

Southern Regional Education Board
Annual Meeting
June 22-24, 2003
Austin, Texas
The Driskill

*Presiding: Governor Ronnie Musgrove, Mississippi
Chairman, Southern Regional Education Board*

June 22, 2003

7:00 p.m. Opening Session -- Dinner
Presiding: Governor Musgrove
The Lamar Plunkett Award

June 23, 2003

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting of the Executive Committee
Governor Musgrove, Chairman
President Paul Stanton, Vice-Chairman
Senator Jodie Mahony, Treasurer

9:00 a.m. General Session

[Opening remarks by Governor Musgrove and by Texas official --
to be determined. Texas Board members Senator Teel Bivins, chair of Senate
Appropriations Committee and Representative Kent Grusendorf, chair of House
Education Committee, are assisting with this.]

Goals for Education: Challenge to Lead

- Putting Education First
- Closing Education Gaps

Governor Musgrove sets stage for opening discussion with background of
SREB's *Goals for Education*, 2003 state actions (leading with Mississippi's
Education First actions) and *No Child Left Behind* implementation.

Several persons could join/lead this discussion
(and involve Board members).

Former Lieutenant Governor and Senator Bill Ratliff may be the father
of the Texas education reform that is the foundation of what has
become *No Child Left Behind*. Senator Ratliff is confirmed to
participate. He is a former SREB Board members and probably the
senator who can influence the most votes on both sides of the aisle.

Sandy Kress, former Dallas school board chair, was the key person in
White House-Congress negotiations on *No Child Left Behind*. He has
one of the best (and most realistic grasps of the issues. He is
confirmed to participate.

Lloyd Jackson, former West Virginia State Senator, chair of Senate
Education Committee, member of SREB Goals Commission, and now
member of State Board of Education, has a unique perspective and is
well informed on the "Closing the Gaps." Lloyd may be one of the best
informed and most insightful state board of education members in the
country on this issue.

A state school chief. Several possibilities here. Henry Johnson and Nancy Grasmick (Maryland) are two good ones. All chiefs present should be brought in to the discussion as they will be among the best informed on the issues.

Reading: A Key to Closing Education Gaps

Quality pre-school and successful early reading programs are two of the keys to closing gaps. The reading results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress are scheduled to be released in June--perhaps only days before the SREB meeting.

A program session on reading could --

- < Focus on the just-released NAEP results and some analysis of "gaps"
- < Share lessons learned from states that have had reading grants approved by U. S. Department of Education
- < Feature the guiding principles of Barksdale Reading Initiative

Lunch (Possible Speaker--Secretary of Education; Texas Governor or Lieutenant Governor) or possible Doctoral Scholars "Celebration" if we reach graduate #200 Closing the Gaps in Higher Education

Texas has the most comprehensive and aggressive efforts to get more students (especially students of color) through high school, into college, and to graduate from college.

The Commissioner of Higher Education Don Brown, and the chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Board Pam Willeford, have an important message.

Senator Teel Bivins, former chair of the Senate Education Committee (now Appropriations chair) is a proponent of the higher education-school efforts to prepare more students for college and be successful with more students in college.

There are Public Service Announcements for television broadcast, a series of print ads and announcements and materials prepared by professional public relations staff in conjunction with educators to be used with students, parents and community groups.

The ACT EPAS program, now being used in several SREB states, including Mississippi, has produced research results that support the kinds of actions proposed and being taken in Texas. Using this information could provide specific examples in several states and underscore the importance of the middle school-high school-postsecondary education links that are the key to closing the gaps in higher education.

(Upon afternoon adjournment)

Legislative Advisory Council Meeting
Chairman Representative Ronny Townsend, South Carolina
Vice-Chair Senator Jack Hill, Georgia

Evening Function at State Capitol and/or University of Texas
[SREB Board members are working on possible arrangements.]

June 24, 2003

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast Meeting of Board and Legislative Advisory Council Members
Board Business Session
Presiding: Governor Ronnie Musgrove

Executive Committee Report: President Paul Stanton
(including Finance Committee Report)
President's Report
Election of Officers

9:30 a.m.

Using Educational Technology: SREB and State Action Agenda

This session could be an opportunity to spotlight Mississippi's every-classroom-Internet connection and to promote the Distance Learning Policy Laboratory's recommendations for state and institutional action on the technology Actions Agenda. This session should be concise, brief, and specific. The agenda adopted in December 2002 by the Executive Committee called for a sustained effort. This is a step in that sustained effort to get attention and to spur action.

If the proposal to help students graduate on time in 2004 by sharing needed on-line courses is an action item, it could be featured here.

Leadership in Education

We believe that the SREB leadership preparation work with 11 universities and 3 state leadership academies will be "ready" to present and that dealing with the leadership issue in schools (and the preparation in universities) is one of the most important ways to help assure that there is a qualified, effective teacher in every classroom.

Noon

Luncheon

(possible speaker--Secretary of Education;
Texas Governor or Lieutenant Governor)

Adjourn

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