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

Atlanta, Georgia
Ms. Wanda Barrs, Chairperson

September 7 & 8, 2011
Dr. John Barge, Superintendent

On September 7 & 8, 2011, the State Board of Education assembled to consider its committee work, conduct its public hearings, and take action on official business.

Roll Call - Committee of the Whole

September 7, 2011

Mr. Daniel Israel
Dr. Grant Lewis
Dr. Mary Sue Murray
Mr. Mike Royal

Mr. Brian Burdette
Mr. Kenneth Mason
Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale
Mr. Larry Winter

Ms. Barbara Hampton
Ms. Wanda Barrs
Mr. Allen Rice
Ms. Helen Odom Rice

Absent: Ms. Linda Zechmann

On September 7, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., the Budget Committee, Charter Committee, and Rules/Policy Committee met to consider State Board items to be presented to the Committee of the Whole.

On September 7, 2011, pursuant to the public hearing notice and posting of the agenda, Ms. Barrs called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Chair asked if there were any comments the public would like to make regarding the following rules:

Rule 160-1-3-.03 Infectious Diseases

Rule 160-1-3-.03 Communicable Diseases

Rule 160-5-1-.18 Competitive Interscholastic Activities in Grades 6-12

Rule 160-5-1-.10 Student Attendance

There were no speakers. With recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, Thursday's action agenda was created. The Chair with consent from the Board members and the Superintendent moved to the Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. **FY2012S and FY2013 Budget.** An update was given by Scott Austensen, Chief Financial Officer.
2. **Race To The Top Update.** An update was given by Teresa MacCartney, Deputy Superintendent, Race To The Top.
3. **Technology.** An update was given by Bob Swiggum, Chief Informational Officer.
4. **Student Attendance.** An update was given by Dr. Garry McGiboney, Associate Superintendent for External Affairs and Policy.

The Board then moved to the Policy Session to discuss the following topics.

POLICY DISCUSSION

1. **College & Career Readiness Index/U.S. Waiver.** Dr. Martha Reichrath, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment.
2. **Student Waiver Policies & Procedures.** Joel Thornton, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Mike Buck, Chief Academic Officer.
3. **Hearing Process.** Jennifer Hackemeyer, General Counsel.
4. **State Recommended Learning Resources.** Randy Lee, Program Specialist, Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment.

Roll Call – State Board meeting

September 8, 2011

Mr. Daniel Israel
Ms. Wanda Barrs
Mr. Larry Winter

Mr. Brian Burdette
Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale
Mr. Allen Rice

Dr. Grant Lewis
Ms. Helen Odom

Absent: Dr. Mary Sue Murray, Ms. Linda Zechmann, Ms. Barbara Hampton, Mr. Mike Royal, Mr. Kenneth Mason

At 8:00 a.m. the Chair called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

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

9:45 a.m., by motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Israel, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to come out of Executive Session.

Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance

Northwest Georgia Health Care Partnership gave the inspiration and Mr. Winter led the audience in 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, September 8, 2011 State Board Meeting.)

AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Dr. Lewis, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2011 State Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Rice, a unanimous-vote was given to approve the Consent Agenda for the September 8, 2011 State Board Meeting.

1. **Grant – FY12 State Personnel Development Grant for Special Education (SPDG).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to selected Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and to Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) serving as fiscal agents for Georgia Learning Resource System (GLRS) Centers at a cost not to exceed \$1,252,000 in Federal Funds for the implementation of scientifically-based intervention strategies in academics and dropout prevention in order to increase student achievement in reading and math, to increase graduation rates, to decrease dropout rates, and to improve post-secondary outcomes for students with disabilities, as well as to improve the quality and retention rates of special education teachers.
2. **Grant – Mathematics Mentor Grant Funds to RESAs.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award to 16 Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) at a cost not to exceed \$1,644,342 in State Funds for the funding of 16 Mathematics Mentor positions.
3. **Grant – FY12 Grant – Capital Equipment Grants Amendment for Career, Technical and Agricultural Education.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the attached list of LEAs at a cost not to exceed \$8,783,750 in Other Funds for CTAE Construction-Related high school programs.
4. **Contract – FY12 – Georgia Public Broadcasting RT3.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) at a cost not to exceed \$228,719.22 in Federal Race To the Top Funds for the creation of live streamed professional learning video sessions for K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) that include an orientation as well as grade level/course information.
5. **Contract – FY12 TransACT.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with TransACT Communications, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$195,613 in Federal Funds to provide access to a web-based library of multilingual forms.
6. **Grant – FY12 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grants – Continuation.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 42 local educational agencies at a cost not to exceed \$2,104,630 in Federal Funds for the continuation of activities proposed under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education grant.

7. **21st CCLC Cobb County School District Success for Life Program Sub-Grant Withdrawal.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to accept the withdrawal of the Cobb County School District Success for Life Program as a 21st Century Community Learning Centers program sub-grantee.
8. **Grant – FY12 21st Century Community Learning Centers Douglas County Sub-Grant Amendment 2.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the grants with the Douglas County School District by the amount of \$114,700 for a cost not to exceed \$699,840 in Federal Funds for the purpose of operating the Factory Shoals Transition and Mason Transition 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs.
9. **Contract Amendment – Dr. James Stronge – CLASS and Leader Keys – RT3.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the contract with Dr. James H. Stronge, Heritage Professor at the College of William and Mary, to increase by \$168,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$926,000 in Federal Funds for the added components of student, teacher and parent surveys and student learning objectives to the Class and Leader Keys evaluation systems.
10. **RT3 Grant – LEA FY12 Allocations.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 26 Race To The Top Partner Local Education Agencies at a cost not to exceed \$67,074,235 in Federal Funds for implementation of the Race to the Top LEAs Scope of Work.
11. **RT3 Contract – Resource Reallocation Support – Education Resource Strategies (ERS).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Education Resource Strategies (ERS) at a cost not to exceed \$1,336,000 in Federal Funds for ERS to conduct a detailed analysis over a two-year period of how five local school systems allocate resources.
12. **Budget Recommendations FY2012S & FY2013.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to submit the attached budget recommendation for FY 2012 (supplemental) & FY 2013 to the Governor's Office per Legislative mandate.
13. **Georgia Performance Standards for the Business Logistics Management Pathway Courses.** The State Board of Education granted permission for the posting of the Georgia Performance Standards for the Business Logistics Management Pathway Courses for public review and comment.
14. **System Waiver – Alternative/Non-traditional Education Program – Habersham County.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-4-8-.12 Alternative/Non-traditional Education Program, section (2)(n) and/or (2)(o) to decrease minimum instructional time to award a unit of credit and/or decrease the minimum daily average instructional time as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-168 (c)(2) for the Chattahoochee Community Center Alternative/Non-traditional Program in the Habersham County School System.

15. **System Waivers – Bus Drivers.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-3-.08 School Bus Drivers as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244 for local education agencies (LEAs): Dade, Dodge, Jeff Davis, Monroe, Polk, and Ware.
16. **System Waiver – Personnel Required – Banks County Schools.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the Banks County School System’s waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22 Personnel Required and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-180 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
17. **System Waiver – Personnel Required – Tattnall County Schools.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year and the 2012-2013 school year, the Tattnall County School System’s waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22 Personnel Required and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-180 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
18. **Systems Waiver – Personnel Required – Toombs County Schools.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the Toombs County School System’s waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22 Personnel Required and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-180 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
19. **Title 20 Waiver – Electronic Communication Devices – Douglas County School District.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the Douglas County School District’s Title 20 request for a waiver of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1183 Possession of Electronic Communication Devices for Douglas County Schools as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
20. **System Waiver – Personnel Required – Rome City Schools.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved, for the 2011-2012 school year, the Rome City School System’s waiver of SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.22 Personnel Required and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-180 as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
21. **Grant – Federal Charter Schools Program Grant.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to Gwinnett Online Charter School (Gwinnett County Schools as Fiscal Agent), Cherokee Charter Academy, and Heritage Preparatory Academy at a cost not to exceed \$1,875,000 in Federal Funds for planning and implementation purposes to start a high-quality charter school.
22. **Grant – Charter Schools Planning Grant.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the subgrantees listed: Leadership Academy of Atlanta, Chestnut Mountain, Hinds Feet Montessori, Flowery Branch High School, Smyrna Academy of Excellence, Valor Academy, Mt. Vernon Elementary, A.S. Daniel Math and Science, and Jefferson Leadership Academy at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 in State Funds for planning and writing a high-quality charter school petition.
23. **August 10, 2011 State Board Minutes.** Approved the minutes of the August 10, 2011 State Board Meeting.

24. **Personnel Actions.** Approved the July 21, 2011 Personnel Action as presented by the State Superintendent of Schools.
25. **Legal Services – SBOE Appeal Decisions.** Approved as presented by the State Superintendent of Schools.
26. **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 (GHSGT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) for the following cases:
- Social Studies:** 12-0051, 12-0063, 12-0081, 12-0082, 12-0084, 12-0088, 12-0089, 12-0091, 12-0094, 12-0104, 12-0107, 12-0108, 12-0111, 12-0115, 12-0116, 12-0118, 12-0133, 12-0134, 12-0135
- Science:** 12-0062, 12-0063, 12-0064, 12-0070, 12-0071, 12-0072, 12-0080, 12-0088, 12-0089, 12-0105, 12-0116, 12-0117, 12,0118, 12-0119, 12-01120, 12-0121, 12-0132, 12-0133, 12-0134, 12-0136, 12-0140, 12-0141, 12-0142, 12-0143, 12-0144, 12-0145, 12-0146, 12-0147, 12-0148
- Mathematics:** 12-0069, 12-0106, 12-0109, 12-0119,
- Writing:** 12-0090
- English/Language Arts:** 12-0139
27. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) in English Language Arts.** Made the following decisions on the waiver requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT) for English Language Arts for the students listed below:

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-1363E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-1365E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-1417E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-1432	Approve	Disability	English Language Arts
11-1458E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0013E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0018	Approve	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0019E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0021E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0022E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0023E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0026E	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts
12-0039E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0043	Deny	Hardship	English Language Arts

28. **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
11-1003M	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
11-1147M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1363M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1365M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1371	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1384M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1401	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
11-1412	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1425	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
11-1440	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1459	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
12-0023M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0026M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0034M	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
12-0037M	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
12-0039M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0057	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0114	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics

29. **Waiver Requests of the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in 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
11-1310	Approve	Disability	Science
11-1363SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-1403SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-1414	Deny	Hardship	Science
11-1441SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
11-1458SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0013SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0023SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0029	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0036	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0039SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0047SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0058	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0059	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0060SC	Deny	Hardship	Science

30. **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
11-1147SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1365SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1384SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1403SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1404SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1406	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
11-1411	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1415	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
11-1417SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1421	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1422	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1433	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1441SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
11-1458SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0012	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0013SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0019SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0020	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0021SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0022SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-0023SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0026SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0027	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0028	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0032	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0034SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0037SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0038	Approve	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0039SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0043SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0044	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0047SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0049	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0053	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0056	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0060SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0061	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies

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

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-1003W	Approve	Disability	Writing
11-1402	Deny	Disability	Writing
11-1457	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Writing
12-0023W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0026W	Deny	Hardship	Writing
12-0039W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0047W	Deny	Hardship	Writing
12-0060W	Deny	Hardship	Writing

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

Case Number	Reconsideration Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0045SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0045SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0050E	Deny	Disability	English/Language Arts
12-0050M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0050SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0050SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0050W	Deny	Disability	Writing

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

1. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1405E.** Mr. Winter moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSWT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified as Case 11-1405E. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 6 voting no.
2. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0025E.** Mr. Winter moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSWT) for English/Language Arts for the student identified in Case 12-0025E. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes and 7 voting no.
3. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1405M.** Mr. Winter moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSWT) for Mathematics for the student identified in case 11-1405M. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes and 5 voting no.

4. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1417M.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1417M. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes and 4 voting no.
5. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1458M.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1458M. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 6 voting no.
6. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0013M.** Mr. Winter 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 12-0013M. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 6 voting no.
7. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0042.** Mr. Winter 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 12-0042. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was passed with 6 voting yes and 2 voting no.
8. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1404SC.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1404SC. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 6 voting no.
9. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1439SC.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1439SC. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 6 voting no.
10. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0025SC.** Mr. Winter 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 12-0025SC. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 6 voting no.
11. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0052.** Mr. Winter 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 12-0052. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes and 7 voting no.
12. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1311.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1311. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which passed with 5 voting yes and 3 voting no.

13. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1413.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1413. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was passed with 5 voting yes and 3 voting no.
14. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1431.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1431. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 8 voting no.
15. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1435.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1435. Mr. Burdette on seconded the motion which was denied with 9 voting no.
16. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1438.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1438. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes and 3 voting no.
17. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1439SS.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1439SS. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes and 8 voting no.
18. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1443.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1443. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 2 voting no.
19. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1456.** Mr. Winter 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 11-1456. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes and 6 voting no.
20. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0025SS.** Mr. Winter 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 12-0025SS. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes and 8 voting no.
21. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0035.** Mr. Winter 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 12-0035. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes and 6 voting no.

22. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1363W.** Mr. Winter moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) for Writing for the student identified in case 11-1363W. Mr. Burdette seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 7 voting no.

RULES

1. **Rule 160-4-2-.05 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM CRITERIA.** The State Board of Education adopted the amendment to State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.05 Middle School Program Criteria.
2. **Rule 160-4-9-.04 CHARTER SCHOOLS RULE.** The State Board of Education repealed State Board of Education Rule 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools Rule.
3. **Rules 160-4-9-.04 CHARTER DEFINITION, 160-4-9-.05 CHARTER SCHOOLS PETITION PROCESS, and 160-4-9-.06 CHARTER AUTHORIZERS, FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT.** The State Board of Education adopted 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **State Schools – School Council Bylaws.** The item has been tabled.
2. **Resolution - Race To The Top Early Learning Challenge.** The State Board of Education passed a resolution in support of DECAL being awarded this grant.
3. **Resolution – Booz Allen Hamilton.** The State Board of Education passed a resolution recognizing the company for their generous pro bono work on behalf of the deaf and hard hearing children in Georgia.

Adjournment

At 10:30 a.m., by motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Burdette, 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, October 12, 2011.

Brenda Turner
Recording Secretary