

Dear MACTE Members,

As you may have seen in the news, three newly appointed members of the State Board of Education are calling on the board to hold a special meeting on November 21 to consider removing Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven. MACTE does not support the actions of these board of education members. We are asking you to contact both the elected education committee chairs and state board members in opposition to this action.

Here is the memo sent to State Board President Charlie Shields and Commissioner Vandeven:

November 9, 2017

**OBJECT: NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Dear President Shields and Commissioner Vandeven,

We request that you call a meeting for Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 10:00AM in the Board of Education Conference Room on the first floor of the Jefferson Building at 205 Jefferson St., Jefferson City, MO 65101. If you refuse to call this meeting, written notice is hereby given that a special closed meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education has been called by Board Members Claudia Onate Greim, Eddy Justice, and Doug Russell, and will be held on November 21, 2017 at 10:00AM in the Board of Education Conference Room on the first floor of the Jefferson Building at 205 Jefferson St., Jefferson City, MO 65101 (RSMo 161.072) to consider the following:

1. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of employees of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and general personnel and structural considerations.

Please direct the Executive Assistant to prepare, post and make available to the news media notice of such closed meeting, notice of the closed record, and closed vote in the manner and time as required by law, and that a copy of the notice be filed with the minutes of the meeting it announces. As has been the case in prior meetings of this body, members who cannot attend in person will be allowed to attend by phone with full privileges of attendance and membership. It is expected that the rules of this closed session as prescribed by Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition will be followed, specifically illustrated on page 96, Lines 6-17.

Respectfully,

Claudia Onate Greim, Eddy Justice, Doug Russell

**Below is contact information for the committee chairs and Missouri Board of Education members. MACTE does not support the actions of these members of**

the Missouri Board of Education. They have yet to have confirmation by the Missouri Senate. Please ask your local representatives and the education chairs to oppose these actions and request that the Board delay action until the new members have an opportunity to observe and interact with the Commissioner. In addition, contact your senator and indicate that the new appointees should not be confirmed due to their political actions that hurt Missouri children.

**Please contact the chairs of the education committees**

**Missouri House of Representatives: Chair Kathy Swan**

Phone: 573-751-1443 Email: [Kathryn.Swan@house.mo.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Swan@house.mo.gov)

**Missouri Senate Education Chair Gary Romine**

Phone: (573) 751-4008

Go to: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/mem03/> and then, Email the Senator

**Joint Committee on Education**

**David Wood, Missouri House of Representatives**

[David.Wood@house.mo.gov](mailto:David.Wood@house.mo.gov)

573-751-2077

**Please contact members of the State Board of Education and express your concern about the State Board making decisions based upon political ideology rather than the needs of the children of Missouri. In addition, it is important to question the need to act immediately on the position of commissioner of education. Commissioner Vandeven has had a positive impact in Missouri. Let the chairs of the education committees and the state board of education know we support the Commissioner.**

**Members of the State Board of Education**

**Charlie Shields - President**

**Dr. Vic Lenz - Vice President**

**Michael Jones**

**\* Claudia Greim**

**\* Eddy Justice**

**\* Doug Russell**

**\* Tim Sumners**

**\* Marvin "Sonny" Jungmeyer**

**\* Newly appointed State Board members**

**You can leave a message for any or all of them by calling 573-751-4446. Thank you for your action on this urgent matter.**

About the State Board of Education:

The State Board of Education is made up of eight citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Members serve staggered, eight-year terms so that one term expires each year. However, when terms expire, members continue to serve until being replaced or reappointed. No more than four members of the State Board may belong to the same political party and no more than one member may reside in the same county or congressional district. Besides the appointment of the commissioner, the State Board has other important duties including the establishment of content matrices for educator preparation programs throughout the state and assessment requirements for the Annual Performance Report for educator preparation programs. It also accredits all educator preparation programs.