership must be developed and shared among highly effective council members. These recommended council members represent all areas of the state and both traditional and alternative teacher programs. Likewise, they represent a blend of educational backgrounds and disciplines.

Chairman Rolston asked if thought had been given as to whom the Chair of the Advisory Committee should be and if the decision should be made by the Board or staff. **Dr. Zeidner** responded that in accordance with the by-laws, the Chair would be elected at the first meeting of the Committee. **Chairman Rolston** stated his concern that the Chair possess diligence and dedication to fulfilling the purposes of the Council. Furthermore, **Chairman Rolston** requested that the staff poll the newly appointed members for interest in serving in these leadership positions. He stated that gauging such interest would ensure that the agenda of the first meeting would be able to move forward without undue impediments.

ACTION: **Ms. Thompson** moved to approve. **Dr. Rutledge** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

I.C. State Board of Education Master Plan - Reprint

Mr. Haglund reminded the Board members that the only changes being made were to the data included in the second half of the *Master Plan*. Board members suggested including additional clarifying information on two of the graphs. **Mr. Haglund** said that they would include those changes.

Acting Commissioner Webb said that last year's ACT, PLAN and EXPLORE data would be available soon, so it could be included in the reprint.

ACTION: **Dr. Jean Anne Rogers** moved to approve. **Dr. Rutledge** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairman Rolston thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone and announced the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 24-25, 2008. **Chairman Rolston** then adjourned the meeting.

Approved by: _____ Date _____