

Minutes

State Board of Education
Monday, April 19, 2004

The State Board of Education met on Monday, April 19, 2004, in the Auditorium of the State Education Building. JoNell Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present: JoNell Caldwell; Chairman; Shelby Hillman; Vice-Chairman; Sherry Burrow; Luke Gordy; Dr. Calvin King; Randy Lawson; MaryJane Rebick; Diane Tatum; and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland.

No Board members were absent.

Consideration of Administrative Annexations or Consolidations

The minutes reflect only actions taken by the Board. A full transcript of the deliberations as transcribed by a court reporter is available.

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the Walker School District to the Magnolia School District

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the petition to annex. Ms. Rebick seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Annexation of Umpire School District to Wickes School District

Mr. Lawson moved approval of the petition to annex. Dr. Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the St. Paul School District to the Huntsville School District

Ms. Rebick moved approval of the petition to annex. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the McRae School District to the Beebe School District

Mr. Lawson moved approval of the petition to annex. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the Mt. Pleasant School District to the Melbourne School District

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the petition to annex. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of Taylor School District and the Emerson School District to form the Taylor-Emerson School District

Ms. Tatum moved approval of the consolidation petition. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the Wilburn School District to the Concord School District

Ms. Hillman moved approval of the petition to annex. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Lynn School District and the River Valley School District to form the Hillcrest School District

Ms. Burrow moved approval of the consolidation petition. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Kingsland School District and the Rison School District to form the Cleveland County School District

Ms. Hillman moved approval of the consolidation petition. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a vote of 7 – 0 – 1 (abstain) (Dr. Westmoreland abstained).

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of Mt. Judea School District and the Deer School District to form the Deer/Mt. Judea School District

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the consolidation petition. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a vote of 7 – 0 – 1 (abstained) (Ms. Rebick abstained).

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the Emmet School District to the Blevins School District

Ms. Rebick moved approval of the petition to annex. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a vote of 5 – 0 – 3 (abstain) (Gordy, Tatum and Westmoreland abstained).

Matter of Administrative Annexation of the Cotton Plant School District to the Augusta School District

Mr. Gordy moved approval of the petition to annex. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Gordy moved adjournment. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The minutes were recorded and reported by Dr. Charles D. Watson.

Tom Courtway, Interim Director

JoNell Caldwell, Chair