

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
February 12, 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, Feb. 12, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed all in attendance and asked guests with the USD 383/KSU Teacher Leadership Academy to introduce themselves. Mrs. Busch also thanked the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools for hosting the morning panel discussion and breakfast for Board members.

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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 AMENDED AGENDA

Mr. Roberts moved to amend the day’s agenda by adding additional time to Item 12 for his remarks. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
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APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

In his monthly report, Commissioner Randy Watson commented on the following:

- Application period for Apollo. This is the next opportunity for school districts to participate in the Kansans Can School Redesign Project. The Apollo application window closes April 5 with anticipated launch in the 2020-21 school year.
- February as Black History Month. He commented on historic points of interest and cited work in Kansas around developing culturally relevant pedagogy.
- School redesign boot camp hosted at Stockton USD 271, one of the Mercury 7 redesign districts. He and Dr. Horst attended.
- A recent meeting with FBLA student officers. They talked about skill development gained through the organization that prepares them for real world work.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:25 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Walt Chappell, Wichita — State assessment scores, definitions of performance levels; Lisa Huesers, Overland Park — recommendation from School Mental Health Advisory Council regarding Communities That Care survey and parent authority; Dr. Serena Patterson, Kansas City, Missouri — overview of

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ASVAB career exploration program. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:45 a.m.

(00:43:07) **UPDATES FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**
Kansas State School for the Blind Superintendent Jon Harding included these topics in his regular update to the Board: increased offerings of online classes (i.e. computer science and Braille music), participation in Low Vision Clinics; direct services to students, and a new sensory room which was a gift from the KC Blind All-Stars. Next, Kansas School for the Deaf Superintendent Luanne Barron reported on increased service requests for children birth to age 3, blended learning opportunities for students, a new family and community engagement liaison position, and promotion of *Family Signs Kansas* to learn sign language. Board members commented on positive outreach efforts in rural parts of the state and work to engage families.

BREAK Board members took a 10-minute break.

MOTION
(01:28:25) **ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**
Education Program Consultant Myron Melton reviewed the School Mental Health Advisory Council's recommendations presented to the Board in January, noting slight modifications to reflect comments from Board members at that time. The areas are suicide awareness and prevention training, and mandated reporter training. Mr. Porter moved to approve recommendations from the School Mental Health Advisory Council and instruct Kansas State Department of Education to take necessary action to put each recommendation into place. Mrs. Waugh seconded. During discussion, there were questions about the Communities That Care survey. Motion carried 10-0. Mrs. Busch acknowledged the past work of the Advisory Council and its continued tasks.

(01:35:50) **UPDATE ON SCHOOL BREAKFAST LEADERSHIP GRANT**
Members of the Kansas Breakfast Leadership team shared progress on the goal of a five percent statewide increase in school breakfast participation. Kansas was awarded a School Breakfast Leadership Grant from Share Our Strength No Kid Hungry to help bridge the gap between the number of kids who are eligible for free or reduced price meals at school and those who are actually accessing these meals. Several members of the leadership team shared how they were implementing innovative meal delivery methods such as mobile carts, grab-and-go breakfast items and extended serving times. The Midwest Dairy Council is a partner and provided supplemental funding for the initiatives. There were questions about calculation of participant numbers and use of grant funds.

LUNCH Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

P.M. SESSION
(02:14:55) **RECOGNITION OF 2019 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM**
At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting and welcomed the Kansas Teacher of the Year team. Each member spoke about a particular topic: Nicole Corn, kindergarten teacher at Sunset Hill Elementary, Lawrence USD 497 (global interaction/awareness for students); Megan Clark, art teacher at Clear Creek Elementary, DeSoto USD 232 (connecting with arts education); Signe Cook, fifth-grade mathematics and science teacher at Park Elementary, Great Bend USD 428 (teaching social-emotional skills and awareness); T.J. Warsnak, social studies teacher at Halstead High School, Halstead-Bentley USD 440 (school activities support academic rigor); Sharon Kuchinski, social studies teacher at Leavenworth Senior High School, Leavenworth USD 453 (promotion and support of future educators); Jennifer Brown, first-grade teacher at Sheridan Elementary, Geary County USD 475 (innovation of teacher education); Lan Huynh, third-grade teacher at Christa McAuliffe Academy, Wichita USD 259 (opportunities to promote teaching profession) and Kansas Teacher of the Year Whitney Morgan, English language arts and English for Speakers of Other Languages teacher at Wyandotte High School, Kansas City KS USD 500 (equal opportunity for success, need for systematic reform). There was a short break for photos with the honorees.

RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A KANSAS PARAPROFESSIONAL TO BECOME HIGHLY QUALIFIED

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires Kansas to have in place requirements for paraprofessionals to be highly qualified in order to be paid with federal Title I funds. Assistant Director Tate Toedman reviewed the requirements in place. Of the three state-approved tests that can be utilized, WorkKeys needs to be updated based on changes made by ACT. He explained the recommendations to update the requirements on this one test, most notably to replace business writing with graphic literacy. State Board action is anticipated in March. Commissioner Watson pointed out that this is a small change to one of the three tests allowable for paraprofessionals, and not a brand new requirement.

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RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ESEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

The two Kansas Schools named as National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools, formerly known as the National Title I Distinguished Schools Program, were honored. They are O'Loughlin Elementary in Hays USD 489 and Roesland Elementary in Shawnee Mission USD 512. Principals from each school described successful measures in place that contribute to student achievement. They also talked about what they learned from attending the ESEA national conference. There was a brief break for photos with the honorees.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon provided Board members with an overview of the process that occurs when an application for licensure is under review. He briefly outlined steps taken by the Office of General Counsel and Professional Practices Commission prior to providing recommendations to the State Board.

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Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, appeared remotely to introduce three cases for consideration this month. The Board voted separately on each case. Dr. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation to issue the license for Ashley Knier. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mr. Jones moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for the denial of a license for Jessica Atkinson. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for the denial of a license for Eric Brinkman. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 6-3-1, with Dr. Horst, Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. Mah in opposition, and Mr. McNiece abstaining.

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RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS FROM KANSAS

The National PTA School of Excellence recognition program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Denise Sultz, National PTA Secretary-Treasurer, introduced the honorees from Kansas for the two-year distinction (2018-2020). They are Shawnee Mission North High School and Mill Creek Elementary, both in Shawnee Mission USD 512, and Eisenhower Middle School in Kansas City Kansas USD 500. Members of the Kansas State PTA, honored schools and their local PTAs were in attendance.

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PRESENTATION FROM USD 383 AND KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ON FEDERAL GREEN RIBBON SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 was one of six school districts across the country, and the only one in Kansas, to be designated a 2018 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability awardee. Dr. Lizette Burks, KSDE Science Education Program Consultant, gave opening remarks. Then representatives from Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 and the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) described practices that center on mainstream environmental education and sustainability, such as school-wide recycling and waste audits. KACEE representatives talked about the partnership between the school and the association.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Porter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for January
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Tiffany Hester as Education Program Consultant on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective Jan. 27, 2019, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Early Childhood Special Education* -- Jennifer Gibbs, D0345; Ashley Bosworth, Megan Chappell, Stephanie Long, Micaela Espinoza, D0500; Amanda Tucker, Gina Mangiaracino, D0501; Jenni Henson, D0605; Sandra Howe, D0620. *General Science - extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Allyson Knoll, D0363. *Gifted* - Lisa Mechels, D0383; Llara Baska, D0497; Jacqueline Franklin, D0501. *High Incidence Special Education* - Brittany Hemann, Deborah Kreie, Elizabeth Warrick, Jaxon Autry, Kaci Bell, Kara Delauretis, Linda Steele, Lisa Schultz, Sheila Fowler, Tessa West, Wendy Byrne, D0200; Courtnie Adam, D0202; Shelly Stringer, D0230; Scott Starr, D0253; Robert Miller, Kayla Nott, D0259; Robin Wallace, D0260; Monica Zier, D0305; Jessica Bienhoff, D0336; Chloe Pyle, D0383; Brenda Zahm, D0407; Alyssa Willhite, Katharine Ritter, D0497; April Frederick, Cole Younger, Molly Maher, Reginia O'Dell, Sarah Folse, Siel Snowden, Betty Thomas, Christopher Wheat, Robert Ewing, Kelly Meyer, Marsha Corzan, Patty Ratliff, Benjamin Phillips, Michael Carpenter, Sara Meis, Scott Snavely, Stefanie Boice, Tara Chalfant, D0500; Robert Brown, Stephanie Hamilton, Suzanne Carlgren, D0501; Jacob Neiman, D0620; Caitlyn Hecker, D0725. *High Incidence Special Education – extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Quinten McDowell, D0609. *Low Incidence Special Education* - Amy Hajdukovich, D0260; Karen Phillips, D0383; Abigail Easter, D0618.
- issued Calendar Year 2019 licenses to the following commercial Kansas driver training schools: Horizons Driving Academy in Salina and Suburban Driving Academy in Kansas City.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 230 Spring Hill, USD 356 Conway Springs, USD 357 Belle Plaine, USD 360 Caldwell, USD 475 Geary County, USD 382 Pratt, USD 428 Great Bend.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 257 Iola, USD 407 Russell.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 257 Iola, USD 407 Russell.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with Jones Huyett Partners in an amount not to exceed \$12,500 for the purpose of creating AmeriCorps recruitment materials for the Kansas Volunteer Commission;
- enter into a contract with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the purpose of completing on-site health inspections of unlicensed Summer Food Service Program meal preparation and service sites at the rate of \$180 per inspection, not to exceed \$36,000.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Committee Reports — An update from Legislative Liaisons was provided in writing. Mr. McNiece referenced the Communications Committee's draft strategic plan for the year, which included renewal of an informational postcard campaign to legislators and the 50th anniversary of the State Board under constitutional design.

Those wishing to provide individual Board reports did so in writing.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson provided Board members with a refresher on what elements to consider when reviewing licensure cases. He also shared statistical information on trends.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Update on School Breakfast Leadership Grant goal status
- Update on transition work group (Mr. Porter)
- Report from redesign schools on alternative credit opportunities (Mr. McNiece)
- Differentiated compensation for teachers (Mr. Roberts)
- Concerns for student vaping and health risks (Mrs. Busch)

During the Chairman's Report, Mrs. Busch provided information on the re-structured Governor's Education Council and previewed the March State Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis distributed the 2019 legislative calendar of deadlines. He also highlighted selected House and Senate bills related to education.

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RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:18 p.m. to attend the scheduled legislative dinner at the Celtic Fox with members of the House and Senate Education Committees. The business meeting would resume at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes****Feb. 13, 2019****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Feb. 13, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She acknowledged the attendance of superintendents participating in the Kansas Education Leadership Institute and asked them to introduce themselves.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Ann Mah
Jean Clifford	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM VIOLATIONS

Kansas law requires all motorists to stop when approaching a stopped school bus displaying its flashing red lights and activated stop arm. Keith Dreiling, School Bus Safety Director at KSDE, provided information on the school bus stop arm law and data from both a one-day stop arm violation count and a voluntary 30-day school bus passing survey. Board members expressed concern about the number of motorist violations. Mr. Dreiling presented a copy of a North Carolina statute that authorizes the use of photographic or video evidence for the civil enforcement of violations for passing a stopped school bus. Board discussion included driver education about the law, greater school district participation in the survey and information on effectiveness of using school bus cameras as an enforcement tool. Chairman Busch asked that KSDE devise a plan for working with the Kansas Highway Patrol and legislature for addressing school bus stop arm violations and bus safety.

RECEIVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS

KSDE Assistant Director Laura Jurgensen reiterated the purpose of proposed amendments to Emergency Safety Intervention regulations in order to clarify the definitions, meaning and interpretation of key words embedded in the regulatory language regarding seclusion. Board members this month received the proposed amendments which impact K.A.R. 91-42-1 and 91-42-2. She addressed each change, including the addition of definitions for "an enclosed area" and "isolation." The Board will act in March on the next steps required for amending regulations.

ACTION ON FINAL REPORT FROM LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON DYSLEXIA

Jim Porter chaired the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia, which was created by 2018 Substitute for House Bill 2602. The Task Force was to prepare a report with recommendations regarding matters concerning the use of evidence-based practices for students with dyslexia. The report was to be submitted to the Governor, the Legislature and the State Board of Education. Mr. Porter described the charges given to the group and the four subcommittees formed to address each area. Members of the sub-committees addressed the Board. Discussion followed on the screening and identification of

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students with dyslexia, the science of teaching struggling readers and the Task Force recommendations on pre-service training, professional learning, screening and evaluation processes and evidence-based reading practices. Mr. McNiece moved to receive the Report of the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0. This action gives the Commissioner of Education authority to activate KSDE staff to work on the recommendations.

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Board members took a break from 10:50 to 11 a.m.

BREAK

DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL AND FIRE SAFETY

Kansas State Fire Marshal Doug Jorgensen presented information on the statutory responsibilities of the Office of the State Fire Marshal regarding K-12 public and private school buildings. He talked about the school building inspection process, emergency preparedness drills, the recently formed Fire and Safety Code Advisory Committee which will look at rules and regulations, and required emergency preparedness drills in schools. A time for questions and answered followed.

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BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch and Dr. Horst — March 4-5 Kansans Can Symposium; Mr. Jones — Feb. 18 Burrton school visit, March 5 Kansas Ag in the Classroom meeting, March 6 Kansas Teacher of the Year visit to Geary County schools; Mr. McNiece Feb. 22 and 23 Spirit Industries CTE event; Feb. 27 Clearwater Superintendents meeting, Mr. Roberts, cancelled attendance at Kansas Council for Economic Education. Dr. Horst moved to approve the travel requests and changes. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next State Board meeting is March 12 and 13, 2019 in Topeka.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary