

September 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM - State Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

State Board Members present: Ms. Ouida Newton, chair; Dr. Sarah Moore, vice chair; Ms. Kathy McFetridge; Dr. Fitzgerald Hill; Ms. Adrienne Woods; Mr. Steve Sutton; Dr. Beth Anne Rankin; Mr. Randy Henderson; Ms. Susanna Post (ATOY, non-voting); Mr. Johnny Key (Secretary of Education, non-voting)

I. Call to Order-10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Ouida Newton

II. Moment of Silence

Presenter: Ouida Newton

III. Recognition

FCCLA National Officer

Presenter: Ross White

IV. Changes to Agenda

Presenter: Ouida Newton

V. Consent Agenda

Presenter: Ouida Newton

- Minutes
- Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations
- Consideration of Report on Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out of Area for Longer than Thirty (30) Days, Ark. Code Ann. Â§6-17-309

State Board members had questions about the August Minutes and whether business was conducted on August 13. The August 12 Minutes were pulled from the agenda. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Dr. Moore, to approve the consent agenda without August Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Action Agenda A

VI.1. Consideration of Request for Approval of Nominated Members for the Professional Licensure Standards Board to Replace Members Whose Terms are Vacant or Expiring June 30, 2022.

Presenter: Karli Saracini

Description: Under Ark. Code Ann. Â§ 6-17-422 members of the PLSB serve rotating terms, and are appointed by the State Board from nominations made by professional education associations. Dr. Karen Lasker has been nominated by the Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators (ArkASPA) to represent their membership. Dr. Lasker is the current Director of Personnel for the Conway School District. The term of this member is to begin immediately and will end on June 30, 2022.

Ms. McFetridge, seconded by Dr. Rankin, moved to approve the nominees. The motion passed unanimously.

VI.2. Jasper School District Act 1240 Request

Description: The Jasper School District is requesting a one-year waiver of class size and teaching load so that the district can partner with UALR to hire intern teachers enrolled in the UALR teacher preparation program. The waiver request is for Jasper Elementary School, grades 5-6, for writing and English only.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton, seconded by Dr. Rankin, moved to grant the waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

VI.3. Van Buren School District Act 1240 Waiver Request

Description: The Van Buren School District is requesting a 5-year waiver of class size and teaching load so that the district may participate in the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Teacher Apprenticeship Program. The request is for all elementary schools in the district, grades K-5.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin, seconded by Mr. Henderson, moved to grant the waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

VI.4. Pine Bluff School District Act 1240 Waiver Request

Description: The Pine Bluff School District is requesting a waiver of class size and teaching load so that the district may partner with UAPB to hire intern teachers enrolled in the UAPB teacher preparation program. The waiver request is for all schools, K-12, and is for three years.

*This item removed from action agenda

VI.5. Proposal to Remove Marvell School District Fiscal Distress Classification

Presenter: Tracy Webb

Description: On April 11, 2019, upon the recommendation of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, the State Board of Education classified the Marvel School District as being in fiscal distress status. The District petitions this Board for removal from fiscal distress status and the Division recommends removal.

State Board members asked clarifying questions of representatives from Marvell School District and ADE staff. Mr. Sutton, seconded by Dr. Hill, moved to remove Marvell from fiscal distress. The motion passed unanimously.

VI.6. Educational Cooperative Digital Learning Report

Presenter: Roy Hester, Darin Beckwith, Cathi Swan, and Brad Horn

Description: SBE requested a follow-up report presented by Educational Cooperative consortiums at the start of the school year to provide information regarding the implementation of approved digital learning applications.

VII. Action Agenda B

VII.1. Act 1240 Digital Learning Applications and Waivers

VII.1.a. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Kirby K-6 Addendum (Dawson)

Description: The Kirby School District is requesting to add K-6 to their State Board approved Digital Learning Plan. The district will utilize the Dawson Cooperative Consortium.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Dr. Rankin, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.b. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Lonoke K-2 Addendum (Wilbur Mills)

Description: The Lonoke School District is requesting to add K-2 to their State Board approved Digital Learning plan. The district will utilize the Wilbur D. Mills Cooperative Consortium.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Dr. Rankin, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.c. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Rivercrest K-8 Addendum (Tri-Region)

Description: The Rivercrest School District is requesting to add K-8 to their State Board approved Digital Learning Plan.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.d. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Clarendon K-6 Addendum (Arkansas River Consortium)

Description: The Clarendon School District is requesting to add K-6 to their State Board approved Digital Learning plan. The district will utilize the Arkansas River Consortium.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.e. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Nettleton 7-12 Addendum (Virtual Arkansas)

Description: The Nettleton School District is requesting to add 7-12 to their State Board approved Digital Learning plan. The district will utilize Virtual Arkansas.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.f. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Concord K-2 Addendum

Description: The Concord School District is requesting to add K-2 to their State Board approved Digital Learning plan.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.g. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Poyen K-8 Addendum

Description: The Poyen School District is requesting to add K-8 to their State Board approved Digital Learning Plan.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.h. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Huntsville K-2 Addendum

Description: The Huntsville School District is requesting to add K-2 to their State Board approved Digital Learning Plan.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.i. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Hampton

Description: The Hampton School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the district with Virtual Arkansas courses offered to 7-12. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the district and Virtual Arkansas. Class size waiver is requested; however, teaching load waiver will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Mr. Henderson, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.j. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Lakeside Garland County

Description: The Lakeside Garland School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the district for K-6 and Buzz for 7-12. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the district and Buzz. Class size waiver is requested; however, teaching load waiver will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.k. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Paris School District

Description: The Paris School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the district, Lincoln Learning and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the district, Lincoln Learning and Virtual Arkansas. Class size waiver is requested; however, a teaching load waiver will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.i. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Hope School District

Description: The Hope School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the district and Buzz/Lincoln Learning. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the district and Buzz/Lincoln Learning. Class size waiver is not requested; however, a teaching load waiver will be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.m. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Eureka Spring School District

Description: The Eureka Springs School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Edgenuity and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by Edgenuity and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.n. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Maynard

Description: The Maynard School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the district and Lincoln Learning. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the district and Lincoln Learning. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.o. Consideration of Act 120 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - West Fork

Description: The West Fork School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the district. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and employed by the district. Class size and teaching load waivers are not requested. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.p. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Pocahontas

Description: The Pocahontas School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by Lincoln Learning/Buzz. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by Lincoln Learning/Buzz. Class size waiver is requested; however teaching is not requested. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.q. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Nashville School District

Description: The Nashville School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by EdOptions Academy. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by Edmentum. The district is not requesting class size or teaching load waivers. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.r. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Cotter

Description: The Cotter School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by Buzz/Lincoln Learning for K-6 and Virtual Arkansas for 7-12. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by Buzz/Lincoln Learning and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Sutton moved, seconded by Ms. Woods, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.s. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Two Rivers (Arkansas River Consortium)

Description: The Two Rivers School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.t. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Nemo Vista (Arkansas River)

Description: The Nemo Vista School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.u. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Perryville (Arkansas River)

Description: The Perryville School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.v. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Quitman (Arkansas River)

Description: The Quitman School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.w. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Lafayette County (Arkansas River)

Description: The Lafayette County School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.w.1) Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Pottsville (Arkansas River)

Description: The Pottsville School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.x. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Caddo Hills (Arkansas River)

Description: The Caddo Hills School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-6. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.y. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Atkins (Arkansas River)

Description: The Atkins School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas

State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.z. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Wonderview (Arkansas River)

Description: The Wonderview School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers are not requested. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.aa. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Mt. Vernon-Enola (Arkansas River)

Description: The Mt. Vernon-Enola School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Arkansas River Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.ab. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Hot Springs (Dawson)

Description: The Hot Springs School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-6. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Dawson Consortium. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided the consortium. Class size waiver will be required for K-6. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.1.ac. Consideration of Act 1240 District Waiver request for a Digital Learning Plan - Lavaca (Guy Fenter Consortium)

Description: The Lavaca School District has submitted a Digital Learning Program for students in grades K-12. The program will offer synchronous and asynchronous learning through a virtual approach using curriculum provided by the Guy Fenter Consortium and Virtual Arkansas. Teachers are Arkansas State Certified and provided by the coop and Virtual Arkansas. Class size and teaching load waivers will not be required for this digital learning request. The waiver is being requested through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This application has been reviewed by the DESE team.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.2. Consideration of Open-Enrollment Charter Applications

Presenter: Tim Johnston, Director DESE Charter Unit

VII.2.a. Consideration of Open-Enrollment Application - IDEA Public Schools Arkansas

Description: IDEA has submitted an application to establish an Open-Enrollment school in two locations in Arkansas beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. Both locations will follow a college prep education model.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.2.b. Consideration of Open Enrollment. Charter Application - Premier High School of Fort Smith

Description: Premier High School Fort Smith has submitted an application to establish an Open-Enrollment school beginning the 2022-2023 academic year. The school would be located within the Fort Smith School District. The charter would follow a Credit Recovery/ALE and Personalized Learning educational model.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.2.c. Consideration of Open-Enrollment Charter Application - Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy (AMFRA)

Description: Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy (AMFRA) has submitted an application to establish an Open-Enrollment charter school beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year. The charter will follow a college preparatory educational model with a military academy and first responder concentration.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. DMs. McFetridge moved, seconded by Mr. Henderson, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.3. Consideration of One-year Standards Waiver

Presenter: Matthew Sutherlin, ADE Coordinator Special Programs

VII.3.a. Consideration of a One-year Standards Waiver for the Bryant School District

Description: The Bryant School District has submitted a request for a waiver of standard 4-F, Library Media Specialist, in the event of an enrollment increase at Bryant Junior High during the 2021-2022 school year.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Rankin, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.4. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Annexation and Consolidation of School Districts, Sections 2.00, 13.00, and Table of Contents only

Presenter: Lori Freno

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing Annexation and Consolidation of School Districts, Sections 2.00, 13.00, and Table of Contents only, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Moore, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.5. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing The Arkansas Tutoring Corps

Presenter: Whitney James

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing the Arkansas Tutoring Corps, pending Governor's Office Approval

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.6. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for Arkansas Leadership Academy Master Principal

Presenter: Karli Saracini

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for Arkansas Leadership Academy Master Principal, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.7. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Presenter: Karli Saracini

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.8. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Background Checks

Presenter: Karli Saracini

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing Background Checks, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Dr. Rankin, to approve the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.9. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing The Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators

Presenter: Karli Saracini

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing The Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.10. For public comment release: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Educator Licensure

Presenter: Karli Saracini

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Henderson, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VII.11. Release for Public Comment: Standards for Accreditation

Presenter: Mary Claire Hyatt

Description: The Division requests that the Board release the DESE Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, pending Governor's Office approval.

State Board members asked clarifying questions. Dr. Rankin moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

IX. Reports

IX.1. Board Liaison Reports

IX.2. ATOY Report

Presenter: Susanna Post

IX.3. Commissioner's Report

Presenter: Secretary Key

IX.3.a.

SMAC Talk Updates

IX.3.b. RISE Arkansas Literacy Report

Presenter: Dr. Kiffany Pride

Description: Update on progress of state reading initiative RISE Arkansas and literacy actions throughout the state to support the implementation of Science of Reading.

X. Public Comments

XI. Adjournment-2:09 pm

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Ms. Ouida Newton

Chair

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Mr. Johnny Key

Secretary