

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

March 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, March 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 501 Topeka Public Schools Leadership Academy to introduce themselves.

3/12/2019
A.M. Session
(00:00:03)

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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

Member Ann Mah participated by phone.

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. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

MOTION
(00:03:42)

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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

MOTION
(00:04:19)

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Dr. Watson began his report to the Board with an overview of school redesign, citing work by schools preparing to launch their redesign plans. He highlighted two examples from Gemini II redesign schools — Andover USD 385 where geometry instruction is blended with building construction and Clay County USD 379 where seniors developed a video about student perspectives on redesign. Dr. Watson restated the timeline for schools applying for the Apollo phase. Next, he spoke about the establishment of a volunteer Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying to be co-chaired by Dr. Rick Ginsberg from the University of Kansas and Superintendent James Regier from Whitewater-Remington USD 206. Mrs. Jean Clifford will represent the State Board on the Task Force. He asked each member to recommend an individual from his or her district to serve. The group will start their work in April. They will travel to hear Kansans’ testimony and report back to the State Board by the end of the year.

(00:04:41)

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:34 a.m. There was one speaker: Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute, who presented information on a A-F grading scale for Kansas schools based on test scores. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:39 a.m.

(00:33:49)

- (00:41:01) **RECEIVE KANSAS MODEL STANDARDS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE**
Dr. Stephen King, Education Program Consultant at KSDE, joined committee members in describing creation of draft Model PreK-12 Computer Science Standards for Kansas. The document was included in the pre-meeting materials for Board members to review. During the presentation, references were made to the national standards, computational thinking, grade level application, implementation, digital citizenship and cross-cutting skills that extend beyond technology and general use of computers. A time for comments and questions followed. Topics included decision to begin at PreK, potential pathway to filling business technology needs, keyboarding, screen time and postsecondary preparation. The State Board is expected to act on the Computer Science Standards in April.
- (01:34:41) **DISCUSSION ON KANSANS CAN STATE-LEVEL OUTCOME: SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH**
Social-emotional growth measured locally is one of the five outcomes for measuring progress of the Kansans Can vision to lead the world in the success of each student. The following presenters shared information on the role each profession contributes to students' social-emotional growth: Dr. Ken Hughey and Dr. Judy Hughey, Kansas School Counselor Association and Kansas Association of Counselor Education and Supervision; Craig Hidy, Kansas School Social Workers Association; and Jessica Mefford, Kansas Association of School Psychologists. They provided an overview of responsibilities, services, statistics, examples of collaboration and recommendations.
- LUNCH**
Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:30 p.m.
- P.M. SESSION**
- MOTION**
(02:27:55) **ACTION TO SUBMIT PROPOSED AMENDED EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS TO DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**
Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Last month, KSDE staff brought forth proposed changes to the Emergency Safety Intervention regulations. Assistant Director Laura Jurgensen identified requested language changes and an addition in the definition section made since the February meeting. Mr. McNiece moved to submit the proposed amendments to the Emergency Safety Intervention regulations to the Department of Administration and Office of the Attorney General for review. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. This is the next step in the process for amending regulations.
- MOTION**
(02:32:09) **ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHANGE 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. Director Colleen Riley reviewed the requirements in place and the proposed update to the WorkKeys test based on changes made by ACT. Mr. Porter moved to approve the recommended changes to the requirements for paraprofessionals to become highly qualified paraprofessionals. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
- MOTION**
(02:34:17) **ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**
Mr. Porter moved to appoint Stan Ruff to complete a partial term on the Professional Practices Commission representing public elementary school principals, effective March 12, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition. Mr. Ruff is a principal at Skelly Elementary in El Dorado USD 490.
- MOTION**
(02:35:06) **ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**
Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:
- received the monthly Personnel Report for February.

- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Makayla Auldridge as Administrative Specialist on the Fiscal Auditing team, effective Feb. 4, 2019, at an annual salary of \$31,824.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Early Childhood Special Education* — Elizabeth Moore, USD 253; Kelly Casey, USD 259; Erica Bunton, USD 261; Samantha Whitcomb, USD 475; Elizabeth Czamanske, Lisa O'Neill, USD 500; Jessica Rinkes, USD 512; Mindy Christensen, D0602; Deann Jones, D0613. *Early Childhood Special Education – extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Larisa Lawrence, D0618. *Early Childhood/Pre-School* -- Krystal Elias, D0620. *Gifted* – Jillian Kay, USD 475; Rosanne Lawler, USD 500. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Julie Lueger, USD 115; Michelle Stack, USD 229; Bret Eckert, Cindi Cox, USD 259; Justin Carruthers, USD 260; Jennifer Stogsdill, USD 290; Melissa Wheeler, USD 368; Kari Karst, USD 407; John Darrow, Kaitlin Smith, USD 453; Rebecka McMillan, USD 457; Bailee Flaming, USD 475; Jennifer Mick, USD 495; Lauren Coleman, Erin Weinmaster, USD 497; Dawnyel McCollum, Kristine Klaas, Lacy Davison-Symmonds; Easton Roye, USD 500; James Dreasher, Neil Trotter, Lynne Christ, USD 501; April Farr, Emily Molstad, Erica Smith, Erica Carter, D0602; Lauren Walker, Randall Pugh, D0605; Hannah Elliott, Daniel Kliger, Joann Cline, D0613; Travis Olson, Amanda Shockley, D0614; Josh Griffis, D0638; Susan Durham, Samantha Toombs, D0700; Tammy Cline, D0707. *High Incidence Special Education—extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Janette Dillon, Shawn Stoehr, D0618; Diane Bernheimer, Nancy Johnson, USD 501; Breanna Olds, USD 385. *Library Media Specialist* -- Kristen Martin, USD 402. *Low Incidence Special Education* -- Gary Rochester, USD 259; Mary Pace, Mika Maples, USD 383; Madison Workman, USD 469; Courtney Miles, USD 497; Kathleen Lynch, Michelle Langton, USD 512; Helen White, D0618; Rebecca Haines, D0718. *Low Incidence Special Education – extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Kirstyn Linares, D0618; Tammy Foster, USD 343; Nicolas Butler, USD 464. *Spanish – extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Isabella Pullos, USD 497. *Speech/Speech Communications – extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Ian Weaver, USD 497.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved cases* — 3250 Lyza Bowers, 3254 Michael Dickerson, 3255 LaDawn Pieczonka, 3257 Lee Fryer, 3259 Rachel Seuell.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Emporia State University** — Speech/Theatre 6-12 continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024; **Kansas Independent College Association** — High Incidence K-6, 6-12, PreK-12, new undergraduate program and High Incidence K-6, 6-12, PreK-12, new graduate program, both through June 30, 2021; **Sterling College** — Elementary K-6, Mathematics 6-12, both continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2025; **University of Saint Mary** — History Government Social Studies 6-12, continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024.
- authorized USD 286 Chautauqua County to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 286 Chautauqua County to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- amend KSDE contract 652-15-1869 with Southwest Plains Regional Service Center to provide an additional amount of services not to exceed \$8,500,000 for Kansas Learning Network services;
- amend a contract with the University of Kansas Center for Research to extend the length of the contract from Sept. 30, 2019 to March 30, 2020 at no additional cost for use of Enhanced Learning Maps as an organizing structure for formative assessment;

- allocate Federal Title II funds, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the purpose of providing project-based learning professional development to Kansans Can Redesign schools;
- enter into a contract with eScholar LLC for renewal of maintenance and support for generation and tracking Teacher IDs in an amount not to exceed \$99,000 over a three-year period (June 15, 2019—June 14, 2022)
- enter into a contract with eScholar LLC for renewal of software license, maintenance and support in an amount not to exceed \$222,000 over a three-year period (May 1, 2019—April 30, 2022)

BREAK

Board members took a break from 1:45 to 1:55 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH IN KANSAS

(02:36:25)

Jennifer Montgomery, Director of Human Trafficking Education and Outreach with the Office of the Kansas Attorney General, shared information on this topic upon request of State Board members. She provided Kansas-specific statistics as well as gave a general overview describing vulnerability factors in the youth population, red flag indicators, and awareness campaigns by the A.G.'s office and other organizations. She also talked about resources and services for victims, changes in Kansas law and the Human Trafficking Advisory Board.

BREAK

There was a break from 2:50 to 3 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF 2018 MILKEN EDUCATOR

(03:27:50)

Linda Dishman, an educator at Berryton Elementary School, Shawnee Heights USD 450, is the 2018 Milken Educator Award recipient. The State Board recognized Ms. Dishman for this honor. She commented on classroom strategies she implements for fostering student achievement, such as using candy to demonstrate multiplying fractions. The Milken Family Foundation, in cooperation with the Kansas State Department of Education, sponsors the Milken Educator Award program in Kansas.

UPDATE ON FEDERAL STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT (PERKINS V) TRANSITION PLAN WITH KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

(03:42:28)

The Federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act, referred to as Perkins V, supports state efforts for approved pathways in career and technical education. Assistant Director Stacy Smith led the presentation to explain highlights of Perkins gained through reauthorization. Together KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents developed a transition plan to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year creating seamless pathways for workplace learning. KBOR's Connie Beene, Senior Director of Adult CTE, co-presented and helped answer questions. The transition plan precedes the new state plan which goes into effect in fiscal year 2020. Regional meetings will be conducted to help explain elements of the transition plan.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(04:09:44)

Legislative Liaisons — Mr. Porter announced details for the March 19 Vision presentation and luncheon with Freshman Legislators; Dr. Horst provided a written update on legislative matters.

DELAY IN MEETING

The meeting was interrupted from 3:55 to 4:10 p.m. while the Landon building was evacuated for a fire alarm. Upon return to the Board Room, Committee Reports continued.

Communications — Mr. McNiece talked about work to schedule a Board member visit to several schools and cities in western Kansas, and about the State Board of Education's 50-year anniversary under current constitutional design.

Policy — Dr. Horst noted that the State Board's Policy Committee would plan to meet in April.

Committee Reports included announcements of the Governor's Scholars Award luncheon and ceremony on May 5, identification of schools to receive Challenge Awards, Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom meeting, plans for a Kansas Volunteer Commission tour through the state; and latest efforts of the Transition Work Group.

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

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson briefed members on options available under law upon receipt of a Petition for Reconsideration. In February, the State Board acted on the Professional Practices Commission's recommendations in the licensure case of Eric Brinkman. Mr. Jones moved to accept the Petition for Reconsideration from Eric Brinkman to be reviewed in April. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. McNiece and Mr. Roberts in opposition.

MOTION
(04:37:35)

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Kansas music merchants industry partnership with schools and students (Mr. Jones)
- Concerns for vaping in schools (Mrs. Dombrosky)
- Addressing student transfers within a school district (Mr. Roberts)
- Coronado Middle School (USD 500) students' spaceflight experiment selected for Mission 13 to the International Space Station (Mrs. Waugh from written Board report)
- Revisit State Board of Education mission statement and relook at balance of Board goals with vision outcomes (Mrs. Busch)

During the Chairman's Report, Mrs. Busch provided information on topics considered by the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, including a survey on science licensure needs. She also reported on the School Mental Health Advisory Council recommendations and action steps. Finally, she reminded members of the next day's retreat at KSHSAA offices and the April 17 tour of schools in Kansas City and Olathe.

Committee Assignment — Dr. Horst was appointed to represent the State Board on the Public Education Positions committee for the National Association of State Boards of Education.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided an update on education bills still alive following turn-around day. He reviewed the legislative calendar, including recess dates. Mr. Dennis highlighted specifics of several House and Senate bills and their current status. A time for questions and answers was provided.

(04:52:15)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

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

MOTION
(05:26:02)

RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:22 p.m. The meeting would resume at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at KSHSAA offices for a Board retreat.

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BOARD RETREAT

A retreat for State Board of Education members was conducted on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at offices of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka.

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A.M. Session
(Not recorded)

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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Jean Clifford	Jim Porter
Michelle Dombrosky	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ben Jones	

Member Ann Mah was absent.

RETREAT TOPIC: KANSANS CAN VISION PROGRESS TO DATE AND DIRECTION FOR 2019

Commissioner Randy Watson facilitated the retreat, beginning with a review of activities leading to the October 2015 Kansans Can vision announcement. He directed exercises illustrating change and change over time. He reviewed considerations discussed during the development of the definition of a successful Kansas high school graduate and the outcomes for measuring progress of the Kansans Can vision — Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. Other areas of discussion were:

- Family engagement as a key to redesigning schools
- Take-home lessons during community and business conversations
- Pillars of school redesign
- Collaboration with business and industry
- Kansas Education Systems Accreditation

ADJOURNMENT

The retreat concluded at approximately 12:10 p.m. The next State Board meeting is April 16 in Topeka and April 17 in Kansas City and Olathe for visits to the School for the Blind, School for the Deaf and two of the Mercury 7 redesign schools.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary