



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

**Atlanta, Georgia  
Wanda Barrs, Chairman**

**May 6, 2011  
John Barge, Superintendent**

The State Board of Education met in an official Called State Board Meeting on May 6, 2011 at 1:35 p.m. in the State Board Room, 2070 Twin Towers East, Atlanta.

**Roll Call**

**Board Members present by phone:**

Mrs. Wanda Barrs  
Mr. Brian Burdette  
Mr. Kenneth Mason  
Mr. Allen Rice

Ms. Linda Zechmann  
Dr. Mary Sue Murray  
Mr. Mike Royal

Mr. Larry Winter  
Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale  
Dr. Grant Lewis

**Absent:** Mr. Daniel Israel, Ms. Barbara Hampton, Ms. Helen Rice

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Barge, Joel Thornton, Dan Carter, Brad Bryant, Dr. Martha Reichrath, Dan Carter, Dr. Garry McGiboney, Allan Meyer, Dr. Howard Hendley, Dr. Tom Wilson, Melissa Fincher, Scott Austensen, Matt Cardoza, Justin Pauly, and Brenda Turner

The Chair asked the Board Member to consider placing the five (5) waiver requests on the Consent Agenda. The Board Members unanimously agreed.

**Action Item**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education (SBOE) approve for the 2010-2011 school year, the Dade, Floyd, Meriwether, Spalding, and Walker County School System's waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.02 School Day and School Year for Students and Employees as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168 (c)(2). Mr. Winter moved to approve and Dr. Ragsdale seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes.

The Board Members have requested that Dr. Garry McGiboney and Ms. Lynn Jackson give an update on the five (5) systems at the May Board Meeting. An additional request was made asking for a spreadsheet listing the systems, days missed, number of teachers and students impacted, number of days in school, and the number of days waived.

Ms. Barrs requested a follow-up report of student achievement data in 2012 comparing the student achievement data from 2011 alongside statewide averages. The purpose of the report would provide insight as to the storm impact on student's ability to recover academically.

### **Adjournment**

At 1:50 p.m. Mr. Burdette moved to adjourn the State Board Meeting. Dr. Ragsdale seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

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

Brenda Turner, Recorder