



**Minutes
State Board of Education
August 16, 2017**

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The State Board of Education held a telephonic meeting on August 16, 2017, which originated from the Grimes State Office Building, State Board Room, Des Moines, Iowa. The following State Board members participated via telephone: Charlie Edwards, Mike Knedler, Mike Bearden, Bettie Bolar, Diane Crookham-Johnson, Angela English, Mike May, and Mary Ellen Miller. The following Iowa Department of Education staff members attended in-person: Ryan Wise, Staci Hupp, Phil Wise, and Cheryl Smith. Other in-person attendees included Mackenzie Ryan, The Des Moines Register; and Kristy Latta, Riverside Community School District. Other attendees participating via telephone included Jordan Esbrook, Iowa Attorney General's Office; Molly Duffy, Cedar Rapids Gazette; Tim Johnson, The Daily Nonpareil, Council Bluffs; Murray Fenn, Riverside Community School District school board member; and Joe Narmi, attorney for appellants.

STATE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

Charlie Edwards called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

It was moved by Mike May and seconded by Mary Ellen Miller that the agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

Public Comment

Kristy Latta, attorney representing the Riverside Community School District, provided public comment on *In re Open Enrollment of K.M. (Riverside Community School District)*. On behalf of the Riverside Community School District, it was requested that the original proposed administrative law judge's decision be affirmed. Absent that, a rehearing was requested on this matter. Absent that, they requested a motion be granted to enlarge findings of facts of conclusions and law outlining the State Board's decision.

Joe Narmi, attorney representing the appellants, provided public comment on *In re Open Enrollment of K.M. (Riverside Community School District)*. On behalf of K.M., it was requested that the State Board deny the school district's request for a rehearing, issue an opinion reversing the decision of the Riverside Community School District, and allow K.M. to open enroll for the 2017-2018 school year.

STATE BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION AGENDA

In re Open Enrollment of K.M. (Riverside Community School District)

Motion: Diane Crookham-Johnson made a motion and Angela English seconded that the State Board approve the resubmitted language and the decision regarding K.M. as submitted on August 16, 2017.

Ryan Wise clarified what documents were being referenced for this action.

Vote: A roll call vote was taken. Aye: Mike Bearden, Bettie Bolar, Diane Crookham-Johnson, Charlie Edwards, Angela English, Mike Knedler, Mike May, and Mary Ellen Miller. Nay: None. Abstained: Brooke Axiotis. The motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the process for addressing the Application for Rehearing/Motion for Reconsideration and the Resistance to the Application that will be addressed at the September State Board meeting.

Jordan Esbrook, Iowa Attorney General's Office, explained that if the State Board considers the Application for Rehearing/Motion for Reconsideration, the outcome could change. After the State Board rules on the Application for Rehearing/Motion for Reconsideration and the Resistance to the Application, that will be the final decision and the parties can appeal to district court.

Charlie Edwards recommended that the State Board address the Application for Rehearing/Motion for Reconsideration and the Resistance to the Application at the September 2017 board meeting.

There was also discussion regarding the length of time for the appeals process.

Charlie Edwards adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Charlie C. Edwards, Jr.
President

Ryan M. Wise
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