

Minutes
State Board of Education
Monday, May 17, 2004

The State Board of Education met on Monday, May 17, 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; Diane Tatum; and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland.

The following Board members were absent: Randy Lawson and MaryJane Rebick

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 Consolidation of the Biggers-Reyno School District Pursuant to Act 60 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003

Mr. Gordy moved the Biggers-Reyno School District be administratively consolidated with the Corning School District. Dr. Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Carthage School District Pursuant to Act 60 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003

Dr. King moved the administrative consolidation of the Carthage School District with the Malvern School District. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Delaplaine School District Pursuant to Act 60 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003

Mr. Gordy moved the administrative consolidation of the Delaplaine School District with the Greene County School District. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Holly Grove School District Pursuant to Act 60 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003

Dr. Westmoreland moved the administrative consolidation of the Holly Grove School District with the Clarendon School District. Ms. Tatum seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Lake View School District Pursuant to Act 60 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003

Mr. Gordy moved administrative consolidation of the Lake View School District with the Barton-Lexa School District. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a vote of 5 – 0 – 1 (abstain) (King abstained).

Matter of Administrative Consolidation of the Sparkman School District Pursuant to Act 60 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003

Mr. Gordy moved administrative consolidation of the Sparkman School District with the Harmony Grove School District. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a vote of 5 – 1 (Tatum voted no).

Other Business

Scott Smith reported to the Board that attorneys representing the Crawfordsville School District requested a continuation of that hearing which is scheduled for May 18. Dr. King suggested that in making a consideration on this issue, that the Board should be mindful of the guidance from the Attorney General, which stressed the need for consistency and due process. There was no action taken.

Dr. James stated that he was pleased with the actions of the Board and he applauded the professionalism displayed by the parties involved and with the high quality of the deliberations.

Dr. Westmoreland moved adjournment. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

Dr. Ken James, Director

JoNell Caldwell, Chair