

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged guests from Emporia State University’s teacher education program.

**4/17/2018  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:10)**

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present were:

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

Board member John Bacon was absent. Chairman Jim Porter was delayed and arrived at 10:50 a.m.

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

Vice Chair 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 Tuesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

**MOTION  
(00:02:37)**

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Willard moved to approve the minutes of the March Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

**MOTION  
(00:03:28)**

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Randy Watson this month reviewed work being done around the Kansans Can vision to lead the world in the success of each student. He referred back to what Kansans said they wanted in their school system and described how themes of the vision’s strategic activities fit with Kansans’ ideals. Dr. Watson spoke about the elements defining a successful Kansas high school graduate and the state-level outcomes used for measuring success. He also addressed the relationship between the individual plan of study process and postsecondary success. School redesign, he noted, is gaining momentum through the initiatives of Mercury and Gemini schools. Lastly, Dr. Watson introduced a proposed recognition system to acknowledge the gains schools are making in vision outcomes.

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**CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM**

Vice Chair Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:39 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Tina Quarles, Overland Park — support for House Bill 2048 concerning sexual abuse prevention programs and education; Leah Fliter, Kansas Association of School Boards — KASB report on current issues. Vice Chair Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:51 a.m.

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The arrival of Chairman Porter was acknowledged.

**RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR DRIVER EDUCATION**

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Content standards are reviewed approximately every seven years. The model curricular standards for Driver Education have been through a committee review and were presented to the State Board of Education for consideration. Education Program Consultant Joan Peterson explained that the review committee recommended these standards follow what has been established nationally by the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. The standards include both classroom and in-car study and evaluation. They pertain to school district programs as well as commercial driving schools. The Driver Education standards will be presented for action at the May meeting.

**UPDATE ON KANSAS ASSESSMENTS**

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Assistant Director Beth Fultz provided an update on the status of the 2018 state assessments, reviewing the testing window as well as grades and subjects assessed. At the time of her report on Tuesday, more than 80 percent of testing was complete. She informed Board members about the timetables for the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment 2 (KELPA2) and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment. New interim assessments, predictive for English Language Arts and mathematics, were offered this year, providing instant feedback. The target release for 2018 score reports is the before the end of the current school year. The ELA and math score reports will include an ACT predictive range for Grade 10. ACT predictive ranges for Grade 8 are anticipated in the fall. There were questions about which tests were machine scored and which were human scored. Progress on the assessment process during the past three years was praised.

**BREAK**

Board members took a break from 11:30 to 11:40 a.m.

**REPORT FROM OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION PROCESS AND REVIEW OF LICENSURE CASES**

(01:27:51)

State Board members received the annual report regarding licensure applications that the Office of General Counsel has reviewed and approved based on the Board's 2014 decision allowing the OGC to clear applicants meeting specific criteria. Assistant General Counsel Kelli Broers outlined the application review process and shared calendar year data for new and renewal applications. There was some discussion about possibly expanding the discretion criteria. To date, the ability to clear some applicants with permission has reduced the caseload of the Professional Practices Commission and increased efficiencies for those wanting to get licensed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF KANSAS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARS FOR 2018**

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The Career and Technical Education Scholar initiative, now in its second year, is an opportunity to give state-level recognition to outstanding CTE students finishing their senior year of high school. Assistant Director for CTE Stacy Smith announced that there are 58 Kansas CTE Scholars for 2018. Board members received a list of the students' names, school of attendance, career pathway and career choice. These scholars, however, only represented 10 school districts in Kansas. Students could apply for this distinction based on their accomplishments in several areas, including technical skill attainment, demonstrated leadership, civic engagement and career vision. Board members want to encourage more student applicants and greater participation. Comments included identifying which students obtained an industry-recognized certification and knowing how the application notice was distributed to schools.

**LUNCH**

At 12:10 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

**UPDATE ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN SCHOOLS**

**P.M. SESSION**

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Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. The next item of business was an update on civic engagement initiatives led by Assistant Director Jessica Noble and Education Program Consultant Don Gifford. One project is recognition through the Civic Advocacy Network. All schools may apply.

Awards will be made on Sept. 17, 2018. Another initiative was the Civic Engagement Conference held this past February in Topeka. Students presented many of the breakout sessions during the conference. Students from Olathe North High School were present at the Board meeting to talk about their experiences, reflecting on what was shared at the conference, particularly work of the school's student-led Diversity Council. Other initiatives include a kindness and acceptance assembly, new select courses on culture in the curriculum, peer mentors within the social justice council and a cultural fair. Students responded to several questions.

**INFORMATION ON CULTURALLY RELEVANT PEDAGOGY PROJECT**

State Representatives Valdenia Winn and John Alcala, along with Christina Valdivia-Alcala provided information as a follow-up to their proposal last summer when they shared with the State Board an outline for ethnic studies curriculum development that builds upon existing Kansas standards. Their update focused on a four-week seminar organized for middle school and high school teachers to enhance professional competence in Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and prepare them to be leaders in this area. The seminar will be June 25 to July 21 at Washburn University in Topeka. They shared the program outline which features national scholars.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF GEMINI II PARTICIPANTS IN SCHOOL REDESIGN PROJECT**

Gemini II marks the third group of districts and schools committed to the Kansans Can School Redesign Project as part of the Kansans Can vision. In August 2017, the seven districts selected as the first to totally redesign one elementary and one secondary school became known as the Mercury 7. Additional districts that accepted the redesign challenge were named in the Gemini Project. Following the most recent application process, 50 schools in 19 districts were announced as Gemini II. The anticipated launch for them is August 2019. School redesign specialists Jay Scott (secondary) and Tammy Mitchell (elementary) introduced representatives from the districts who were in attendance.

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The Gemini II districts and schools are: Meadowlark Elementary, Robert Martin Elementary, Cottonwood Elementary, Andover Central Middle in Andover USD 385; Caldwell Elementary and Caldwell Secondary in Caldwell USD 360; Cedar Vale Elementary and Cedar Vale Memorial High in Cedar Vale USD 285; Garfield Elementary, Wakefield Elementary, Clay Center Community Middle, Clay Center Community High and Wakefield High in Clay County USD 379; Lincoln Elementary and Fredonia Jr/Sr High in Fredonia USD 484; Bentley Primary, Halstead Middle and Halstead High in Halstead-Bentley USD 440; Haven Grade, Yoder Charter, Haven Middle and Haven High in Haven USD 312; Haviland Grade and Haviland Junior High in Haviland USD 474; Lakin Grade and Lakin High in Lakin USD 215; Windom Elementary and Little River Jr/Sr High in Little River USD 444; Central Elementary and Lyons High in Lyons USD 405; North Lawn Elementary, Heller Elementary, Neodesha Middle/High in Neodesha USD 461; Swenson Early Childhood Education Center, Trojan Elementary and Osawatomie Middle in Osawatomie USD 367; Peabody-Burns Elementary and Peabody-Burns Middle/High in Peabody-Burns USD 398; Neosho Rapids Elementary and Hartford Jr/Sr High in Southern Lyon USD 252; Stafford Elementary and Stafford Middle/High in Stafford USD 349; Remington Elementary, Remington Middle/High in Whitewater-Remington USD 206; Cessna Elementary and Chester Lewis Academic Learning Center in Wichita USD 259; Country View Elementary, Irving Elementary and Winfield Middle in Winfield USD 465.

Board members took a break until 3:15 p.m.

**BREAK**

**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

Updates to the section of Guidelines that accompany the State Board Policies were presented last month for consideration. Board Policies and Guidelines are reviewed every two years. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board Policy Committee as presented for updating the Guidelines and Board Policy #2001. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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### **ACTION ON BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

**MOTION**  
(03:22:59)

The current contract for legal services provided to the Kansas State Board of Education expires June 30, 2018. Mr. McNiece moved to approve renewal of Contract ID 40370 with Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond, P.A. for providing legal services for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with no increase in rates. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0. This is the third of four one-year extension options for continued legal services under the contract that was approved by the Board in May 2015.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION**  
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Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for March.
- received the biannual report from the Coalition of Innovative School Districts.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:  
*Chemistry - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Shawna John, USD 203. *Early Childhood Special Education* — Felisha Bland, D0636. *Early Childhood Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Melinda Hall, USD 389; Katherine Porterfield, USD 233; Jocelyn Dease, USD 345; Nicole Veatch, USD 465. *General Business Topics—extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Corey Dahl, USD 233. *High Incidence Special Education* — Courtney Metzen, USD 253; Rebecka McMillan, USD 457; Mary Culross, USD 231; Colin McCarty, Marion Schmekel, Scott Snavely, Kirk Duckers, Leslie Lucas, Sabrina Bell, Katherine Baldus, USD 500; Emily Ray, Sandy Theilen, USD 497; Laura Ehler, Andrea Jordan, USD 345; Lori Rutland, D0607; Kathleen Setser, Trey Utz, USD 259; Lori Wood, USD 465. *High Incidence Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Jessica Grinstead, USD 469; Quintin Dougherty, USD 233. *Low Incidence Special Education* — Anna Ohmes, USD 229; Whitney Austin, USD 500; Keely Skaggs, USD 469; Alisa Neighbors, USD 512; Judith Spor, Leslie Winzenried, Sherri Dorsey, Vikki Valentine, USD 259. *Low Incidence Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Anna Davis, USD 233. *Math - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Bailey Winkler, USD 233. *Music - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Crystal Dissel, USD 233. *Physical Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Stephanie Dunkley, USD 233. *Psychology - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Rachel Ilaria, USD 233.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 287 West Franklin, USD 453 Leavenworth.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 287 West Franklin, USD 453 Leavenworth.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- enter into a six-month extension of the current state contract with BTU Consultants to provide E-Rate telephone support and training to unified school districts for the period July 1-Dec. 1, 2018 with the cost for services not to exceed \$27,000;
- continue a contract with the Smoky Hill Central Kansas Education Service Center to support KSDE and the Kansas Professional Learning Team in providing professional learning across Kansas;
- continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the continued support of special child clinics in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 annually for the next three fiscal years (SFY 2019, 2020, 2021)

- continue a state assessment contract with the University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. on behalf of the Achievement and Assessment Institute, formerly known as the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, with the contract amount not to exceed \$6,000,000;
- continue a contract with Brooks Publishing to provide materials, training and a data collection tool for the kindergarten entry snapshot tool through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$226,500;
- continue the Kansas Integrated Accountability Systems (KIAS) contract with Leader Services to provide ongoing service and maintenance of the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services' KIAS web-based Data Collections and Analysis application through no later than June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$133,580 to be paid out of the federal Title I consolidated pool and IDEA VI-B funds;
- continue the Kansas Integrated Accountability System (KIAS) contract with Leader Services to provide ongoing service and maintenance of the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services' KIAS web-based grants management system application through, no later than June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$184,000 to be paid out of the federal Title I consolidated pool and IDEA VI-B funds.

### **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reported on the status of selected education legislation considered by the 2018 Legislature. Bills included Senate Substitute for Senate Substitute for House Bill 2386 which impacts professional licensing, Substitute for House Bill 2602 on screening students for dyslexia and related disorders, and House Bill 2773 concerning safety and security in school districts. He discussed major policy provisions of Substitute for Senate Bill 423, which makes appropriations to the Department of Education and Board of Regents, and provided a handout with estimated effects of the approved language. He answered questions throughout his report. There was also discussion on the School Finance Study the legislature requested from Dr. Lori Taylor of Texas A & M University.

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### **ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Governor Jeff Colyer signed Executive Order 18-10 in March 2018 establishing the Governor's Education Council. Co-chairs of the Council are Dr. Blake Flanders, President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents, and Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education. According to the Order, KBOR and KSDE shall each appoint two additional representatives to the Council. Dr. Watson reported the Council will include stakeholders from preK-12, higher education and business leaders. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve appointments of Jim Porter and Kathy Busch to serve on the Governor's Education Council. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
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### **ACTION TO SUSPEND EDUCATION SYSTEM COORDINATING COUNCIL**

The Education System Coordinating Council was created by approval of the State Board of Education on Sept. 19, 2012, as a vehicle for sustained cooperation between higher education and K-12 upon the dissolution of the P-20 Education Council. Dr. Watson explained that the newly created Governor's Education Council reintroduces the work of the former P-20 Council and thus overlaps with the intent of the Education System Coordinating Council. Mr. McNiece moved to suspend the current Education System Coordinating Council while the Governor's Education Council is active. Mrs. Cauble seconded. During discussion, it was mentioned that work needs to continue on certain issues already prioritized for KBOR and KSDE. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Mah in opposition.

**MOTION**  
(04:27:04)

Board members took a break until 4:33 p.m.

**BREAK**

**BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

(04:39:38)

A special meeting/work session and tour for Board members is planned for Monday, May 14 in Wichita. Mr. McNiece provided a proposed schedule of the day. There will be industry tours, visits to the Wichita State University Innovation Campus and round table discussions with business leaders and superintendents.

Individual Board members reported on committee meetings, activities and school visits within the past month.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reported on work of the negotiations bargaining team with Kansas School for the Deaf/NEA.

**KSSB and KSD Graduation Designees:** Chairman Porter named Steve Roberts as the Board’s designee at the Kansas State School for the Blind graduation May 17 and John Bacon as designee for the Kansas School for the Deaf graduation May 23.

**MOTION**  
(05:47:00)

**Action on Task Force Appointment:** Mrs. Busch moved to appoint Jim Porter to the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia and authorized him to make other appointments as categorized in the bill with input from the Board and agency. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Preview of School Mental Health Advisory Council module on required trainings (Mrs. Busch)
- Discussion on strategy for informing civic groups about vision (Mrs. Cauble)
- Class of Kansas Master Teachers for 2018 (Mrs. Horst)

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Horst — April 26 legislative liaison work, May 2 school visit to Manhattan-Ogden; Mr. Porter — April 24 KAEA meeting, May 21 Governor’s Education Council subcommittee; Mrs. Waugh — April 27 KTOY team visit to Atchison County; Mr. Roberts — April 26 SkillsUSA Championships; May 14 Special Board meeting for all members; Challenge Award presentations to schools. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
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**RECESS**

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The meeting would resume at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 18, 2018**

On Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Board members made their annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) in the morning and Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) in the afternoon.

Chairman Jim Porter called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. at KSSB. Board members present for both sessions were: John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Ann Mah, Jim McNiece,

Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh and Ken Willard. Commissioner Randy Watson and Board Secretary Peggy Hill also attended.

**ACTION ON KSSB GOAL THREE: IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND VISIBILITY**

Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the proposed recommendations from the Kansas State School for the Blind for improving communications and visibility around services and supports. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM KSSB ON GOAL FOUR: INCREASE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

KSSB Interim Superintendent Jon Harding gave an overview of the three strands of professional development incorporated into the school's fourth goal. The areas are KSSB employees, vision professionals/educators and partnerships between KSSB and KSD.

**PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

Time was set aside for Board members to hear from and interact with KSSB alumni, field services staff and parent of a current KSSB student. Topics included transition services, challenges to meet the needs of students around the state, identification of KSSB services on IEPs, supports for parents, communication, expansion of field services and a centralized network for teachers of the visually impaired.

Board members had lunch at KSSB then traveled to the School for the Deaf where they first visited preschool and elementary classrooms and received a student-led presentation on understanding deaf culture. They also received information on dual placement programs with Olathe North.

**ACTION ON KSD GOAL TWO: STATEWIDE RESOURCES AND OUTREACH SERVICES**

Mrs. Busch moved to adopt recommendations from the Kansas School for the Deaf for expanding statewide resources and outreach services. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. McNiece absent for the vote.

**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON KSD GOAL THREE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS AND GOAL FOUR: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTS**

The remainder of the visit at KSD centered on recommendations on the next two goals. For goal three, Mrs. Barron gave specific examples of local, state and national partnerships. Goal four identified ways to support professionals by facilitating growth.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The next State Board meeting is May 8 and 9, 2018 in Topeka.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

**ADJOURN**