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Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim McNiece
Melanie Haas	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Haas asked for a correction be made to item 13 (~~June~~ July). Chairman Porter asked to vote on consent agenda items c, d, separately per Mrs. Dombrosky's request. Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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(00:05:36)**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 12 AND 13 MEETING MINUTES**

Mrs. Mah moved to approve the minutes of the July 12 and 13 regular Board meeting with the following correction to page 4 (~~that is retired after a career of teaching~~, who has retired into the KPERS system after a career of teaching). Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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(00:06:36)**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Randy Watson discussed the Board's vision statement and the rigorous standard levels (highest in the nation) set by the Board and followed with data of school districts achieving the different STAR recognition ratings and also pointed out that those numbers are not necessarily showcasing the hard work done by school districts that face incredible challenges and still have made incredible strides but are not yet to recognition status. He commended USD 443 Dodge City and the Dodge City Community as a whole for their hard work towards the standard achievement levels.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:40 a.m. The three speakers this month and their topics were as follows: Samantha Lefebvre – local district options for public comments in Board meetings; Becky Becker – art graduation requirements; Dr. John Schrock – teacher shortage temporary partial solutions. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:51 a.m.

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ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

Assistant Director Doug Boline reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, which included nine ESSER II change requests totaling just under \$1 million. Mr. Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER II change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. As for ESSER III, sixteen new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value \$72.1M. There are ten ESSER III change requests this month. Mr. Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER III expenditure plans as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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ACTION ON MATH ASSESSMENT STANDARD SETTING CUT SCORES INFORMATION

In July 2022 the Kansas State Board of Education received a presentation from Dr. Neal Kingston at the Assessment and Achievement Institute at the University of Kansas on performance level and cut score recommendations for the grade 10 math state assessment. Mrs. Mah moved to accept the recommendations. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Dr. Horst abstaining. These performance levels and cut scores will be applied to the grade 10 math assessment administered for the first-time spring 2022.

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UPDATE ON VAPING ECHO FOR EDUCATION PROJECT

Mark Thompson, Health and Physical Education Program Consultant, along with Mary Alice Kelly, School Nurse at Shawnee Mission North, and Vince Naccarato, Principal of Reno Valley Middle School, provided an overview of the first year of the project as well as the outlook and composition of the schools expected to participate in Cohort 2. The initial Vaping ECHO for Education project that involved teams from 21 schools wrapped up in Spring 2022. A second cohort of schools will participate in a Vaping ECHO Summit and a series of Vaping ECHO Sessions during the 2022-2023 school year.

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RECOGNITION OF THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHING NATIONAL FINALISTS

Callie Harris and Zerrin Oelze were among more than 100 educators recognized as national finalists for the 2020 (PAEMST) program – the nation's highest honor for math and science teaching. Each finalist received a \$10,000 unrestricted award from the National Science Foundation. Callie Harris, was a mathematics teacher at Maize Elementary School, Maize USD 266 at the time of her nomination. She currently serves as assistant principal at Pray-Woodman Elementary School in

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Maize. Zerrin Oelze, is a science teacher at McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School, Wichita USD 259. They shared some of the innovative programs they use in mathematics, technology and science instruction to foster student achievement. They also responded to questions from the Board.

PRESENTATION OF KANSANS CAN BEST PRACTICES AWARDS TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

The KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness Kansans CAN 2021-2022 Best Practice Awards reward outstanding practices in Child Nutrition & Wellness Programs in Kansas that support the Kansans CAN vision. The following Child Nutrition & Wellness Program Sponsors were honored for outstanding and/or innovative practices: USD 466 Scott County - Kansans CAN Serve Local Foods; USD 312 Haven- Kansans CAN Lead and USD 266 Maize- Kansans CAN Implement Innovative Meal Pattern Strategies.

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ACTION ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL'S KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA) RECOMMENDATIONS

During the State Board meeting in July, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on thirty-two systems that were ready for review of an accredited status recommendation and two that were ready for a conditional accreditation status. The thirty-two systems presented to the Board for accredited status were USD 103 Cheylin, USD 215 Lakin, USD 246 Northeast, USD 247 Cherokee, USD 248 Girard, USD 255 South Barber, USD 264 Clearwater, USD 265 Goddard, USD 266 Maize, USD 271 Stockton, USD 283 Elk Valley, USD 305 Salina, USD 310 Fairfield, USD 315 Colby, USD 316 Golden Plains, USD 326 Logan, USD 344 Pleasanton, USD 373 Newton, USD 400 Smoky Valley, USD 436 Caney Valley, USD 438 Skyline, USD 447 Cherryvale, USD 467 Leoti, USD 476 Copeland, USD 487 Herington, USD 501 Topeka, USD 511 Attica, Z0006-9001 Brookridge Day School, Z0029-8434 Bishop Ward High School, Z0029-8999 St James Academy, Z0029-9892 Corpus Christi Catholic School and Z0030-0000 Salina Diocese. The Board also received two systems that are recommended for conditional accreditation, USD 209 Moscow and USD 480 Liberal. Jay Scott brought these thirty-four systems back to the Board for action. Mrs. Mah made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to the thirty-two systems as presented and the status of conditionally accredited to the two systems as presented. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Jones in opposition.

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RECEIPT OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended an accreditation status for the next four systems awaiting recommendation. Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the three public systems and one private system. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in September. The systems that were received by the Board in August are USD 260 Derby, USD 381 Spearville

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(Redetermination), USD 456 Marais Des Cygnes Valley (Redetermination) and Sacred Heart Elementary, Emporia.

RECEIVE INFORMATION ON APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEW KANSAS CHILDREN'S VISION HEALTH AND SCHOOL READINESS COMMISSION

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Dale Brungardt Director of School Finance, presented to the Board one of the requirements in Senate Bill 62, that was passed this spring and signed by the Governor, that requires the State Board of Education to establish a Kansas Children's Vision Health and School Readiness Commission. The duties of the commission, as specified in the bill, are as follows: (1) Overseeing revision of state vision screening requirements and guidelines no fewer than once every seven years; (2) providing standardized vision screening referral letters and eye professional examination reports as referenced in the Kansas vision screening requirements and guidelines; (3) identifying state resources that assist in providing opportunities to offer free or low-cost eye exams for students who fail vision screenings and are unable to afford an examination on their own; and (4) establishing a system to collect data from school health personnel concerning the results of the original screenings and referral outcomes, as well as issuing an annual report to the secretary of health and environment and the commissioner of education. The commission shall be comprised of: one optometrist, one ophthalmologist, one representative of a health organization dedicated to preventing blindness, one representative of the department of education, one representative of the department of health and environment, one school nurse, one public health nurse, and one school administrator.

ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Scott Gordon, General Counsel for KSDE reviewed the current case presented for action. He summarized the situation. Professional Practices Commission Chair Jennifer Holt also attended the meeting virtually to be able to answer any questions. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission and follow the recommendation to deny the licensure application in case 22-PPC-16. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL QUARTERLY UPDATE

Tobias Wood, Chair-Elect of the Special Education Advisory Council, gave a summary of the council's work during their April 2022 and July 2022 sessions. He also was pleased to share that the State of Kansas has attained the highest level of achievement in providing services to children and youth with disabilities by meeting the requirements for 2021 set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

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DISCUSSION ON BUILDING A CULTURE OF SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

John Calvert and Jim Green, Director and Asst. Director of School Safety, discussed with the board the various aspects that make up a comprehensive school safety plan and that there is not a one-size-fits-all solution. They also stressed the importance of positive relationships between students and adults along with a supportive culture in keeping schools safe.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 a, b, e and f. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for July.
- Confirmed the following unclassified positions Jake Steel to the position of Intern on the Accreditation and Design team, effective July 1, 2022, at an annual salary of \$70,000.00 (Ten-month program; Sarah Reed to the position of Administrative Specialist on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective July 11, 2022, at an annual salary of \$39,520.00; Frederick Richter to the position of Quality Assurance Technician on the Information Technology team, effective July 18, 2022, at an annual salary of \$51,12640.
- approved recommendations for a Visiting Scholar license.
- authorized two out-of-state tuition contracts for students attending the Kansas School for the Deaf: Excelsior Springs School District, Excelsior Springs, Missouri - 1 Day Student - \$40,000; North Kansas City School District, North Kansas City, Missouri - 1 Day Student - \$40,000

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SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to vote consent items 19 c and d as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Mrs. Arnold moved to approve consent agenda items 19 c and d. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. In this action, the Board:

- approved the following recommendations for funding McKinney Vento Homeless Grants:
 - USD 233 Olathe \$ 50,300
 - USD 259 Wichita \$ 209,619
 - USD 260 Derby \$ 10,138
 - USD 261 Haysville \$ 40,000
 - USD 289 Wellsville \$ 10,000
 - USD 290 Ottawa \$ 30,000
 - USD 348 Baldwin \$ 17,900
 - USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden \$ 35,200
 - USD 457 Garden City \$ 22,200
 - USD 475 Geary County \$ 20,000
 - USD 500 Kansas City \$ 156,000
 - USD 501 Topeka \$ 42,037
- approved payment of NASBE membership dues.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Action on Board Travel —

Mr. Porter had an addition to the travel requests. Mr. McNiece moved to approve travel requests and updates. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Committee Reports —

Updates were given on the following:

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- Policy Committee – Review of the Board’s Guidelines and Policies has been completed. Mrs. Clifford would like to present the amended policies at the September Board Meeting and then have a vote for approval in October.
- Student Voice – Mrs. Mah reported continued visits with students and there are a few things that have come out that might need to be addressed in policy at a discussion in October or November.
- Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group will hold their next meeting on Friday, August 19th and begin assessing current Social Science and Language Arts curriculum standards. They will also discuss a proposed mascot policy and data collection.

Chairman Porter added to the Chairman’s report by going over the items addressed in the recently passed HB 2567 to determine if further discussion is necessary on any of the items. Messaging in regards to the Board and its work was also discussed. There was a general consensus that many things are being misinterpreted by the general and work can be done to improve this area.

Board Attorney’s Report —

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson presented a written report to the Board and discussed current items before the courts that are relevant to the work of the Board. Specifically, he referenced a case that Public Forum at the Olathe Board of Education Meeting, in which a decision was handed down on August 5, 2022. He believes the Kansas Federal Court outlined rules related to Open Forum practices that relate to the Kansas State Board of Education’s “Limited Public Forum.”

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Mr. Porter requests an Executive Session to discuss HB 2567 items in September.
- Mrs. Clifford would like to present amended KSBOE Policies and Guidelines from Policy Committee in September for action in October.
- Mrs. Haas would like to have a Board retreat to discuss the Kansas Education System Accreditation (KESA) process of the Accreditation Review Council (ARC).
- Mrs. Mah would like to hear more from Dr. John Schrock and the presentation/materials he presented during the Citizens’ Open Forum on teacher prep and the current teacher supply shortage.
- Mrs. Arnold would like to hear more on what successful parent/guardian engagement looks like in a school. Mr. Porter suggested finding a school that does an exemplary in regards to parent/guardian engagement for a presentation.
- Dr. Horst would like information presented on the agency’s data collection projects – what do we collect data on and for whom.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:26 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim McNiece
Melanie Haas	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As Mr. Porter mentioned yesterday in his Chairman's Report, he asked to remove the Executive Session from today's agenda. Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda with the removal of the Executive Session. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0. (Mr. McNiece was not present for the vote.)

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RECOGNITION OF THE WASHBURN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Washburn Rural High School Debate Team's National Championship winners Jiyeon Park and Zach Willingham and their coach Tim Ellis were recognized for their outstanding achievement.

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RECEIVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT FROM KSHSAA TO K.S.A. 2014 SUPP. 72-7114

Bill Faflick, KSHSAA Executive Director, gave a presentation to the Board on the proposed amendment which would allow for a multiplier factor to be used when determining classification status for Kansas high schools. Following Mr. Faflick's presentation, a public hearing was held in the matter of the KSHSAA proposed amendment to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-7114. Three proponents (Rep. Tim Johnson, Christopher Strathman and Jeff Hines) and three opponents (Geoff Andrews, Martin Straub and Nick Compagnone) each gave testimony in the matter. Written testimony was also given to the Board and posted on the Board's website for public viewing. This item will be on the agenda for action at the September Board meeting. If approved by the Kansas State Board of Education, the

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issue will then need to go before the legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is September 13 and 14, 2022.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary