

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 30, 2014**

The State Board of Education met for a special called meeting in Room 35 of the STEM Center at Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee, at 12:45 p.m., June 30, 2014.

Present..... 7 Absent..... 4

Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chairman
Ms. Janet Ayers
Ms. Allison Chancey
Ms. Carolyn Pearre
Mr. Lonnie Roberts
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers
Dr. Melvin Wright

Mr. Mike Edwards
Ms. Teresa Sloyan
Ms. Katie Mitchell
Dr. Rich Rhoda

Chairman Rolston called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the audience. He introduced **Dr. Sally Pardue**, who welcomed Board members and other guests to Tennessee Technological University, particularly the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Center (STEM).

I. Consent Items (Voice Vote)

A. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: **Vice Chair Pearre** moved acceptance. **Mr. Roberts** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Action Items (First Reading)

A. Child Nutrition Programs, Rule

Dr. David Sevier, State Board of Education, presented this item and informed members that federal rules have changed regarding the sale of food items in school cafeterias and other areas of the school. Under these rules the Secretary of Agriculture now has jurisdiction over food sold in bookstores, gift shops, and at fund-raising activities during the school day. The rules do not allow for the sale for food items that do not meet the nutritional guidelines unless a state agency sets a number of exemption days for “infrequent” fund-raising activities. Without the exemption, the federal default number for fundraising activities is zero.

Dr. Sevier emphasized that the term “infrequent” is used several times in the document. After discussions with several stakeholders including legislators, food service supervisors and parent groups, 30 days was

agreed to. **Dr. Sevier** clarified that these rules do not govern food sold at after school activities like concession stands or those foods designed to be consumed off campus like pizza kits or cookie dough.

Also, at the request of school nutrition supervisors, this removes the state rules governing nutrition services in grades K-8. Schools participating in the federal food program would operate under a single set of federal rules.

Dr. Jean-Anne Rogers asked about who would oversee the 30 day limit. **Dr. Sevier** responded that this would be the school principal's responsibility.

ACTION: **Dr. Rogers** moved acceptance on first reading. **Ms. Ayers** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Charter Schools Appeals, Policy & Rule*

Ms. Dannelle Walker, State Board of Education, presented this item. She explained that this policy and rule are needed to facilitate the Board's new work as an appellate charter school authorizer. There were no questions from the Board.

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

C. *Educator Licensure, Policy & Rule*

Dr. Sara Heyburn, Department of Education, presented this item. She noted that much of the information had been covered at the earlier workshop. She reiterated the main points including the various methods for earning credits toward renewal and the length of both the practitioner and professional license.

Commissioner Huffman reminded the members that this policy does not address the quality of professional development and that LEAs are still primarily responsible for ensure that professional development meets the needs of the teachers and the district in an effort to support student learning.

Mrs. Allison Chancey thanked the Department of Education for their amendments to this policy and asked about potential confusion that may arise from the abbreviation "PLC" for the term "Professional Learning Credits." She noted that this may be confused with the term "Professional Learning Communities." **Dr. Heyburn** stated that they would work to find a less confusing abbreviation.

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

III. Action Items (Final Reading)

A. Educator Licensure Renewal, Rule

Ms. Walker presented this item. She explained that, due to the change in course on licensure, this rule was no longer necessary and should be withdrawn. There were no questions from the Board.

ACTION: **Dr. Rogers** moved approval. **Dr. Wright** seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Janet Ayers	X		
Allison Chancey	X		
Mike Edwards			X
Carolyn Pearre	X		
Lonnie Roberts	X		
Jean Anne Rogers	X		
Fielding Rolston	X		
Teresa Sloyan			X
Melvin Wright	X		
Katie Mitchell			X

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Chairman Rolston then thanked the Board members for their thoughtful deliberations and announced that the Board will meet next on July 25, 2014.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____