

# MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed guests in attendance from Baker University's teacher preparation program and from the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute.

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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

Chairman Busch read an excerpt from the Board Policies to clarify procedures when questions arise about content of the consent agenda. Mr. Porter moved to approve the day's agenda. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

**MOTION**  
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## APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson based a portion of his remarks this month on progress — that which is evident such as the number of students graduating high school and earning another credential, and that which is evolving. He talked about the use of policy levers in helping more students be successful, the correlation between student involvement in extracurricular activities and college retention, and the pillars of redesign. Two webinars will be conducted in January for schools evaluating their readiness to redesign as Apollo Phase II begins. Dr. Watson then answered questions.

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## CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:36 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Sierra Bonn, El Dorado — advocating for Computer Science Education in K-12; John Richard Schrock, Emporia — the biology of sexual identity and gender identity; Denise Cyzman, Topeka — expansion of school-based health clinics; Joy Eakins, Wichita — importance of computer science education; Luis Rodrigues, Wichita — parent perspective on computer science in the classroom; Paula Smith, Topeka — National Mentoring Month; Tammy Potts, Basehor-Linwood USD 458 —

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encouraging mentoring in Kansas schools; Jessica Asbury, Piper USD 203 — support for computer science education. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 11:06 a.m.

**BREAK**

Board members took a break until 11:15 a.m.

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**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Dr. Stephen King, KSDE Enterprise Architect, leads the task force on implementation of computer science standards. He reviewed work of the subcommittees and introduced several committee members. The rationale for each of the five recommendations was explained. There were questions about using computer science as a core graduation requirement, licensure options for those who teach computer science and current career technical education pathways. Board action on the recommendations is anticipated in February.

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**RECEIVE UPDATE FROM E-CIGARETTE / VAPING TASK FORCE**

Work of the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force continues. This month, the Task Force reported it is preparing best practice recommendations from the Discipline and Cessation subcommittee. Dr. Mark Thompson provided general data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, including information specific to e-cigarette use. He also reported on Tobacco 21 legislation, both from state and federal perspectives.

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**RECEIVE KANSAS MODEL STANDARDS FOR HANDWRITING**

The Kansas model standards for K-6 Handwriting recently underwent a review in accordance with the legislative review mandate. Joann McRell, K-12 English Language Arts Education Program Consultant, reported on the committee's work and proposed changes to the curricular standards for Kansas. Cursive writing continues to be addressed in the standards. Among the updates was creation of a glossary of handwriting terms, and focus on letter production and legibility. Board members will act on the updated handwriting standards next month.

**LUNCH**

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Board members conducted a working lunch with guest student teachers from Baker University, hosted by KNEA.

**P.M. SESSION**

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**UPDATE ON LITERACY NETWORK OF KANSAS**

Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed speakers who would report on the first year of grant implementation as part of the federal Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Award. Kimberly Muff, project director for Literacy Network of Kansas (LiNK), provided an overview of accomplishments during year one. There are eight LiNK projects involving 32 school districts impacting children birth to grade 12. Next, two model programs from subgrantees Olathe USD 233 and Dodge City USD 443 spoke about increased professional development and gains in literacy instruction. There was discussion about grant funding distribution for each project year and sustainability after the grant concludes.

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**ACTION ON REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON BULLYING**

Co-Chair Dr. Rick Ginsberg from the University of Kansas summarized the recommendations outlined in the report prepared by the Kansas Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying. Task Force members had worked since April to research key issues related to bullying awareness and prevention, and to devise specific recommendations. The full report was presented last month to the Board for consideration. Dr. Ginsberg reviewed the seven main recommendations cited in the report to help schools, families and communities in addressing bullying, including cyberbullying. There was discussion about validity and quantity of survey questions to students and potential for more rule

making. Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the report and accept the recommendations of the Kansas Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Roberts in opposition. The report and recommendations will be forwarded to the attention of the School Mental Health Advisory Council.

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**RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEAC) ANNUAL REPORT**

KSDE Director Bert Moore gave opening remarks and invited leadership of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) to report on the past year's activities. Mike Martin, past chair, joined Rebekah Helget, current chair, to highlight accomplishments, including the topics of emergency safety interventions and transition services for students with disabilities. The role of SEAC is to advise the State Board of Education in six key areas as required by regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Act and Kansas statutes. The written annual report provides a summary of activities based on priority areas. Board members recommended that the SEAC approach the Board in a timely manner when issues arise. Other suggestions were to include a representative from the Kansas State School for the Blind on SEAC and to advise on such issues as bullying.

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

Mrs. Waugh moved to table action on current recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission until the February Board meeting. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Board members took a 10-minute break at 2:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

**RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION PREK-12**

Institutions of higher education utilize specific program standards in their teacher preparation programs. A standards review work group completed an overview of the Health Education PreK-12 standards to ensure they reflect new knowledge and skills educators need for effectiveness in today's world. Dr. Sunnin Keosybounheuang of Emporia State University informed members of the proposed updates, including more streamlined indicators and references to technology use.

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**RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION PREK-12**

A similar review process was conducted on Physical Education PreK-12 program standards used by Institutions of Higher Education in their preparation programs. Dr. Verneda Edwards of Baker University outlined recommended changes using a crosswalk with the current standards. Updates included a focus on health-related fitness and adding social-emotional components. Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Education Program Consultant, introduced presenters for both the health and PE content areas. Board members will act on the recommendations at the next meeting.

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**UPDATE ON WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM**

Board members received an update regarding the status of five specific activities aimed at strengthening Kansas' early childhood system. The partnership includes the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, Kansas Department for Children and Families, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Kansas Department of Education. Amanda Petersen (KSDE) and Melissa Rooker (Children's Cabinet) reported on establishment of working groups to address specific components of developing the state's strategic plan. They also shared key findings from the information-gathering phase. As a result, the strategic plan framework focuses on strong families, early learning and healthy development. It is anticipated the strategic plan will be finalized this spring.

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### **RECEIVE PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE FOR KESA REGULATIONS**

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KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon informed members of substantive changes as additional amendments to accreditation regulations under review. Changes to accreditation regulations must go through the formal adoption process. Mr. Gordon described the areas requiring updates. These primarily impact 91-31-32(g)(6), 91-31-40, 91-31-43, 91-31-44. Once approved, the recommended changes will continue through the adoption process.

### **BREAK**

There was a 10-minute break at 4:23 p.m.

### **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

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The 2020 Kansas Legislature convened on Jan. 13. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided information on Special Education state aid and high density at-risk student weighting, noting the significance of removing the provision of expiration in 72-5151. Mr. Dennis reminded members about the evening's State of the State Address. He then answered questions.

### **ADDITION TO STATE BOARD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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Mr. Porter commented on a suggestion earlier in the day about expansion of school-based clinics. Board members agreed by consensus to add the following statement to the Board's legislative platform: support concept of public-private partnerships for the purpose of meeting student needs.

### **ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- received the monthly Personnel Report for December.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Crystal Roberts as Education Program Consultant on the Career Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Dec. 9, 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 – extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Mary Heffern, USD 501. *High Incidence Special Education* - Courtney Harwager, USD 200; Eryn John, USD 259; Sarah Hosler, Alberto Vinent, USD 345; Tiffany Harms, USD 383; Jordan Wolf, USD 450; Beth Dowty, USD 469; Brandy Hempen, USD 500; Jason White, Suzanne Carlgren, USD 501. *Library Media Specialist* - Renee Franklin, USD 259. *Low Incidence Special Education* - Shawn Moore, USD 232; Bret Eckert, Eva Arevalo, Mark Sanders, USD 259.
- approved the subtest components of letter naming fluency, letter word sound fluency, phoneme segmentation fluency, nonsense word fluency, and oral reading fluency to screen and assess students for characteristics of dyslexia.
- approved definition of extraordinary enrollment growth under KSA 72-5158 as a three-year average of at least six percent increase in enrollment, an increase of 1,500 or more students over the past three years, an increase of 750 or more students over three of the last six years if the new facilities being constructed are not replacement, or a substantial increase in student enrollment which causes a school to be at 100 percent of its enrollment capacity with projected enrollment growth to at least 130 percent of capacity, which necessitates the building of new school facilities to relieve future crowding. If using this rationale, the school district must submit a research-based study showing the history and projected enrollment growth.

- approved the agency process for identifying and approving evidence-based best practices for at-risk students.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- amend an agreement with the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund to support the Pre-school Development Grant Birth through Five to extend the length of the agreement from Jan. 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at no additional cost.
- amend an agreement with the Kansas Department for Children and Families to support the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five to extend the length of the agreement from Jan. 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at no additional cost.
- amend an agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to support the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five to extend the length of the agreement from Jan. 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at no additional cost.
- amend an agreement with the University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. to support the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five to extend the length of the agreement from Jan. 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at no additional cost.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

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

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**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Busch accepted committee reports on Tuesday rather than Wednesday. Dr. Horst stated that the Policy Committee would have a redline of proposed changes ready for review next month. Mrs. Busch noted that a report from the Governor’s Education Council is forthcoming. She also previewed potential topics for the Feb. 11 and 12 State Board meeting.

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**Requests for Future Agenda Items —**

- Impact of qualified admissions changes on K-12 (Mrs. Busch)
- Utilization of substitute teachers—frequency/duration (Mr. Roberts)
- Teacher quality (Mr. Roberts)
- Visit from School for the Deaf legislative pages while at Statehouse March 11 (Mrs. Dombrosky)
- Information about Jones Institute for Education Excellence at ESU (Mr. Jones)

**RECESS**

Before recessing the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Chairman Busch reminded members of the Wednesday breakfast with the Special Education Advisory Council. This is an annual opportunity to meet and greet members of the SEAC. The Board will resume business at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

# MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

## **PRE-MEETING ACTIVITY— SEAC BREAKFAST**

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

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Jan. 15, 2020, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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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**

Chairman Busch acknowledged that Board member Committee Reports were provided on Tuesday and would not be heard in the Wednesday agenda. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve the day's agenda. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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## **OVERVIEW OF ACT WORKKEYS**

Representatives from ACT were invited to present on the topic of ACT WorkKeys and its correlation to assessing career readiness. Presenters were Mary LeFebvre, Patty Ferrel and Kaliko Oligo. They discussed labor market trends, changes in workforce supply and demand, WorkKeys assessments as a tool for potential employers considering skill scores, and opportunities to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate. Every high school junior or senior in a Kansas public accredited high school may take the ACT college entrance exam and the ACT WorkKeys assessment once free of charge. Presenters highlighted trends in foundational career readiness skills and how Kansas students fared. There was also discussion about work-ready communities.

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

In observance of Citizenship Day, student leaders with eight Kansas Career and Technical Student Organizations shared information about their specific CTSOs. Remarks focused on gaining real-world work experience, opportunities for entrepreneurship, developing public speaking and leadership skills, and integrating acquired skills into the classroom. These organizations were represented: Business Professionals of America, DECA, Future Business Leaders of America, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Skills USA and Technology Student Association. A question and answer period followed.

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**BREAK**

Board members took a break until 10:35 a.m. Mr. McNiece and Mr. Porter left to attend the SEAC annual meeting.

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**RECOGNITION OF 2020 KANSAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis introduced Dr. Cory Gibson, Superintendent of Valley Center USD 262, as the 2020 Kansas Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Gibson briefly reflected on his years in education, citing the impact caring teachers and staff have on students. He shared some district highlights and credited the Commissioner and State Board for driving the Kansans Can vision. Congratulatory remarks were shared.

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**UPDATE ON STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR 21ST CENTURY ACT**

The federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century (Perkins V) Act is to ensure that all students can benefit from high-quality CTE programs to prepare them for high-skill, high-wage employment. Connie Beene, Senior Director Adult and Career Technical Education with the Kansas Board of Regents, described the focus and goals of the Kansas State Plan. The intent is to build upon the existing collaboration between secondary and postsecondary education with enhanced focus on workforce partners, access and equity for all students, and academic integration with CTE. There was discussion about resource needs in smaller communities and connecting framework to students' Individual Plans of Study.

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**PRESENTATION OF GEMINI I AND II SCHOOLS' REDESIGN PLANS FOR ACCEPTANCE**

Jay Scott, redesign specialist for secondary schools, gave a brief update on the Kansans Can School Redesign Project. Participants have applied and been accepted to transform their school systems around the State Board of Education's vision, outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate. The cohorts are Mercury 7, Gemini I, Gemini II, Apollo and soon to be Apollo Phase II. Board members were presented with information on three schools participating in either the Gemini I or Gemini II phases that have met the standards to be "launch ready." Mr. Jones moved to accept the Gemini I and Gemini II schools identified as a "Go" for launch in the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Mr. McNiece and Mr. Porter absent for the vote. The districts and schools accepted are: Burrton K-12 School (USD 369), Halstead-Bentley Primary (USD 440) and Rolla K-12 (USD 217).

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**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR 2020 BOARD MEETING DATES**

Dr. Horst moved to adopt the Resolution establishing the 2020 calendar of Board meeting dates, time and location for the Kansas State Board of Education. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 8-0. The signed resolution is provided as an attachment to the minutes.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURN**

The business of the meeting concluded at 11:40 a.m. Afterwards, Board members either attended the annual luncheon and roundtable discussions with student leaders of the CTSOs or the recognition luncheon for Superintendent of the Year Cory Gibson.

The next State Board meeting is Feb. 11 and 12, 2020 in Topeka.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary