

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed everyone in attendance, including student teachers from Baker University accompanied by Dr. Merrie Skaggs.

9/10/2019
A.M. Session
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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Ann Mah
Jean Clifford	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ben Jones	Janet Waugh

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the day’s agenda. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

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APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson began his monthly report to the Board with a reminder that student success is not narrowly defined because it is not based on a single measure. He mentioned discussions among the Kansas Board of Regents concerning possible changes to qualified admissions for Kansas residents. Potential changes could impact accreditation for school districts and graduation requirements. Dr. Watson spent the remainder of the time outlining elements of the STAR Recognition program that brings together State Board goals in one recognition system for school districts. He reviewed each category of merit, reflecting on criteria for qualitative and quantitative measures to be considered for recognition selection. He then answered questions.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:42 a.m. There were no speakers for open forum this month.

PREVIEW OF KSDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE “KANSANS CAN IGNITE”

The Kansas State Department of Education’s 30th annual conference is scheduled for Oct. 28-30 in Wichita. This year’s theme is “Kansans Can Ignite.” KSDE’s Mark Thompson previewed highlights of the conference, which will bring together approximately 1,100 practitioners from around the state to learn from the redesign schools through panel discussions and breakout sessions. Mr. Thompson

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mentioned organizational changes to the format, such as more roundtable discussions and length of sessions. He also named the conference's keynote speakers.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11 a.m.

OVERVIEW OF THE 2019 KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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A federal planning grant has allowed Kansas to engage in a collaborative effort to shape the state's future direction for early childhood. Multiple agencies are involved in the one-year planning grant. Amanda Petersen, KSDE Director of Early Childhood, and Melissa Rooker, Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, reported on the information-gathering phase of this work. Among the activities were to review existing needs assessment reports, conduct more than 50 community engagement sessions, collect stories and facilitate workshops. As a result, several key universal themes or trends were identified. Together, the presenters described key findings and next steps. They also shared information on upcoming events — Oct. 7 Governor's Symposium on Early Childhood and Oct. 8 Legislative Early Learning Caucus. Board members followed with comments or questions, ranging from cost of quality preschool to alignment of services.

LUNCH

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the break.

UPDATE FROM E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE AND ACTION

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The afternoon session reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Education Program Consultant Mark Thompson, who helps coordinate the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force, and Task Force member Jordan Roberts from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, displayed updated Tobacco-Free School signage declaring that smoking, vaping and dipping are not allowed on school grounds. News of recent events was also shared: a) action by Goddard USD 265 authorizing litigation against manufacturers, distributors and sellers of electronic cigarettes and vaping products, b) KDHE's public announcement of the first death in Kansas associated with a vaping-related lung disease. Presenters also covered proposed Tobacco 21 legislation and professional development trainings offered to schools. Board member discussion included cessation assistance for students, partnering to distribute information, and opportunities to take proactive measures.

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Mr. Porter moved to suspend Board practice to allow for a vote this month on a receive item. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Dr. Horst moved to approve Tobacco-Free School signage as presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

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Leadership from the Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot reported on year two of this grant program, which has experienced an increase in the number of school districts and community mental health centers participating. KSDE Education Program Consultant Myron Melton briefed members on the TASN School Mental Health Initiative and year two of School Mental Health Professional Development and Coaching system activities. Topics included recognizing child sexual abuse and updating the mandated reporting module. Mr. Melton also provided information on School Mental Health Advisory Council recommendations, particularly the Jason Flatt Act and development of a Suicide Prevention and Response toolkit. He concluded by describing collaborative work of multiple state agencies to meet the mental health needs of students.

BREAK

There was a break from 2:45 to 3 p.m.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Mrs. Mah moved to appoint Caroline Spaulding to complete a full term on the Professional Practices Commission representing a public school teacher, effective Sept. 10, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Ms. Spaulding is a special education teacher in Auburn Washburn USD 437.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for August.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Alisa Cecchini as Auditor on the Fiscal Auditing team, effective Aug. 11, 2019, at an annual salary of \$43,992; Paula Smith as Public Service Executive on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Aug. 19, 2019, at an annual salary of \$47,985.60; Nancy Allen as Auditor on the Fiscal Auditing team, effective Aug. 26, 2019, at an annual salary of \$60,008; Trevor Huffman as Administrative Assistant on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective Aug. 26, 2019, at an annual salary of \$29,161.60; Hayley Steinlage as Education Research Analyst Senior on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Aug. 26, 2019, at an annual salary of \$73,184.80.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2019-20 school year to Neal Bailey, Dodge City USD 443; Ronald Hale, Stanton County USD 452; Jerry Simmons, Haviland USD 474.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee: *Approved cases* — 3279, 3280, 3281, 3283, 3285.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 268 Cheney, USD 313 Buhler, USD 340 Jefferson West, USD 341 Oskaloosa, USD 359 Argonia, USD 401 Chase-Raymond, USD 448 Inman, USD 490 El Dorado, USD 500 Kansas City, USD 509 South Haven.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 444 Little River, USD 381 Spearville.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 444 Little River, USD 381 Spearville.
- approved the 2019-2020 Kansas Volunteer Generation Fund sub-grantees as recommended by the Kansas Volunteer Commission for the following award amounts: Barton County College \$14,637.65; CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte counties \$15,000; Flint Hills Volunteer Center \$15,000; Kansas Humane Society \$14,959.07; Sunflower CASA Project Inc. \$14,965.18; United Way of Franklin County Association \$15,000; Wichita Habitat for Humanity \$14,000.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with the recommended vendor resulting from the bidding process required by the Department of Administration and Division of Purchasing for the purpose of management and facilitation of the Kansas Technical Advisory Committee, with a contract amount not to exceed \$300,000 through June 30, 2020.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Licensure cases brought forth by the Professional Practices Commission were divided into four categories. Each category was voted on separately. KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon spoke on behalf of the PPC to describe the cases and recommendations for State Board action. Dr. Horst moved to grant the licenses requested by individuals in cases 19-PPC-24, 19-PPC-25 and 19-PPC-26. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Mr. Jones moved to issue a Professional Teaching License, with public censure, to the individual in case 19-PPC-22. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. Next, Mrs. Mah moved to deny the application for an Emergency Substitute Teaching license to the individual in case 19-PPC-28. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Lastly, Mr. Jones moved to revoke the licenses of individuals in cases 19-PPC-20 and 19-PPC-21. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: WICHITA'S SUPPORT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

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The Wichita community, in conjunction with business/industry/educational institutions and the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, provides employment preparation opportunities for students. Keith Lawing, CEO of the WorkForce Alliance, described various youth employment strategic partnerships and emphasized the community collaboration involved to help students gain work experience and practical employment skills. The internship program at Textron Aviation was highlighted. Emelie Knobloch, K-12 program coordinator at Textron, explained that high school students work 20 hours a week for six weeks while learning about various phases of the industry in addition to participating in a community service day. Former Intern Lauren Howell talked about her experiences and is now working on her pilot's license. There was opportunity for questions and answers after the presentation.

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Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Wednesday in the Board Room.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She commented on the 9/11 remembrance and asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who were impacted by the terrorist attacks in the U.S. that day.

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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

- Kathy Busch Ann Mah
- Jean Clifford Jim McNiece
- Michelle Dombrosky Jim Porter
- Deena Horst Steve Roberts
- Ben Jones Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

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STANDARDS/COMPETENCY-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL AND GRADING PRACTICES IN K-12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Education Program Consultant Melissa Fast talked about the school-university-state model of professional development that occurred this summer around grading practices. Kansas State University and the Kansas State Department of Education partnered to offer an online graduate course that examined the historical and philosophical perspectives of grading practices as well as the impact that policies and practices have on reporting of learning. Labeled “learning-oriented instructional and grading practices,” the concept rethinks traditional grading practices for the purpose of more accurately reflecting students’ progression of learning based on academic standards. Guest presenters were Dr. Julie Thiele, Kansas State University; Jolene Goodheart Peterson, Salina USD 305; Luke Henke, Columbus USD 493 and Christina O’Toole, Wichita USD 259. Each described their association with the concept. Questions and comments included the major shift in culture, possible challenges such as college admissions process, communication to the public, and compatibility to non-academic standards.

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Board members took a break until 10:45 a.m.

BREAK

UPDATES FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Kansas School for the Deaf Superintendent Luanne Barron included these topics in her regular update to the Board: new vision and diversity statements, upcoming accreditation team visit, increase in program participation and KSD strategic plan. Next, Kansas State School for the Blind Superintendent Jon Harding reported on upcoming events including a vision symposium in Salina Nov. 8. He also covered the topics of student transition to work, a new campus wayfinding system to be installed this spring, parent engagement and creation of a new Viewbook. There was discussion about challenges to meet student needs on and off campus, and potential partnering with area workforce networks for student internships.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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During committee reports, Mr. McNiece commented on the upcoming Board tour in western Kansas and the State Board's 50th anniversary reception. Mr. Porter gave the Legislative Liaison report by previewing topics for the Nov. 13 Board retreat, identifying those areas where the Board has direct responsibility and those where the Board has influence. He asked for suggestions of other topics in addition to the ones he presented.

BREAK

Board members took a break from 12:10 to 12:20 p.m.

Board Attorney Report — Mark Ferguson commented on changes to the Olathe USD 233 salary schedule that impact the School for the Deaf negotiated agreement, which follows the school district's agreement. He also mentioned a lawsuit in the Kansas Court of Appeals regarding claims of educational negligence.

Chairman Busch shared copies of The Journal, a magazine of the Kansas Learning Center. This particular issue featured articles about school redesign in Kansas. She announced reminders of upcoming events.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Update on status of learning-oriented grading (Mrs. Busch)
- Legislative retreat topic additions: drug testing in schools (Mr. McNiece) and teacher licensure (Mrs. Mah)
- Math standards, separation by primary and secondary, and standards-referenced grading (Mr. Roberts)
- Merging of accreditation and school redesign (Mrs. Mah)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Board members had the opportunity to make changes to the travel requests for approval. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Oct. 15 and 16, 2019 in Topeka. Before the next regular meeting, Board members have been invited to participate in the Kansas Board of Regents' meeting Sept. 19. They will also tour schools in Liberal, Garden City and Dighton as a group Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

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