

APPROVED

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 1998, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

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| Steve Abrams | Mildred McMillon |
| Mary Douglass Brown | Wanda Morrison |
| Kevin Gilmore | I.B. "Sonny" Rundell |
| Linda Holloway | Mandy Specht |
| Scott Hill | Bill Wagnon |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked for approval of the agenda. Dr. Wagnon asked that items 11 a., approval of the Board mission statement; 11 m., accreditation of select schools under QPA regulations; 11 q., 1997-1998 charter school implementation subgrants; and 11 z., waiver of a regulation to allow for implementation of a performance-based driver education curriculum, be pulled from the consent agenda. Mr. Hill requested that items 11 t., u. and v., reappointments to the Evaluation Review and Certification Review Committees, and the Teaching and School Administrators Professional Standards Advisory Board, be pulled from the consent agenda. Dr. Abrams moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, Dr. Wagnon indicated he did not believe that item 10, a panel presentation on meeting qualified admissions requirements and expectations for entering college freshman, was a topic agreed upon by the Board during its recent work on establishing priorities for Board focus and study sessions. The discussion continued and concerned policies and procedures followed in development of Board meeting agendas. The motion to approve the amended

agenda failed on a vote of 5-5. The Board attorney was consulted regarding how to proceed with a meeting without an approved agenda. It was recommended that the Board proceed with the agenda item by item unless there was an objection.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Gilmore asked for approval of the minutes of the April Board meeting. Mrs. Specht asked that the minutes for April 14, 1998 be amended to reflect that she had made the motion, with a second by Mr. Hill, that the Assessment Advisory Council be composed of four individuals, Drs. Popham, Linn, Baker and Kolen. Chairman Gilmore asked that the minutes be amended to indicate that Dr. Abrams motion, seconded by Mrs. Morrison, to require a locally administered, individual diagnostic test in reading in the late fall of the second grade, was made as a substitute motion. Chairman Gilmore also noted reference to the executive session held on April 15, 1998 should include that it was for the purpose of discussion of issues regarding non-elected personnel. Dr. Wagnon moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Mrs. Specht seconded the motion which carried on a vote of 8-0, with Dr. Abrams and Mrs. Brown abstaining.

RECOGNITIONS

Introduction of New Department of Education Staff

Director of Personnel Services, Lanny Gaston, introduced new employees: Kelly Levi and Linda Decker, Office of Community Service; John Walkenford, Project Partnership; Jonathan Felling, Christopher Edwards, and Dennis Sampson, Computer Information and Communications Services; Kathleen Schmidt, Food Service Programs, School Finance; and Jerry Jackson, Agency Budgeting and Program Accounting.

Community College Academic Challenge Winners

Assistant Commissioner Joe Birmingham introduced Dr. Ed Berger, President, and Ellen Blair, instructor, Hutchinson Community College. Ms. Blair, coach of the Hutchinson Community College Academic Challenge team, made brief remarks about the Academic Challenge and introduced the 1998 winning team. Team members present were Trevor Fast, Ryan Hodges, Tyler Lindquist, Benjamin McDaniel, Amy Miller, Ian Mosher, Sam Plank and team captain, Ryan Schinstock. Each briefly related what he or she had gained from participation on the team. Board questions followed and Mrs. Morrison, Board member from Hutchinson, noted that the school had won four of the last five Academic Challenges, and six of the last twelve. Chairman Gilmore, Vice-Chairman Rundell and Commissioner Tompkins presented each student with a certificate of recognition.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Gilmore opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Dave Kingsley, Lawrence,

Kansas, a member of the Mathematics Curriculum Standards Committee, spoke about his differences of opinion with the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee. Chairman Gilmore closed the Forum at 10:50 a.m. and the Board took a short break until 11:00 a.m.

Students Who Excelled on the ACT

Mr. Bob Gast, Team Leader, Recognition Programs, asked Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis to introduce five Kansas students who over the past year had achieved scores of 36, the highest possible, on the national ACT. Mr. Dennis noted that of the 645,000 students nationwide who took the test in the fall of 1997, 27 received a score of 36 and five of them were from Kansas. Of the 330,000 nationwide who took the test in the summer of 1997, only twelve received a score of 36 and one of those was from Kansas. Mr. Dennis introduced the students who were able to be present, Katie Mitchell, Wichita East High School; Adam Chmelka and Dawn Degand, Washburn Rural High School, Topeka; and Scott Benolkin, Shawnee Mission West High School. Each student took a few moments to share with the Board his or her thoughts about what makes a good student. Board questions followed and Chairman Gilmore, Vice-Chairman Rundell and Commissioner Tompkins presented each student with a certificate of recognition.

REPORT

McRel Review of Revised Mathematics and Communications Arts Standards

Dr. Robert Marzano, Deputy Executive Director, McRel Institute, gave a brief overview of the procedures used by the McRel review team in its examination of the third draft of the revised Kansas mathematics and communication arts standards. Dr. Marzano noted that the Kansas mathematics and communication arts standards ranked in the upper 50% of the 116 standards documents with which the McRel team was familiar. Dr. Marzano commented that the Kansas standards fell into two primary traps: that the curriculum standards writing groups worked in isolation of one another which resulted in a lack of uniformity from one document to another; and the lack of specificity and benchmarks for different grade levels. Dr. Marzano answered Board questions. When asked what he would suggest states do to maintain accountability, he responded it was important to provide feedback on student performance, provide feedback on individual standards, and use multiple measures. He noted that the work Kansas committees had done on the on the revisions reviewed by McRel was good.

Chairman Gilmore called a lunch recess at 12:10 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Morrison, with a second by Mr. Hill, made a motion that the Board approve the agenda for the remainder of the day with the proviso that in the future, if an individual Board member desired to have items included on the agenda, that his or her interest be made known to the Commissioner and the Chairman and arrangements coordinated through staff. Board discussion followed regarding the policy and procedures to follow in the development of the monthly agenda. Mr. Hill made an amended motion, seconded by Mrs. Holloway, that the Board approve the agenda for the remainder of the day and that an opportunity be included on the June agenda to discuss formulation of the monthly agenda. Further Board discussion followed and Mr. Hill's motion failed on a vote of 5-5. A vote was taken on Mrs. Morrison's original motion, which also failed.

Revised Kansas Mathematics Curriculum Standards

Assistant Commissioner Sharon Freden reviewed for the Board the materials that had been provided for their discussion of the revised mathematics curriculum standards and introduced Fran Ireland and Margie Hill, Co-Chairs of the Kansas Mathematics Curricular Standards Committee. Ms. Hill introduced Judi Cox, Jeri Crumbliss, David Kingsley, Lee Sippel, and Betsy Wiens, other committee members also present for the Board's discussion. Kim Gattis, Kansas Department of Education Mathematics Consultant was also present. Ms. Hill gave a brief overview of the revisions the committee had made to the mathematics standards as a result of comments and recommendations from the field, the public, the Board and the external review done by the McRel Institute. She indicated that additional proofreading needed to be done and that members of the committee would be meeting with the assessment contractor to mark items for assessment.

Ms. Hill reviewed committee recommendations regarding: 1) the development of twelfth grade benchmarks and indicators and why the committee was not recommending their inclusion in the revised standards document; 2) reporting at the individual, building, district and state level of a knowledge base subscale score, an application subscale score and a composite of the two; and 3) calculator usage on the Kansas assessment. Board discussion followed. After a short break from 2:50 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Board returned to its discussion with the mathematics committee. Board member concerns expressed included the inclusion of applications standards; the use of calculators, especially on the fourth and seventh grade assessments; the perceived complexity by some teachers of the proposed standards document; the scope of the content area covered by the proposed standards; and the breadth of the state's responsibility in mandating pedagogy.

The Board reached consensus on the committee's request to withdraw the twelfth grade benchmarks and indicators to further refine them over the next year. The Board also asked that it be provided with an example of the application standard folded into the other four standards and that the recommendations regarding the use of calculators be revisited by the committee.

PANEL

Meeting Qualified Admissions Requirements and Expectations for Entering College Freshmen

Mrs. Morrison made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Brown, that the Board proceed with agenda item 10, the panel on qualified admissions requirements and expectations for entering college freshmen. It carried on a vote of 6-4, with Morrison, Brown, Abrams, Holloway, Hill and Gilmore voting in favor of the motion. The Board took a break from 3:45 to 3:55 p.m. Mr. Rundell did not return to the meeting until the conclusion of the panel presentation.

Mrs. Brown gave a brief background on the topic the panel would address and introduced the panel members: Dr. John Richard Schrock, Emporia State University; Dr. Daniel Harden, Washburn University; Dr. Tweed Ross, Kansas State University; Dr. Ann Hunter, Wichita State University; Dr. Judith Roitman, The University of Kansas; Dr. Charles Himmelberg, The University of Kansas; Dr. Eunice Myers, Wichita State University; Dr. Stephen Brady, Wichita State University; and Dr. Tina Bennett-Kastor, Wichita State University. Each panelist shared his or her perceptions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of incoming college freshman. It was suggested that data comparing the percent of students remaining in college from year to year and ACT scores

from year to year show that students are as prepared and performing as well as they have in the past. It was noted that college mathematics requirements were raised in 1983 and that more students need some form of remedial math in order to meet the more stringent requirements for college graduation. Several panelists remarked that many students seemed to lack self-discipline and good study skills as well as motivation. The importance of a broad reading base and strong English language arts skills was noted. Recommendations also included well-prepared teachers, the teaching of critical thinking skills, more mathematics taught in high school, and good vocational options for students. A letter from Diane Quantic, who was unable to be present, and printed remarks from Judith Roitman are included in the minutes as [Attachments 1 and 2](#). Board discussion and questions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Wagon asked that the mission statement, consent agenda item 11 a., be voted on as a separate item, stating his belief that it was inappropriate to adopt a mission statement without an accompanying strategic plan. Dr. Wagon discussed consent agenda items: 11 m., accreditation of select schools under QPA regulations; 11 q., 1997-1998 charter school implementation subgrants; and 11 z., waiver of a regulation to allow for implementation of a performance-based driver education curriculum. He asked that the issues of students not performing at grade level, evaluation of charter schools and performance-based drivers education programs be discussed at an appropriate time in the future. Mr. Hill requested that items 11 t., u. and v., reappointments to the Evaluation Review and Certification Review Committees, and the Teaching and School Administrators Professional Standards Advisory Board, be tabled until the June meeting, by which time Board members would have the opportunity to make additional nominations for positions up for reappointment. It was agreed that Board members would submit further nominations by May 29, 1998, for action at the June meeting. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Dr. Abrams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Dr. Sherrill Martinez to the position of Director, Planning and Research, effective July 1, 1998, at a bi-weekly salary of \$2,530.77.
- Confirmed the appointment of Margaret Patterson to an unclassified special project grant writer position under Title VIB, effective May 5, 1998, at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,551.36.
- Approved school construction plans for DeSoto USD 232; Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic School, Wichita; Great Bend USD 428; Southeast Kansas Education Service Center; Shawnee Mission USD 512; Berean Academy, Elbing; Royal Valley USD 337; Santa Fe Trail USD 434; Frontenac Public Schools USD 249; Arkansas City USD 470; Leavenworth USD 453; Pratt Community College; Goddard USD 265; Lyndon USD 421; Conway Springs USD 356; Pretty Prairie USD 311; Inman USD 448; Clay Center USD 379; Baxter Springs USD 508.
- Approved renewal of the Southeast Kansas Educational Service Center Interlocal Agreement No. 609 (Girard).
- Adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission in case numbers 97-0-06, concerning Ned A. Berry; 98-FC-01 concerning George Badeen; and 98-FC-02, concerning Troy A. Rosenbaum.
- Received quarterly reports for the third quarter of FY 1998 from the Kansas State School for the

Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.

- Approved the FY 1999 unclassified salary schedules for the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- Approved requested changes to the Kansas State High School Activities Association bylaws to expand to 500 miles the mileage limitations which govern travel outside the boundaries of Kansas.
- Approved requests for waivers of state QPA regulations from: North Central Kansas Learning Cooperative to allow Carolyn M. Danielson to teach behavior disordered students in grades 7-12; Wyandotte Comprehensive Special Education Cooperative to allow Barbara K. Ijams to teach behavior disordered students at the middle school level; St. Francis USD 297 to submit staff development plans for Board approval annually instead of every five years; Bert Nash School, Atchison Juvenile Correction Facility, to extend their QPA Cycle I, with accreditation rescheduled for 2001-2002; Wichita Public Schools USD 259 to allow Mark Evans to serve as Interim Superintendent until July 1, 1998; and Madison-Virgil USD 386 to allow athletic practice for seventh and eighth grades to occur during the school day for the period of one year.
- Approved five-year in-service education plans for Lakin USD 215; Cedar Vale USD 285; Central Heights USD 288; Phillipsburg USD 325; Wabaunsee East USD 330; Marysville USD 364; Mullinville USD 424; and South Central Kansas Education Service Center No. 628.
- Approved Cycle I accredited status for: USD 233 Olathe - Briarwood Elementary, Havencroft Elementary and Heritage Elementary; USD 303 Ness City - Ness City Elementary and Ness City High School; USD 304 Bazine - Bazine Elementary and Bazine High School; USD 379 Clay Center - Green Elementary and Morganville Elementary; USD 384 Blue Valley - Olsburg Elementary, Randolph Middle School and Blue Valley High School; USD 255 South Barber - South Barber High School; USD 344 Pleasanton - Pleasanton High School; USD 367 Osawatomie - Osawatomie West Elementary; USD 484 Fredonia - Fredonia Middle School and Fredonia Sr. High School; USD 503 Parsons - Parsons Middle School; and USD 264 Clearwater - Clearwater Elementary East and Clearwater Elementary West; USD 265 Goddard - Goddard High School; USD 353 Wellington - Kennedy Elementary; USD 356 Conway Springs - Conway Springs Kyle Trueblood, Conway Springs Middle School and Conway Springs Jr.-Sr. High School; USD 389 Eureka - Eureka Jr. High School and Eureka Sr. High School; USD 390 Hamilton - Hamilton Elementary and Hamilton High School; and USD 396 Douglass Public Schools - Leonard C. Seal Elementary, Marvin Sisk Middle School and Douglass High School.
- Received minutes of the February 9, 1998 meeting of the Quality Performance Accreditation Advisory Council.
- Approved a 1997-98 Kansas Charter School Implementation subgrant for: Dickinson County Learning Exchange, USD 435, Abilene.
- Approved the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee of the Teaching and School Administration Professional Standards Advisory Board for accreditation and program approval as follows:
 - New program approval through December 31, 2002, for Special Education-Interrelated (G, K-9, K-12, 7-12) at Emporia State University;
 - Continuing accreditation status for Kansas State University;
 - Continuing accreditation status for Wichita State University;

- New program approval through December 31, 1999, for Computer Studies (U, 7-12) at MidAmerica Nazarene University;
- New program approval for Speech Communication (U, 7-12), and new program "*approved with stipulation*" for Physical Science (U, 7-12) at Baker University through December 31, 2002;
- "*Approved with stipulation*" status through June 30, 1999, for a new program, Health (U, 7-12), at Ottawa University;
- A one-year extension of "*provisional*" approval through June 30, 1999, for Speech Communication (U, 7-12) at Tabor College;
- A one-year extension of "*approved with stipulation*" status through June 30, 1999, for General Mathematics (U, 7-12) and Drama (U, 7-12) and granted "*approved with stipulation*" status through December 31, 2000, for Building Administrator (G, K-9,7-12) at Friends University;
- New program approval through December 31, 1999, for English as a Second Language (G, K-12) and a one-year extension of "*approved with stipulation*" status through June 30, 1999, for Building Administrator (G, K-12) at Kansas Newman College;
- Accreditation status for Kansas Newman College;
- Approval for 39 programs through December 31, 2004, at Pittsburg State University: Director of Special Education (G, K-12); Early Childhood (U, G, EC); Elementary Education (U, G, K-9); Middle Level English (U, 5-9); Vocational Home Economics (U, 7-12); General Industrial Technology (U, 7-12); Middle Level General Industrial Technology (U, 5-9); Auto Mechanics (U, 7-12); Electricity/Electronics (U, 7-12); Power and Energy Technology (U, 7-12); Plastics (U, 7-12); Woods (U, 7-12); Metals (U, 7-12); Production (U, 7-12); Drafting (U, 7-12); Graphic Arts (U, 7-12); Visual Communication (U, 7-12); Comprehensive Industrial Technology (U, 7-12); Mathematics (U, 7-12); General Mathematics (U, 7-12); Middle Level Mathematics (U, 5-9); Music (U, K-12); School Nurse (U, K-12); Chemistry (U, 7-12); Physics (U, 7-12); Social Studies - American History, US Government, Economics, Sociology, Geography, World History, Anthropology, Social Studies - Comprehensive (U, 7-12); Psychology (U, 7-12); School Counselor (G, K-9, K-12, 7-12); School Psychologist (G, EC-12); Computer Studies (U, 7-12) Art (U, K-12); English (U, 7-12); Physical Education (U, G, K-21, 7-12); General Science (U, 7-12); Biology (U, 7-12); Earth and Space Science (U, 7-12); Physical Science (U, 7-12); Speech Communication (U, 7-12); and Journalism (U, 7-12); granted "*Approved with Stipulation*" status through June 30, 1999 for 12 programs: Foreign Language-French (U, 7-12); Foreign Language-French (U, K-12); Foreign Language-French (U, K-9); Foreign Language-Spanish (U, 7-12); Foreign Language-Spanish (U, K-12); Foreign Language-Spanish (U, K-9); Drama (U, 7-12); Building Administrator (G, K-9, K-12, 7-12); District Administrator (G, K-12); Reading Specialist (G, K-9, K-12, 7-12); Special Education - Behavior Disorders (G, K-9, K-12, 7-12), Early Childhood Handicapped (G, EC), Mentally Retarded (U, K-9, K-12, 7-12); and Special Education - Learning Disabilities (G, K-9, K-12, 7-12); and "*Not Approved*" status for Special Education Supervisor/Coordinator (G, K-12); and
- "*Approved with stipulation*" status through June 30, 1999, for Speech Communication (U, 7-12) at Washburn University.
- Approved recommendations from the Certification Review Committee.
- Established the certification fee for fiscal year 1999 at \$24.00, effective July 1, 1998.
- Affirmed that mathematics would continue to be tested annually by the state at grades 4, 7 and

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- Certificates of Approval under the Kansas Proprietary School Act were issued to: Clinton Technical Institute Motorcycle Mechanics Division, Phoenix, AZ; Clinton Technical Institute Motorcycle & Marine Mechanics Institute Division, Orlando, FL; Medical Transcription Education Center, Inc., Fairlawn, Ohio; and Manufacturers Technical Institute of Kansas d/b/a Center for Training in Business & Industry, Lawrence, KS.
- Approved requests for a waiver of K.A.R. 91-5-2 of the driver education regulations for Bonner Springs USD 204, Wakeeney USD 208, Lakin USD 215, Minneola USD 219, Smith Center USD 237, Waconda USD 272, Chase County USD 284, Ransom USD 302, Colby USD 315, Valley Falls USD 338, Seaman USD 345, Wathena USD 406, Marion USD 408, Atchinson USD 409, Great Bend USD 428, Liberal USD 480, Elwood USD 486, and Flint Hills USD 492 to implement a performance-based driver education curriculum.
- Approved an articulation agreement between Independence Community College and Southeast Kansas Area Technical School, Coffeyville.
- Approved recommended new programs: Human Services: Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling at Butler County Community College, El Dorado; Dental Hygiene and Irrigation Technology at Colby Community College; Network Technician at Flint Hills Community College, Emporia; Business and Computer Technology at North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit; Health Occupations Explorations and Machine Tool Technology (Machinist); Northeast Kansas Area Technical College, Atchison; and Marketing, Marketing Mid-Management, Environmental & Safety Technician, Automated Design Systems, Manufacturing Machining Technology, and Office Systems Technology, Wichita Area Technical College.
- Approved renewal of Carl Perkins Tech Prep grants in the amount of \$25,000 for: USD 260 Derby, USD 275 Oakley, USD 339 Jefferson County North, USD 343 Perry, USD 397 Centre, USD 409 Atchison, USD 501 Topeka and Manhattan Area Technical College; in the amount of \$50,000 for: USD 415 Hiawatha, USD 421 Lyndon, USD 442 Nemaha Valley, USD 443 Dodge City, USD 455 Hillcrest, Flint Hills Technical College, Wichita Area Technical College, Butler County Community College, Cloud County Community College, Colby Community College, Hutchinson Community College and Kansas City Kansas Community College; and in the amount of \$34,000 for USD 320 Wamego.
- Established the GED credential processing fee for calendar year 1999 at \$5.00, effective January 1, 1999.
- Approved the 1997-98 operating budgets for: North Central Kansas Technical College, \$3,259,272; Southeast Kansas Area Technical School, \$1,795,900; Flint Hills Technical College, \$2,337,547; Northwest Kansas Technical School, \$2,234,053; Kansas City Area Technical School, \$4,865,714; Southwest Kansas Technical School, \$1,952,475; Manhattan Area Technical College, \$2,487,401; Salina Area Technical School, \$2,269,747; and Wichita Area Technical College, \$12,678,133.

Contracts Approved:

The Commissioner of Education was authorized to negotiate and continue a contract with Kansas State University for coordination of support services for Summer Institute IX, a professional development conference for adult educators, with the contract amount not to exceed \$35,000.

The Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind was authorized to amend the School's existing contract with Dr. Donald Robinson, for speech pathology services for the 1997-98 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.

BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

Dr. Abrams moved approval of the Board mission statement as developed at the Board planning meeting, March 9, 1998. Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion failed on a vote of 5-5, with Abrams, Brown, Gilmore, Hill and Holloway voting in favor of the motion.

REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Gilmore handed out a copy of new NASBE weekly fax series entitled, "*The Chairs' Headline Review*", which will be faxed to the chair of each state board of education every Friday.

Board Attorney

Mr. Dan Biles, Board Attorney, reviewed his written report with Board members. He noted that the State Board had been named in a new lawsuit by the Hunts, plaintiffs in suit pending in the federal court in Wichita. He indicated he would be requesting consolidation of the new lawsuit with the pending action. Mr. Rundell moved, with a second by Mrs. Morrison, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for April be paid as presented. The motion carried.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins reviewed his written report. He noted that a least one of the positions vacant as of July 1, 1998, on the Special Education Advisory Council should be filled, if possible, by someone with a disability or be the family member of someone with a disability, in addition to the other criteria listed in his report. He also asked that names and resumes of nominees be submitted by May 29, 1998.

Commissioner Tompkins reported on the professional knowledge test required for initial teacher certification and indicated it will not be available after the summer of 1999. He noted the Professional Standards Board would be developing recommendations to bring to the Board in July for selection in September. He noted that whatever assessment chosen would have to be validated against state standards and a cut score identified in January. Dr. Tompkins reviewed elements to be included in the proposed contract with the University of Kansas for next year's state testing program. He indicated that three or four diagnostic reading tests would be recommended in time to have others reviewed by the assessment contractor if someone asks. He also reported on work on a planning calendar to be sent to Board members in the near future.

Other Board Reports

Mrs. Morrison noted reference had been made during Board discussion to the *recentering* of the SAT

assessment and asked for an explanation and clarification at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Kevin Gilmore, Chairman Penny Plamann, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

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| Linda Holloway | Mandy Specht |
| Scott Hill | Bill Wagnon |

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. McMillon moved that the agenda be approved. Mrs. Specht seconded the motion and the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Request

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis presented Board members with a summary of the approved FY 1999 budget which included general state aid of \$1,710,549,000 (an increase of \$206 million); base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) increased by \$50, with correlation weighting for districts with enrollments over 1750; at-risk per pupil weight increased from 6.5% to 8.0%; and \$3 million to fund a four year-old at-risk program. Mr. Dennis also reviewed by line item, increases in state funding for FY 1999. Mr. Dennis indicated the 1998 legislative session had been the best he had experienced since 1992. He also noted that Board work on development of the FY 2000 budget would begin at the June meeting, with time to hear requests from educational organizations in July, review in August; and approval in September. Mr. Dennis also reviewed a summary of legislation, the Board travel budget, and state general fund receipts. Board questions followed and Chairman Gilmore asked that a report be prepared which would show total dollars spent on K-12 education from 1991-1999, including LOBs, local taxes, state, federal and other funds.

Chairman Gilmore called for a short break from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

DISCUSSION

Revised Kansas Communication Arts Curriculum Standards

Dr. Freden, Marceta Reilly and Dennis Kear, Co-Chairs of the Communication Arts Curriculum Standards Committee, and other Committee members were on hand to answer questions and discuss Committee recommendations with the Board. Dr. Kear reviewed the work accomplished by the committee and the work the committee felt was yet to be done, including the development of speaking, listening and viewing benchmarks and indicators; creation of a staff development component; development of writing samples and example reading assessment items following the development of the state assessment; and inclusion of an item analysis at the building and individual level to aid instruction. Board discussion and questions followed.

Some issues addressed were how to approach the development and assessment of speaking, listening and viewing benchmarks and indicators and the length of time required to complete them; the inclusion of resource/reading lists to accompany the standards; the expected results from the assessments; the focus of the scoring of the second grade diagnostic reading assessment; the degree of detail and specificity in benchmarks across grade levels; and which committee members would be available to continue the committee's work yet to be done. General agreement was reached to: 1) convene a committee to address future development of standards for speaking, listening and viewing; 2) develop examples and a

resource/reading list to accompany the standards; and 3) finalize a committee to work with the assessment contractor on assessment items.

SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE CURRICULUM STANDARDS COMMITTEES

Dr. Freden reviewed for the Board the procedure used to develop the membership for the social studies and science curriculum standards committees. She also reviewed the proposed charge to the committees and noted it was the same charge issued to the communication arts and mathematics committees which had been working over the past year. In addition, it was recommended that direction to have the science committee develop standards to be assessed at grades 4, 7 and 10 and the social studies committee develop standards to be assessed at grades 6, 8 and 11 be included in the charge to the committees. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mrs. Specht, that the Board approve the proposed charge to the science and social studies curriculum standards committees and that the recommendation for assessment levels be included. Board discussion followed. It was agreed that the Board's wish would be conveyed to the committee that the scope of the social studies committee include economics, government, geography, history and Kansas history, but not sociology and psychology. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with Mrs. Morrison abstaining.

The Board took a short break from 11:25 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CRITERIA FOR STRUCTURED MENTORING PROGRAMS

The 1998 legislature provided \$975,000 to the Department of Education to fund structured mentoring programs in reading, mathematics, language arts, and/or Spanish language arts. Mr. Ken Gentry, Team Leader, Consolidated and Supplemental Programs, presented to the Board for their discussion and action, proposed guidelines to implement the structured mentoring program and award grants to school districts. Board discussion followed. Mr. Rundell moved that the guidelines be approved as developed with the addition of 1) a weighting factor indicating need based on the school's state assessment results; 2) a statement regarding the use of the weighting factor in the evaluation and ranking of grant applications; and 3) a report of the number of students exiting the program included as part of the annual program evaluation. Mrs. Brown second the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Results of Aggregated Norm Reference Test Data

Dr. Freden introduced Dr. Doug Glasnapp, Co-Director of the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas, to review results of a study done by CETE as part of its assessment contract with the Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose was to aggregate data from commercially available norm-referenced tests administered by Kansas school districts to develop a relative indicator of performance of Kansas students compared to the performance of students nationally. Dr. Glasnapp reported that CETE first identified which tests were used by a reasonable

number of districts and collected data from them at the third, sixth and ninth grade levels. Data came from the Fall of 1996 and the Spring of 1997. Information was received from 258 of the 304 public school districts and the data represented 67% of grade three students; 72% of grade six students; and 50% of grade nine students. From the data available, CETE concluded that the performance of Kansas students was on average, above that of the national norm group averages and fell between 60-70 percentile rank on average. Board questions followed.

Reform Initiatives in Mathematics

Dr. Glasnapp reviewed the purpose of the study of reform initiatives in mathematics in selected school districts in Kansas. He indicated the study was part of a continuing process to validate the state assessments and looked at schools where consistent growth in mathematics performance had occurred. CETE examined the demographics of districts improving in mathematics over a three year period, 1994-1996. CETE identified twenty-three districts, representative of all geographic areas

of the state with the intent that they serve as models in their area. Site visits were made and a summary report of what was being done in fifteen of the school districts was included as part of the study. Board questions followed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Mrs. McMillon asked that salary and mileage be included for her to attend at budget workshop in Hiawatha, June 2nd. Mrs. Holloway moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Kevin Gilmore, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary