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

Atlanta, Georgia
Wanda Barrs, Chairperson

October 12, 2011
Dr. John Barge, Superintendent

The State Board of Education met on Wednesday, October 12, 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

Ms. Linda Zechmann	Mr. Mike Royal	Dr. Grant Lewis
Ms. Helen O. Rice	Ms. Wanda Barrs	Mr. Allen Rice
Mr. Daniel Israel	Mr. Larry Winter	Dr. Mary Sue Murray
Mr. Kenneth Mason	Mr. Brian Burdette	
Ms. Barbara Hampton		

Absent: Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale

Executive Session

At 8:00 a.m., by motion of Dr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Mason, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing waivers, appeals, legal and personnel matters. The Chair announced at 9:30 a.m. that the Board would recess from the Executive Session to convene to the following committees, Budget/Finance Committee, Charter Committee and Policy/Rules Committee.

At 11:45 a.m. the Board concluded its unfinished Executive Session items. At 1:10 p.m., by motion of Dr. Murray, seconded by Dr. Lewis, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to come out of Executive Session.

There was not a Public Hearing.

Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Judy Serritella, Program Specialist for Media Services gave the inspiration and 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, October 12, 2011 State Board Meeting.)

AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Royal, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda for the October 12, 2011 State Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

By motion of Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Israel, a unanimous-vote was given to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 12, 2011 State Board Meeting.

1. **Grant – Residential Treatment Facilities Grant.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 19 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$3,754,765 in State Funds for FY12 Residential Treatment Facilities Grant.
2. **Grant – FY12 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants to Valdosta city Schools – Change of Fiscal Agent.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to reallocate \$700,000 in Federal funds from Valdosta City Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center programs to the Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta due to a change in fiscal agent.
3. **Grant Amendment – MOE Reduction in FY12 Federal Allocations for Camden County, Rome City, Screven County, and Wilcox County.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to amend the federal program grants with Camden County Public Schools, Rome City Public Schools, Screven County Public Schools, and Wilcox County Public Schools for a cost not to exceed \$167,233.00 in federal funds for the purpose of reducing the Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; Title IV, Part B; and Title VI, Part B (reduction to be taken with FY12 allocations approval) grant allocations due to failure to meet maintenance of effort.
4. **Grant – FY12 Title VI, Part B, Rural and Low income Schools Grants.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 101 eligible local educational agencies at a cost not to exceed \$6,691,391 in Federal funds for Title VI, Part B, Rural and Low Income Schools grants.
5. **Grant – Georgia Professional Standards Commission, Title II Part A of ESEA-FY12.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) at a cost not to exceed \$1,012,393.00 in Federal funds for providing technical assistance to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs).
6. **Grant – Title I, Part A, 1003(a) RESA School Improvement Grants FY12 – Amendment.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award the grant award to the 16 Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) in the amount of \$357,500 at a cost not to exceed \$4,008,750 in federal funds for school improvement services to Title I schools in Needs Improvement levels 1-3. (Central Savannah, Chattahoochee Flint, Coastal Plains, First District, Griffin, Heart of Georgia, metro, Middle Georgia, North Georgia, Northeast Georgia, Northwest Georgia, Oconee, Okefenokee, Pioneer, Southwest Georgia, and West Georgia).

7. **Contract – Race to the Top Funded Metro RESA English Language Arts Professional Learning Specialist.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with Metro RESA at a cost not to exceed \$160,048.00 in Federal Funds for Metro RESA English Language Arts Professional Learning Specialists.
8. **Contract – Lexile Contract Renewal.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with MetaMetrics, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$171,278.00 in State Funds for the Lexile Reading Measure.
9. **Start-Up Charter Petition – KIPP STRIVE Primary.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to grant a charter for KIPP STRIVE Primary, a grades K-4 start-up charter school approved by Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education, for a five-year term to run from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.
10. **Start-Up Charter Petition – KIPP Vision Primary.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to grant a charter for KIPP Vision Primary, a grades K-4 startup charter school approved by the Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education, for a five year term to run from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.
11. **State Schools – School Council Bylaws.** Authorized the State School Superintendent approve the State Schools School Council Bylaws.
12. **State Board Rule – Amendment of 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools Definitions (Initiation).** 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 160-4-9-.04 Charter Schools Definitions.
13. **System Waivers – Alternative/Non-traditional Education Program.** The State Board of Education 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 Ombudsman Educational Services Alternative/Non-traditional Program in the Jeff Davis County School System and the Ombudsman Alternative/Non-traditional Program in the Newton County School System.
14. **System Waiver – 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) on the attached list. (Walker and Lincoln Counties).
15. **System Waiver – Personnel Required – Appling County Schools.** The State Board of Education approved for the 2011-2012 school year, the Appling 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.

16. **System Waiver – Personnel Required – Buford City Schools.** The State Board of Education approved for the 2011-2012 school year, the Buford 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.
17. **Instructional Program Waiver – Banks County Schools.** The State Board of Education approved for the 2011-2012 school year, a waiver of specified portions of SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.13 Statewide Passing Score to allow Banks County Schools to implement standards-based report cards in the fourth grade.
18. **Title 20 Waiver – Electronic Communication Devices – Fayette County School District.** The State Board of Education approved for the 2011-2012 school year, the Fayette County School District’s Title 20 request for a waiver of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1183 Possession of Electronic Communication Devices for Fayette County Schools as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-244.
19. **Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Provider Removal – A Love of Learning.** The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to remove A Love of Learning Supplement Educational Services (SES) provider from the State-Approved Providers List.
20. **Committee of Practitioners Board Members for FY12 for Title I, Part A.** The State Board of Education approved the proposed list of nominees to serve on the Title I Committee of Practitioners to advise the Georgia Department of Education in carrying out its responsibilities as required by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
21. **Georgia Performance Standards for the Business Logistics Management Pathway Courses.** The State Board of Education adopted the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) for the Business Logistics Management Pathway Courses.
22. **Authorization to Issue Bonds.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted the resolution authorizing the State School Superintendent to take the appropriate actions necessary for the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to issue a total of \$47,000,000 in general obligation bonds on behalf of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).
23. **Joint Motion to Extend the Hearing Date for APS Board Members.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) granted the Joint Motion To Extend the Hearing Date for Board Members of the Board of Education for Atlanta Public Schools.
24. **Supplemental Local Board Governance Training Providers.** The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved the attached supplemental Local Board Governance Training Providers. (Georgia Charter School Association, National Providers for Gwinnett County, Ed Innovation Partners, and Education Planners)

25. **August 24, 2011 Called Meeting: IN RE: Suspension Hearing of the Board of Members of the Board of Education of the Montgomery School System.** Approved the minutes of the August 24, 2011 Called Meeting: IN RE: Suspension Hearing of the Board Members of the Board of Education of the Montgomery County System.
26. **September 7 & 8, 2011 State Board Meeting.** Approved the minutes of the September 7 & 8, 2011 State Board Meeting.
27. **Personnel Actions.** Approved the October 12, 2011 Personnel Action as presented by the State Superintendent of Schools.
28. **Grant – State Charter Schools Facilities Grant.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 27 charter schools at a cost not to exceed \$1,800,000 State Funds for Charter School Facility Grants.
29. **Grant – Federal Charter Schools Program Dissemination Grant.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to award a federal Charter School Program grant to Amana Academy (Fiscal Agent - Fulton County) at a cost not to exceed \$143,500 for the dissemination of Amana Academy’s STEM Charter Program.
30. **Case No. 2012-61. C.N. v. Henry County Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is reversed.
31. **Case No. 2012-01. K.P. v. Henry County Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is sustained.
32. **Case No. 2012-02. C.B. v. Marietta City Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is sustained.
33. **Case No. 2012-03. R.R. v. Tift County Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is sustained.
34. **Case No. 2012-04. H.R. v. Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education.** The decision of the Local Board is sustained.
35. **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: 12-0154, 12-0164, 12-0169, 12-0170, 12-0171, 12-0172, 12-0199, 12-0228, 12-0229, 12-0230, 12-0237, 12-0243, 12-0265, 12-0267, 12-0278, 12-0293

Science: 12-0155, 12-0161, 12-0162, 12-0163, 12-0182, 12-0183, 12-0184, 12-0185, 12-0186, 12-0196, 12-0197, 12-0198, 12-0221, 12-0222, 12-0224, 12-0225, 12-0226, 12-0227, 12-0228, 12-0236, 12-0266, 12-0232, 12-0235, 12-0243, 12-0244, 12-0246, 12-0247, 12-0254, 12-0279, 12-0280, 12-0281, 12-0285, 12-0286, 12-0290, 12-0294

Writing: 12-0168, 12-0231, 12-0255

Mathematics: 12-0223,

36. **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
11-1410E	Deny	Hardship & Disability	English Language Arts
12-0093E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0150E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0151E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0180E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0207E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
12-0218	Approve	Hardship & Disability	English Language Arts
11-1164E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts

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

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-1409	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1410M	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Mathematics
11-1429	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1444M	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
11-1447M	Approve	Disability	Mathematics
12-0008	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0009M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0097M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0112M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0113	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0126	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0152M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0153	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0167	Approve	Hardship	Mathematics
12-0180M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
12-0201M	Deny	Hardship	Mathematics

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

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-1410SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science
11-1437SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0009SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0024SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0046	Deny	Hardship	Science

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0099SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0100	Approve	Hardship	Science
12-0110	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0129	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0138SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0152SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0160SC	Approve	Hardship	Science
12-0166	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0178SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0179SC	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Science
12-0180SC	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0194	Approve	Hardship	Science
12-0200SC	Deny	Hardship	Science
12-0201SC	Deny	Hardship	Science

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

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
11-1410SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
11-1448	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1449	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
11-1452	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
11-1455	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0011	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0024SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0055	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0073	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0076	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0093SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0095	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0098SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0099SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0101	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0102	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0112SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0122	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0124	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0125	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0138SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0149	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0151SS	Approve	Disability	Social Studies
12-0152SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0175	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0176	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0177SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0178SS	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0179SS	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Social Studies
12-0180SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies

Case Number	Recommendation	Type	Area(s) of Request
12-0187	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0189	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0200SS	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0203	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0205	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0206	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0207SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies

40. **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
11-1410W	Deny	Hardship & Disability	Writing
12-0024W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0150W	Deny	Disability	Writing
12-0160W	Approve	Hardship	Writing

41. **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
11-1364E	Deny	Disability	English Language Arts
11-1364M	Deny	Disability	Mathematics
11-1364SC	Deny	Disability	Science
11-1364SS	Deny	Disability	Social Studies
12-0087	Deny	Disability	Science
12-0130	Approve	Hardship	Social Studies
12-0137	Deny	Hardship	Social Studies

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTIONS

1. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1445E** – Ms. Rice 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 11-1445E. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
2. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0024E** – Ms. Rice 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 12-0024E. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 10 voting no.

3. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0099E** – Ms. Rice 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 12-0099E. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes and 11 voting no.
4. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0112E**– Ms. Rice 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 12-0112E. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 1 voting yes and 11 voting no.
5. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0131E**– Ms. Rice 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 12-0131E. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.
6. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0195** – Ms. Rice 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 12-0195. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 2 voting yes and 10 voting no.
7. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0216** – Ms. Rice 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 12-0216. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
8. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1437M** – Ms. Rice 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 11-1437M. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 0 voting yes and 12 voting no.
9. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1450** – Ms. Rice 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 11-1450. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes and 1 voting no.
10. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0024M** – Ms. Rice 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 12-0024M. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
11. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0078** – Ms. Rice 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 12-0078. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.

12. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0083.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0083. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.
13. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0085.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0085. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
14. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0093M.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0093M. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes and 7 voting no.
15. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1444SC.** Ms. Rice 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 11-1444SC. Mr. Israel on seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
16. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0007.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0007. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
17. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0074.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0074. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.
18. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0093SC.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0093SC. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 6 voting yes and 6 voting no.
19. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0098SC.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0098SC. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
20. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0112SC.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0112SC. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes and 8 voting no.

21. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0127.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0127. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
22. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0158.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0158. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
23. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0177SC.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0177SC. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
24. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0192SC.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0192SC. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes and 8 voting no.
25. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0204.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0204. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 5 voting yes and 7 voting no.
26. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1423.** Ms. Rice 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 11-1423. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 6 voting yes and 6 voting no.
27. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1437SS.** Ms. Rice 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 11-1437SS. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
28. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1445SS.** Ms. Rice 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 11-1445SS. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 6 voting yes and 6 voting no.
29. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1446.** Ms. Rice 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 11-1446. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.

30. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1447SS.** Ms. Rice 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 11-1447SS. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
31. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0077.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0077. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
32. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0086.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0086. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
33. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0092.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0092. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
34. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0128.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0128. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
35. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0131SS.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0131SS. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
36. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0159.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0159. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
37. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0173.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0173. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
38. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0174.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0174. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.

39. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0188.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0188. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.
40. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0190.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0190. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
41. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0191.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0191. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
42. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0192SS.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0192SS. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 9 voting yes and 3 voting no.
43. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0202.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0202. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
44. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0208.** Ms. Rice 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 12-208. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes and 1 voting no.
45. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0209.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0209. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes and 1 voting no.
46. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0213.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0213. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
47. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0214.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0214. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.

48. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0215.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0215. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes and 1 voting no.
49. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0217.** Ms. Rice 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 12-0217. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 3 voting yes and 9 voting no.
50. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1451.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for Writing for the student identified in case 11-1451. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 6 voting yes and 6 voting no.
51. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0054.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for Writing for the student identified in case 12-0054. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
52. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0193.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for Writing for the student identified in case 12-0193. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 7 voting yes and 5 voting no.
53. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0979SC.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for the student identified in case 11-0979SC. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.
54. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0979SS.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for the student identified in case 11-0979SS. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 8 voting yes and 4 voting no.
55. **Waiver Request – Case 11-1009.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) for the student identified in case 11-1009. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was denied with 4 voting yes and 8 voting no.
56. **Waiver Request – Case 11-0181.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Tests (GHS WT) for the student identified in case 11-0181. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 10 voting yes and 2 voting no.

57. **Waiver Request – Case 12-0234.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the request for a waiver of the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) or the Georgia High School Writing Tests (GHS WT) for the student identified in case 12-0234. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which passed with 11 voting yes and 1 voting no.

RULES

1. **Rule 160-5-1-.18 COMPETITIVE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IN GRADES 6-12.** The State Board of Education adopted the State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.18 Competitive Interscholastic Activities in Grades 6-12.
2. **Rule 160-1-3-.03 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.** The State Board of Education repealed State Board of Education Rule 160-1-3-.03 Communicable Diseases.
3. **RULE 160-1-3-.03 INFECTIOUS DISEASES.** The State Board of Education adopted the State Board of Education Rule 160-1-3-.03.
4. **RULE 160-5-1-.10 STUDENT ATTENDANCE.** The State Board of Education adopted the State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.10.
5. **RULE 160-4-9-.04 CHARTER SCHOOLS DEFINITIONS, 160-4-9-.05 CHARTER SCHOOLS PETITION PROCESS, and 160-4-9-.06 CHARTER AUTHORIZERS, FINANCING, AND MANAGEMENT.** The State board of Education adopted the State Board of Education Rules 160-4-9-.04, 160-4-9-.05, and 160-4-9-.06.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Zechmann asked that the following statement be recorded in the minutes:

We have observed inconsistencies in the application for waivers at the local level, specifically at the school level. We need to communicate the SBOE expectation for demonstrating the mastery of content with greater clarity. The need for greater clarification is evident by the wide disparity in the waiver requests that we receive. Some are clear and compelling and a waiver is granted. Many very clearly do not meet the SBOE expectation for content mastery. Therefore we recommend the development of a clear and concise communication about the waiver process, perhaps in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, and that said communication piece be reviewed by the SBOE to assure that it aligns with SBOE expectations. We recommend that this communication be disseminated to all stakeholders via an Elluminate session and be archived on the DOE website for future reference.

It was agreed that the draft waiver communication would be presented to the board at the November 2011 meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT's REPORT

1. **Microsoft IT Academy.** An update was given by Bob Swiggum, Chief Information officer.
2. **Georgia High School Association.** Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director gave an update on the organization's initiatives related to heat induced and concussion injuries.
3. **Fountain Awards.** Superintendent Barge recently initiated the Fountain Award to recognize teachers that have made a difference in a student(s) life.
4. **2012 Calendar for the Georgia Board of Education.** Discussion of the calendar and the members should be prepared for a vote at the November 10 meeting.

Adjournment

At 3:50 p.m., by motion of Mr. Burdette, seconded by Mr. Rice, 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, November 9, 2011.

Brenda Turner
Recording Secretary