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Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
February 11, 2015

The State Board of Education (Board) held a telephonic meeting on February 11, 2015. The following Board members attended: Charlie Edwards and Brooke Axiotis. The following Board members participated: Mike Knedler, Rosie Hussey, Mike Bearden, Diane Crookham-Johnson, Angela English, Mike May, Mary Ellen Miller, and Hannah Rens. The following Iowa Department of Education (Department) staff members attended: Brad Buck, Ryan Wise, Staci Hupp, Nicole Proesch, David Tilly, Mary Delagardelle, Jeremy Varner, Eric St Clair, Jeff Berger, and Jody Crane. Department staff member Thomas Mayes and Scott Stewart, Daily Nonpareil, also participated.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

State Board President Charlie Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

It was moved by Mike May and seconded by Brooke Axiotis that the agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rosie Hussey made a motion and Angela English seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ACTION/DISCUSISON AGENDA

In re Open Enrollment of C.N. (Charles City Community School District and Clayton Ridge Community School District)

Nicole Proesch, designated Administrative Law Judge and Legal Counsel, presented *In re Open Enrollment of C.N. (Charles City Community School District and Clayton Ridge Community School Distric*t). Proesch reported that two separate appeals were filed, but both dealt with the same student. The first appeal was from the decision of the Charles City Community School District to deny C.N.'s open enrollment application and the second appeal was from the Clayton Ridge Community School District's decision to deny the same open enrollment application. For efficiency purposes, both appeals were heard together and a joint ruling was done.

Proesch reviewed the background information that was provided to the Board.

Proesch recommended that the State Board approve the proposed decision reversing the decision of the Charles City Community School District and vacating and remanding for reconsideration the decision of the Clayton Ridge Community School District in light of the decision to reverse the Charles City Board.

> **Motion**: Diane Crookham-Johnson made a motion and Mike May seconded that the State Board approve the proposed decision reversing the decision of the Charles City Community School District and vacating and remanding for reconsideration the decision of the Clayton Ridge Community School District.

There was discussion regarding ramifications for the student's education during this process and next steps.

> **Vote**: The motion carried unanimously.

In re Intra-district School Assignments (Clear Creek Amana Community School District)

Nicole Proesch, designated Administrative Law Judge and Legal Counsel, presented *In re Intra-district School Assignments (Clear Creek Amana Community School District [CCACSD])*. Proesch indicated that CCACSD is building a new school and was trying to determine where students would attend.

The Appellants filed an appeal to the Board of the CCACSD Board of Directors' decision rendered on September 18, 2014, regarding schools of assignment within the district affecting the neighborhood of Deerview Estates. The Appellee filed a Motion to Dismiss

arguing that all but one of the Appellants was not an aggrieved party. The Appellee also filed a Motion for Summary Judgment arguing that there is no genuine issue of a material fact that would affect the outcome. It was found that all but one of the Appellants do not have children attending CCACSD. Thus, they are not aggrieved by the local board's decision. As to the remaining Appellant, it was found that the Appellant concedes there is no genuine issue of a material fact that would change the outcome. The Appellant simply does not like the outcome. Therefore, Summary Judgment was granted.

It was recommended that the State Board adopt the proposed decision.

> **Motion**: Mike May made a motion and Mike Bearden seconded that the State Board approve the proposed decision dismissing the appeals filed by Jennifer and William Crumley, Julie and Adam Sychra, Alan and Diana Kremzar, Jerrod and Michelle Miller, Aaron and Sarah Betlach, Darla C. Bartels, and Jill M. Kain and granting the districts Motion for Summary Judgment and affirming the decision of the local board for the reasons stated.
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> **Vote**: The motion carried unanimously.

Assessment Recommendation

David Tilly, Deputy Director, provided an update regarding the Assessment Task Force's recommendations. The task force made its recommendations to the Legislature on January 1 as required in statute. Members of the task force met with Representative Ron Jorgensen, Chair of the House Education Committee, to discuss the task force's recommendations.

Tilly cited Iowa Code section 256.7(21) which invites the Board to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding assessment. As a result, Board members developed a resolution to fulfill the legislative directive to provide a recommendation to the Legislature.

Mary Ellen Miller shared comments regarding the Assessment Task Force's two primary recommendations, which are:

1) Statewide Assessment of Mathematics and Reading - Through a vote of 20 to 1, the task force recommends the Smarter Balanced assessments as the statewide assessment of student progress on a set of core academic indicators in mathematics and reading.

2) Statewide Assessment of Science - Through a unanimous vote, the task force recommends that the task force should be reconvened as soon as the new science standards are approved and new assessments are available for review (and in the meantime, continue with the current assessment).

> **Motion**: Mary Ellen Miller made a motion and Mike Knedler seconded that the State Board accept the draft resolution.

Brad Buck suggested the following amendments to the draft resolution:

1) Change the date of the report to December 31, 2014; and
2) Delete the last sentence that reads "The Board further recommends the Legislature restore authority to select the accountability assessment given to all Iowa K-12 students to the Iowa Department of Education with appropriate oversight from the Board."

Motion: Mary Ellen Miller made a motion and Mike Knedler seconded that the State Board accept the amendments to the resolution.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Mary Ellen Miller made a motion and Mike Knedler seconded that the State Board accept the amended draft resolution.

Vote: A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Tilly talked in detail about the Assessment Task Force's recommendation regarding statewide assessment of science. The Iowa Core science standards are currently being used in the state; however, they are being examined by a review team. This review team is also looking at the Next Generation Science Standards.

Tilly talked about the process being used in reviewing the science standards and the opportunities for public input. A series of forums and an online survey is available for public feedback on the standards. Feedback from the public forums and survey will be used to provide guidance to the science standards review team, which is expected to submit a final recommendation regarding science standards to the Board. Once the science standards are identified, the process to identify the assessment will begin.

There was discussion regarding the Smarter Balanced assessments not including a science component, the gap between the reading and math standards and the science standards, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Iowa Community Colleges Joint Enrollment Report 2014

Jeremy Varner, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges, and Eric St Clair, Consultant, Bureau of Career and Technical Education, provided an update on community college joint enrollment activities. The *Joint Enrollment Report 2014* provides information on high school students who are jointly enrolled in community college coursework. This data comes from the Community College Management Information System.

Varner talked about a document titled *Factsheet – National Comparison of Jointly Enrolled Students*.

St Clair shared highlights of the *Joint Enrollment Report 2014:* Specifically, he addressed:

- Joint Enrollment
- Total Credit Hours
- Student Demographics
- Student Grade Level
- Offering Arrangement
- Enrollment by District

There was discussion about whether enrollment at each community college is driven by demand or offerings; the number of students taking advantage of joint enrollment offerings; the need for the Department to emphasize the benefits of, and promote more equitable access to, community college offerings for Iowa's students; how the K-12 school start date affects community colleges, and the proposal to expand concurrent enrollment to private independent colleges and public universities.

Charlie Edwards recognized Brooke Axiotis for being named to the National Association of State Boards of Education Board of Directors.

Charlie Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Charles C. Edwards, Jr. President	Brad A. Buck Director