

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed guests in attendance including Dr. Merrie Skaggs and student teachers from Baker University.

**1/9/2018  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:19)**

**ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	Ken Willard

**STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Porter read both the Board's Mission Statement and Kansans Can Vision Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the Tuesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Willard moved to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Dr. Randy Watson introduced Mischel Miller, new Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation at the Kansas State Department of Education. Ms. Miller is currently concluding her contract as USD 380 Superintendent, dividing her time between KSDE and the school district. Dr. Watson updated members on the state's application as part of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Kansas is currently providing clarification to the US Department of Education on its plan. Approval of the recommended adjustments is expected by mid-January. Citing the definition of a successful Kansas high school graduate, he shared an example of a student who excelled when attention was given to his strengths, which in turn helped overcome specific weaknesses. Dr. Watson then announced the next phase of the school redesign project — Gemini II. This follows the selection of districts participating in the Mercury 7 and Gemini phases to redesign one elementary and one secondary school around the Kansans Can vision, outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate. The application process begins Feb. 5. Selections will be announced April 17.

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**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:27 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Idalia Shuman, KNEA — neutral position on Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee's recommendation for elementary education, but concerns with recommendation for high incidence special education; Doug Tressler, ANW Special Education Cooperative — opposition to special education licensure proposal; Kim Anderson, Kansas Association of the Deaf — support for individual superintendents for

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School for the Deaf and School for the Blind, encouraged KAD as a resource; John Richard Schrock, Emporia — role and responsibilities of gatekeepers with insight on student character. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:54 a.m.

**BREAK**

Board members took a break until 11:05 a.m.

**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**

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At the December meeting, Interim Superintendents Luanne Barron (Kansas School for the Deaf) and Jon Harding (Kansas State School for the Blind) reported on recommendations stemming from a personnel study requested by the State Board and conducted by the Kansas Association of School Boards. The goals for direction of the state schools fell into five areas. This month, Ms. Barron and Mr. Harding addressed Goal 1 — redesign of administrative structure. Together they described proposed administrative tiers to serve the needs now and in the future. They shared anticipated cost savings, additional positions for outreach and a shift of resources. Board members asked for clarification on certain staff responsibilities. Mrs. Busch moved to adopt the short and intermediate metrics, specific to Goal 1, for the Kansas School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind as presented by the Interim Superintendents. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE**

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The Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee continues to meet monthly to address issues recommended within the final report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancies and Supply. During a regular update to the State Board, Interim Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Susan Helbert reviewed alternative pathway criteria of separate two-year statewide pilots for elementary education and high incidence special education. These are intended to meet immediate needs of school districts. Candidates would be issued a Limited Apprentice license as they meet eligibility requirements and may then be assigned as the teacher of record. Ms. Helbert read the recommended motion. Board members asked about the differences between licensure waivers issued and the Limited Apprentice Pilot, time limits on completion, mentoring practices and development of student Individual Education Plans. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the recommendation of the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee for a two-year pilot of alternative pathways for elementary education and high incidence special education, including issuance of a Limited Apprentice license to eligible candidates. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Porter in opposition.

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**LUNCH**

At 11:55 a.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the break, hearing more input on the policy guideline for 6th grade participation in interscholastic athletics.

**RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

**P.M. SESSION**

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Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. at which time members of the Special Education Advisory Council provided the required annual report of SEAC activities. KSDE Director Colleen Riley gave opening remarks followed by self-introductions of the SEAC members present. Dr. Marvin Miller, SEAC immediate past chair, highlighted Council accomplishments during 2016-17. These included membership expansion, support of Senate Bill 323 on language acquisition, and further work around trauma-informed care/awareness. There were inquires about ways to alleviate the special education teacher shortage. The major responsibilities of the SEAC are to advise, consult and provide recommendations to the State Board regarding matters concerning special education services.

**REPORT FROM HEARTSPRING ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FOCUS**

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Heartspring of Wichita provides a wide range of services and therapies to nearly 1,000 children through several programs including the Heartspring School, Pediatrics Services and Autism Services.

Representatives from Heartspring have addressed the State Board in the past, particularly on the topic of Emergency Safety Interventions. Stephen Perry, Director of Educational Services at Heartspring, reported on the school's improvement focus and accomplishments while implementing Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports. These included integrated employment opportunities for students, transition services, positive behavior intervention and addition of a site council.

**RECOGNITION OF 2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis welcomed administrators from the five schools selected as 2017 Kansas Blue Ribbon Schools. The schools recognized were: Eisenhower Elementary (USD 475), Gardner Elementary (USD 231), Ruth Clark Elementary (USD 261), Sheridan Elementary (USD 475) and Winteer Elementary (USD 260). Building principals highlighted factors that aided in raising student achievement such as addressing anxiety issues and cooperative learning. These schools were recognized in November at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The award is based on the school's overall academic excellence of their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

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The Board took a break until 3:15 p.m. for photos with the honorees.

**BREAK**

**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, was remotely connected to the meeting and available to answer questions about the recommendations brought forth on two cases. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and grant the applications of Craig Butler and Tyler Johnston. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION REGULATIONS**

K.A.R. 91-22-1a is one of the regulations governing teacher discipline. KSDE's Office of General Council proposed amendments to this regulation. Assistant General Counsel Kelli Broers explained the updates and proposed language changes. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve submission of the proposed amendments to Professional Practices Commission regulations, K.A.R. 91-22-1a, to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General's office for review. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Once the Department of Administration and Attorney General's Office have completed their reviews, the State Board will set a hearing date for public comments.

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**RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE 6-12**

Board members received a set of revised standards for Family and Consumer Science 6-12, which will be used by higher education institutions in their educator preparation programs. The program standards establish requirements to ensure that educator candidates in Kansas have the knowledge and skills needed for today's learning context. Education Program Consultant Dr. Catherine Chmidling and revision committee chair Sally Yahnke explained the updates to the standards and change in sequential order. Board members were provided with the proposed standards, previous standards and a crosswalk comparing the two. There were questions about the supply and demand for FACS teachers, program development, content knowledge and curriculum. A vote is anticipated at the February Board meeting.

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**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis distributed information regarding state general fund receipts actuals and estimates. He commented on early work in the legislative session and reports his office is working on to provide 10 years of requested data. Mr. Porter and Mrs. Cauble suggested that Kansans Can vision information and role of the State Board be shared with those hired to conduct a school finance study for the legislature.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for December.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Raymond Zwiener as System Software Staff Consultant on the Information Technology team, effective Dec. 4, 2017, at an annual salary of \$68,016.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Early Childhood Special Education* — Kristie Butler, USD 330. *English Language Arts - Extension on the number of days under an Emergency Substitute License* — Cristina Yutzky, USD 313. *High Incidence Special Education* — Winnie Hagenah, USD 200; Stephanie Taylor, USD 253; Crystal Hackler, USD 308; Shelby Reed, USD 368; Trisha Sharp, USD 450; Raul Silva Sr., USD 457; Colleen McGrath, Matthew Lawson, Misti Kuhn, D0605; Jena Ray, D0607; Randa Linner, D0636; Jake Rourk, D0637. *Low Incidence Special Education* — Elaina Lawson, D0637. *Math - Extension on the number of days under an Emergency Substitute License* — Laura Farnsworth, USD 283; Scott Whitson, USD 313.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 440 Halstead, USD 443 Dodge City, and D0610 Reno County Education Cooperative.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved cases* — 3176 Andrea Miller-Fanlo, 3178 Zachary Clark, 3179 Christina Sisson, 3181 Justin Kappeler, 3184 Lara Law, 3187 Megan Mayer, 3189 Alexandra Bahadori (secondary 6-12 mathematics and secondary 6-12 physics), 3191 Jessica Gage-Wanamaker, 3192 Erin Moreno, 3193 Loren Woods Johnson, 3194 Mary Kash, 3195 Twila Latini.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **University of Saint Mary** — Biology (6-12), Mathematics (6-12), both continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024.
- authorized USD 232 DeSoto to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 232 DeSoto to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- approve a Striving Readers subcontract to the University of Kansas in the amount of \$217,588 over three years — \$76,872 in year one, \$69,066 in year two, and \$71,650 in year three.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Busch moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of an individual employee's performance, which is justified pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual to be discussed. The session would begin at 3:56 p.m. for five minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Watson and Board Attorney Mark Ferguson were invited to join the session. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10.-0

**RECESS**

The open meeting resumed at 4:01 p.m. at which time Chairman Porter recessed Tuesday's meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday. Board members attended the annual State of the State Address given by Governor Brownback.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2018****PRE-MEETING ACTIVITY — SEAC BREAKFAST**

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) hosted its annual Get-Acquainted Breakfast for Board members in Room 509 of Landon State Office Building prior to the start of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Jan. 10, 2018 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed mentors and mentees in attendance from the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) and asked for self-introductions.

**1/10/2018  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:04)**

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	Ken Willard

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the day's agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**CAREER TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORTS AND OFFICER PRESENTATIONS**

In observance of Citizenship Day, state officers representing the various Kansas Career Technical Student Organizations addressed the State Board. Remarks focused on the significance of civic engagement, education outside of the classroom, hands-on learning and leadership skills. Student leaders of the following organizations were present: Business Professionals of America, DECA, Educators Rising, Future Business Leaders of America, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Skills USA and Technology Student Association.

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There was a 10-minute break at 9:30 a.m.

**BREAK**

**INFORMATION ON COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PLAN FROM SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The State Board of Education requested the establishment of a School Mental Health Advisory Council in July 2017. The Council has met monthly since August. Board member Kathy Busch serves as the Council's chair. Education Program Consultant Myron Melton provided information on the Council's purpose and progress to date. He reported on forming a strategic, comprehensive approach to mandates and required training for schools. The work of the Council also covers building capacity in schools to address student mental health needs, strengthening state and regional partnerships, providing training modules to define and identify child sexual abuse, and a personnel development plan. Mrs. Busch contributed to the report, describing work to identify community partners and create school mental health teams. Discussion included a focus on families, student training as well as teacher training, overlapping initiatives and long-range goals.

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**ADOPTION ON RESOLUTION FOR 2018 BOARD MEETING DATES**

The Kansas State Board of Education is require to meet at least once a month. The 2018 schedule of

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meeting dates, which the Board agreed to in August, is to be formally adopted as a Resolution each January. Chairman Porter commented that meetings could occasionally be held at one of the seven Mercury Redesign Schools. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the Resolution establishing the 2018 calendar of Board meeting dates and time, with optional locations to be considered as needed. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Bacon in opposition. The signed resolution is provided as an attachment to the minutes.

**BREAK**

There was a 10-minute break at 10:23 a.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
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**BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Legislative and Communication Committees — Mr. McNiece briefly reported on communication projects for the start of the legislative session. Board members will sign thank you cards for the legislators serving their districts. The previous informative postcards will not be weekly, but rather created to address topics as needed.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh briefed members about the prior day's committee meeting to continue discussions about restrictions for sixth grade participants in interscholastic athletics.

Coordinating Council — Mrs. Horst described work of the Council in its role to study concurrent enrollment programs looking at variance in administrative practices and tuition rates.

Student Voice — Mrs. Horst reminded members that they will be attending a luncheon with the Career and Technical Student Organization officers and participating in roundtable discussions.

**BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson announced that he would circulate the recent Attorney General's Opinion addressing the 2017 legislative changes to the language impacting executive sessions under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (continued)**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reported on the release of the Governor's proposed budget as well as anticipated changes to the base. He would be providing a summary of the Governor's budget recommendations for K-12 education state aid.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Individual Board member reports:** Mrs. Waugh attended the Juvenile Justice graduation ceremony in Topeka; Mr. Roberts proposed language to support his recommendation to stop labeling children by race, color and ethnicity.

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**Action on Appointments:** Chairman Porter presented information on three appointments for consideration. Motions followed as such:

- Mr. McNiece moved that Deena Horst continue as the State Board representative serving on the Kansas Master Teacher Selection Committee. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
- Mrs. Waugh moved that Kathy Busch continue as the State Board representative serving on the National Association of State Boards of Education's Public Education committee. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
- Mrs. Horst moved to approve Jim Porter's appointment as Chair of the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Stop labeling children by color, race, ethnicity, etc. in schools (Mr. Roberts)
- Sexual harassment awareness training for Board members (Mr. Porter)

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch — Jan. 17 per diem for School Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting, Jan. 24 Child Abuse Intervention Seminar; Mr. McNiece — Jan. 16 legislative liaison work, Jan. 18 K-12 education budget committee; Mr. Porter — Jan. 12 retirees event, Jan. 17— presentation to Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee, March 1 — FHSU panel discussion; Mr. Roberts — Feb. 6 and 7 CTE Conference. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**ADJOURN**

The business of the Board concluded at 11:17 a.m. Afterwards, Board members were guests of the Career Technical Student Organizations at the Capitol Plaza for the annual luncheon. Other Board members joined Commissioner Watson for the recognition lunch for the Superintendent of the Year at KASB.

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13 and 14, 2018.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary