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**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Atlanta, Georgia  
Wanda Barrs, Chairman**

**April 13, 2011  
Dr. John Barge, Superintendent**

The State Board of Education met on Wednesday, April 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the State Board Room for an official one-day meeting, combining the Committee of the Whole with the regular State Board meeting.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Wanda Barrs  
Mr. Daniel Israel  
Dr. Mary Sue Murray  
Ms. Helen Odom Rice  
Ms. Linda Zechmann

Mr. Brian Burdette  
Dr. Grant Lewis  
Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale  
Mr. Mike Royal

Ms. Barbara Hampton  
Mr. Kenneth Mason  
Mr. Allen Rice  
Mr. Larry Winter

The Board Committee meeting, Budget/Finance Committee, Charter Committee and Policy/Rules Committee were followed by the Executive Session.

**Executive Session**

At 8:05 a.m., by motion of Ms. Zechmann, seconded by Mr. Winter, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing waivers, appeals, legal and personnel matters.

At 1:50 p.m., by motion of Dr. Ragsdale, seconded by Mr. Israel, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to come out of Executive Session.

**Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Michelle Tarbutton, Parent Engagement Program Manager for the Georgia Department of Education gave the inspirational message and Mrs. Barrs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEMS**

*(Please note that the items in their entirety, with backup material and attachments, can be found on the State Board of Education's E-Board website, April 13, 2011 State Board Meeting.)*

## AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Dr. Ragsdale, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda for the April 13, 2011 State Board Meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the amended Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by a motion moved by Mr. Royal and seconded by Dr. Ragsdale.

1. **FY11 Contract Amendment – Covendis Technologies.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the contract with Covendis Technologies to increase the cost by \$523,000.00 for a new total contract not to exceed \$5,576,049.00 in State/Federal Funds for Temporary IT Staffing.
2. **FY11 Title IID Competitive Grant – Integrating the National Educational Technology Standards for Students (NETS-S) to Prepare College and Career Ready Students.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to a maximum of three (3) LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$3,231,296 in Federal Funds for increasing student achievement of the National Educational Technology Standards for Students (NETS-S).
3. **Contract – FY12 Region 2 Commodity Warehouse Services Bid.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract with TBD at a cost not to exceed \$0 in State/Federal Funds for warehousing and distribution services of USDA commodities to local school systems in Region 2.
4. **Contract - School Year 2011-2012 Commodity Warehouse Contract Renewals – Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contract for school year 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$0 in State/Federal Funds for receiving, storage and delivery of USDA commodity foods for recipient agencies.
5. **FY11 Contract Amendment – Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) Contract Amendment for Project EXPRESS (Mathematics GPS).** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to amend the contract with Pearson to increase by \$49,502 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$3,708,719 in State Funds for an additional administration of the Mathematics (GPS) GHSGT as part of Project EXPRESS.
6. **FY11 Grant – Residential and Reintegration Services for Special Education.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to selected Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$1,504,917 in State Funds for special education residential and reintegration services to students placed in private facilities by the LEAs.

7. **FY12 Contract – RT3 Preliminary SAT (PSAT) Contract with the College Board for October 2011 Exams.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract, funded through the RT3 Grant, with The College Board at a cost not to exceed \$1,105,000 in Federal Funds for administration, scoring, and reporting services for the October 2011 PSAT for all tenth grade students in Georgia public high schools.
8. **FY11 Contract – RT3 The University of Texas at Austin (On Behalf of The Charles A. Dana Center).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract, funded with the RT3 Grant, with The University of Texas at Austin (On Behalf of The Charles A. Dana Center) at a cost not to exceed \$210,000 in Federal Funds for training and materials in the content and pedagogy for use in the Fourth Mathematics Course Option entitled Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) Advanced Mathematical Decision Making (AMDM) for a 140 member statewide mathematics educator cadre.
9. **Grant – Sharing of Best Practices – FY11 Summer Leadership Academy.** Authorized the State Superintendent of Schools to award a grant to 17 local educational agencies on behalf of 40 lowest achieving schools at a cost not to exceed \$560,000 in Federal Funds for participation in the 2011 Summer Leadership Academy.
10. **Grant Amendment – FY11 Title I Distinguished Schools Award Amendment.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grant for FY11 Title I Distinguished Schools by the amount of \$742 for a cost not to exceed \$1,969,488 in Federal Funds.
11. **RT3 - FY11 Contract – Communities in Schools of Georgia – Performance Learning Centers.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Communities In Schools of Georgia (CISGA) at a cost not to exceed \$1,564,920 in Federal Funds for the start-up of three Performance Learning Centers in Carrollton City Schools, Richmond County Schools, and Floyd County Schools.
12. **RT3 – FY11 Contract – The New Teacher Project (TNTP).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with The New Teacher Project (TNTP) at a cost not to exceed \$3,581,805 in Federal Funds for increasing the number of eligible teachers in Georgia.
13. **RT3 – Contract – Teach For America – Atlanta Public Schools.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Teach For America at a cost not to exceed \$1,813,636 in Federal Funds for increasing the number of available high quality teachers and principals in Atlanta Public Schools lowest achieving and/or feeder schools.
14. **RT3 – Contract – Teach For America – DeKalb County Schools.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Teach For America at a cost not to exceed \$1,813,636 in Federal Funds for increasing the number of available high quality teachers and principals in DeKalb County Schools lowest achieving and/or feeder schools.

15. **RT3 – Contract – Teach For America – Gwinnett County Schools.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Teach For America at a cost not to exceed \$1,813,636 in Federal Funds for increasing the number of available high quality teachers and principals in Gwinnett County Schools lowest achieving and/or feeder schools.
16. **Start-Up Charter Petition – Baldwin county Career Academy.** The State Board of Education granted a charter for Baldwin County Career Academy, a grade 9–12 start-up charter school approved by the Baldwin County Board of Education.
17. **Start-Up Charter Petition – Gwinnett County Online Campus.** The State Board of Education granted a charter for Gwinnett County Online Campus, a grade 4–12 start-up virtual charter school approved by the Gwinnett County Board of Education.
18. **Start-Up Charter Petition – Heart of Georgia College and Career Academy.** The State Board of Education grant a charter for Heart of Georgia College and Career Academy, a grade 9–12 start-up charter school approved by the Dublin City, Bleckley County, Laurens County and Wheeler County Boards of Education.
19. **Georgia Charter Schools Commission New Appointment and Reappointments.** The State Board of Education reappointed Ann Levett, Jennifer Rippner, and Eric Rosen to the Georgia Charter Schools Commission.
20. **Charter School Petition – Barrow County.** The State Board of Education granted a five-year charter, beginning July 1, 2011, to Barrow County Schools to become a K-12 charter system.
21. **Charter System Petition – Gordon County.** The State Board of Education granted a five-year charter, beginning July 1, 2011, to Gordon County Schools to become a K-12 charter system.
22. **Rule 160-4-3-.14 WORK BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-4-3-.14 WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS.
23. **Rule 160-5-3-.08 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend State Board of Education Rule 160-5-3-.08 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.
24. **Rule 160-4-9-.04 CHARTER SCHOOLS RULE.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to repeal State Board of Education Rule 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools Rule.

25. **Rule 160-4-9-.04 CHARTER DEFINITION, Rule 160-4-9-.05 CHARTER SCHOOLS PETITION PROCESS, and Rule 160-4-9-.06 CHARTER AUTHORIZERS, FINANCING, AND MANAGEMENT.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to create State Board of Education Rules 160-4-9-.04 CHARTER DEFINITIONS, 160-4-9-.05 CHARTER SCHOOLS PETITION PROCESS, and 160-4-9-.06 CHARTER AUTHORIZERS, FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT.
26. **Instructional Program Waiver – Baldwin County Schools.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 school years, a waiver of specified portions of SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score to allow Baldwin County Schools to implement standards-based report cards in fourth through fifth grade.
27. **System Waiver – Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditure.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved for the 2009-2010 school year, the Macon County and Ben Hill County School Systems’ hardship waivers provided in SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.29 Minimum Direct Classroom Expenditures (3)(b) and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-171(b)(4) as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
28. **System Waiver – School Bus Drivers – Pike County Schools.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved for the 2011-2012 school year, the Pike County School System’s waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
29. **2011 State Learning Resources Advisory Committee.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve the 2011 Learning Resources Advisory Committee.
30. **Five-Year Local Facilities Plans.** Approved the Five-Year Local Facilities Plans of Bartow County, Chickamauga City, and Dawson County School Systems.
31. **FY12 Approval of Membership on the State Advisory Panel for Special Education.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve the new member appointments to the State Advisory Panel (SAP) for Special Education.
32. **Georgia High School Graduation Tests Standard Setting.** The State Board of Education approved the recommended Georgia Performance Standards (GPS)-based test performance standards or cut scores for the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) in Mathematics.
33. **Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests-Modified (CRCT-M) Standard Setting.** The State Board of Education approved the recommended Georgia Performance Standards (GPS)-based test performance standards or cut scores for the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests-Modified (CRCT-M) in Reading, English/Language Arts, and Mathematics in Grades 3 through 8.

34. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in English Language Arts** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for English Language Arts for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-0553	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0536E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0537E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0538	Approve	Hardship	English Language Arts
11-0542E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
11-0546E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0550E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0551E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0552E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0546E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0602	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0609	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0611E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0613E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0617E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-0627E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts

35. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in Mathematics** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-0512	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
11-0536M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0537M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0547M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0551M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0552M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0592M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0597M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
11-0611M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0613M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-0627M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics

36. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) Science** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Science for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-0479SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
11-0503	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0536SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0537SC	Deny	Disability	Science

11-0542SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
11-0543SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0547SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0550SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0551SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0552SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0562SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0564SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0592SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0611SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0613SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-0627SC	Deny	Disability	Science

**37. Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in Social Studies** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-0531SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0536SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0537SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0540	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
11-0542SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
11-0543SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0546SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0547SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0551SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0552SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0561	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0562SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0585	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0592SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0607	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
11-0611SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0613SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0614SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0627SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies

**38. Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS WT) in Writing** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for Writing Test for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-0536W	Deny	Disability	Writing
11-0539W	Deny	Disability	Writing
11-0551W	Deny	Disability	Writing
11-0613W	Deny	Disability	Writing



39. **Waiver Reconsideration Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT)** Made the following decisions on the reconsidered waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for the following cases:

Case Number	Reconsideration Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-0209E	Deny	Disability	English/Language Arts
11-0209SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-209SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
11-0612	Deny	Disability	Mathematics

40. **Variance Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests or the Georgia High School Writing Test** Approved the requests for a variance of the identified portions(s) of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for the following cases:

**Mathematics:** 11-0557, 11-0628, 11-0692

**Mathematics and Science:** 11-0479, 11-0520, 11-0544

**Mathematics and Social Studies:** N/A

**Science:** 11-0511SC, 11-0526, 11-0555, 11-0558, 11-0566, 11-0567, 11-0569, 11-0570, 11-0573, 11-0575, 11-0576, 11-0578, 11-0587, 11-0601, 11-0619, 11-0622, 11-0636, 11-0637, 11-0639, 11-0648, 11-0663, 11-0669, 11-0673, 11-0674, 11-0675, 11-0682, 11-0690

**Social Studies:** 11-0571, 11-0574, 11-0577, 11-0620SS, 11-0621, 11-0638, 11-0647, 11-0668, 11-0676

**Social Studies and Science:** 11-0584, 11-0586, 11-0588, 11-0589, 11-0590, 11-0610

**English Language Arts:** 10-0750

**Writing:** 11-0568

**Science and Writing:** N/A

41. **March 9, 2011 State Board Minutes.** Approved the March 9, 2011 State Board Meeting Minutes.
42. **March 14, 2011 Called State Board Meeting Minutes.** Approved the March 14, 2011 Called State Board Meeting Minutes.
43. **Case No. 2011-23. Z.J. v Cobb County.** The decision of the Local Board was sustained.

44. **Case No. 2011-33. David Dixon v Haralson County.** The decision of the Local Board was sustained.
45. **Case No. 2011-35. Amy Durham v Paulding County.** The decision of the Local Board was sustained.
46. **Case No. 2011-40. E.R. v Savannah-Chatham County.** The decision of the Local Board was sustained.
47. **Case No. 2011-41. T. . v Henry County.** The appeal was dismissed.
48. **Case No. 2011-42. J.G. v Bartow County.** The appeal was dismissed.
49. **Case No. 2011-43. K.P. v. Cherokee County.** The appeal was dismissed.
50. **Case No. 2011-44. C.J. v Bibb County.** The decision of the Local Board was sustained.
51. **Case No. 2011-45. H.W. v Gwinnett County.** The decision of the Local Board was sustained.
52. **Case No. 2011-46. Julie Harper v Franklin County.** The appeal was dismissed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS**

1. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0509** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0509. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes, 4 abstaining, and 1 voting no.
2. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0529** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0529. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
3. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0530** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0530. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 1 voting no.
4. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0565** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0565. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

5. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0596** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0596. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, 1 abstaining.
6. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0608** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0608. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes.
7. **Waiver Request - Case 11-0614E** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0614E. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes, 7 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
8. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0615**– Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-0615. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes, 7 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
9. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0625** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified in Case 11-0625. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
10. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0510** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0510. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes.
11. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0528** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0528. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes, 7 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
12. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0539M** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0539M. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
13. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0548M** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0548M. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes, 2 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

14. **Waiver Request - Case 11-0549M** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0549M. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes, 7 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
15. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0550M**– Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0550M. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
16. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0580** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0580. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes, 2 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
17. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0593** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0593. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
18. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0617M** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0617M. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
19. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0508** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0508. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes and 5 voting no.
20. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0527** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0527. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes, 4 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
21. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0541SC** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0541SC. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
22. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0581** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0581. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes, 9 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

23. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0582** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0582. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 1 voting no.
24. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0594** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0594. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes, 8 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
25. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0595** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0595. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes, 8 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
26. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0597SC** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0597SC. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes, 8 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
27. **Waiver Request - Case 11-0599** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0599. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes, 3 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
28. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0600** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0600. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes, 8 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
29. **Waiver Request – Case 11-606SC** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0606SC. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was passed with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
30. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0616** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0616. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes, 7 voting no, and 1 abstaining.\
31. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0620SC** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0620SC. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes, 3 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

- 32. Waiver Request – Case 11-0623** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0623. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 33. Waiver Request – Case 11-0511SS** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0511SS. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 34. Waiver Request – Case 11-0534** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0534. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 35. Waiver Request – Case 11-0541SS** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0541SS. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 1 abstaining.
- 36. Waiver Request - Case 11-0549SS** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0549SS. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes, 2 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 37. Waiver Request – Case 11-0553** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0553. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 3 voting no.
- 38. Waiver Request – Case 11-0556** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0556. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 10 voting no and 1 abstaining.
- 39. Waiver Request – Case 11-0559** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0559. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes, 9 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 40. Waiver Request – Case 11-0560** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0560. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes, 9 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

41. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0563** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0563. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes, 4 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
42. **Waiver Request – Case 0564SS** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0564SS. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
43. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0591** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0591. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes, 9 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
44. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0603** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0603. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
45. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0606SS** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0606SS. Ms. Zechamnn seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 2 voting no.
46. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0618** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0618. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
47. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0624** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Social Studies for the student identified in case 11-0624. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 1 voting no.
48. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0531W** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Writing for the student identified in case 11-0531W. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
49. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0548W** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Writing for the student identified in case 11-0548W. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes, 8 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

- 50. Waiver Request – Case 11-0583** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Writing for the case student identified in case 11-0583. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 51. Waiver Request – Case 11-0598** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Writing for the student identified in case 11-0598. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes, 2 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 52. Waiver Request – Case 11-0604** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the request for a waiver request of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Writing for the student identified in case 11-0604. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes, 5 voting no, and 1 abstaining.
- 53. Waiver Request – Case 11-0209M** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the reconsideration request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-0209M. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 9 voting no.
- 54. Waiver Request – Case 11-0554** – Dr. Lewis moved to approve the reconsideration request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Science for the student identified in case 11-0554. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes, 4 voting no, and 1 abstaining.

#### **POLICY/RULE COMMITTEE ITEMS**

- 1. State Board of Education 160-4-2-.13 STATEWIDE PASSING SCORE. (Adopt)**  
Dr. Lewis moved to approve to repeal State Board Rule 160-4-2-.13. Dr. Ragsdale seconded the motion which was approved with 11 voting yes.
- 2. State Board Rule 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS – STUDENT ASSESSMENT (Adopt).** Ms. Rice moved to adopt State Board Rule 160-3-1-.07. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion with 11 voting yes.
- 3. State Board Rule 160-5-4-.15(2)(c) Chatham County Waiver Request.** Mr. Winter moved to deny the Chatham County Waiver Request of State Board Rule 160-5-4-.15(2)(c). Mr. Mason seconded the motion with 11 voting yes. Waiver was denied.

#### **CHARTER COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the State Board Charter Committee Mr. Burdette asked that the following statement be read into the record.



The State Board of Education acknowledges that the Georgia Charter School Commission is an independent body and that the State Board of Education has the authority to act or not act on official actions taken by the Commission. Let the record reflect that the State Board took no action on three of the charters approved by the Commission on February 17, 2011 as listed below:

1. Georgia Cyber Academy
2. Odyssey School
3. Provost Academy Georgia

With regard to Kaplan Academy of Georgia, the fourth charter approved by the Commission on February 17, 2011, the State Board has been informed that the Georgia Virtual Education Partners, the Charter Sponsor of the Kaplan Academy of Georgia decided on April 11, 2011 not to open the Kaplan Academy and to not execute a Charter contract with the Commission. The GaDOE and the members of the State Board have been in contact with the staff of the Commission and have been informed that Georgia Virtual Education Partners understands it would need to reapply for a charter if they elect to move forward in the future.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT/CHAIR'S REPORT**

1. **Resolution for Increased Post-Secondary Education Completion.** Mr. Winter moved to adopt the Resolution for Increased Post-Secondary Education Completion. Ms. Zechmann seconded the motion which was approved.
2. **Nominating Committee.** Mr. Winter, Chair of the Nominating Committee nominated Dr. Murray as Vice Chair. The motion carried with 13 voting yes.
3. **GaDOE Strategic Plan Update.** A brief update was given by Superintendent Barge.

#### **Adjournment**

At 4:30 p.m., by motion of Ms. Rice, seconded by Dr. Lewis, an affirmative vote was given to adjourn the State Board meeting.

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting of the State Board**

The next State Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Brenda Turner  
Recording Secretary