

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 1998

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 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:

Steve Abrams

Mildred McMillon

Mary Douglass

Brown Wanda Morrison

Kevin Gilmore

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Scott Hill

Mandy Specht

Linda Holloway

Bill Wagnon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Hill asked that item 11 m., concerning the summer food program, be pulled from the consent agenda. Mrs. Brown requested that item 11 i., concerning model physical education curriculum standards, be pulled. Mrs. Holloway asked that item 11

h., regarding a contract to develop a videotape on Year 4 Educate America Act Local Projects, be pulled. There being no further changes, Mrs. Morrison moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mrs. McMillon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Abrams moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Dr. Wagon asked that the minutes be corrected to include a record by Board member name of the vote on the proposed Family and Children Trust Fund resolution. Mrs. Brown corrected the record of her remarks on Wichita charter schools. There being no further changes, Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Specht, that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

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RECOGNITIONS

Kansas Superintendent of the Year and Kansas Teacher of the Year

Mr. Bob Gast, Team Leader, Recognition Programs, introduced Dr. Marilyn Layman, USD 232 De Soto, 1998 Kansas Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Layman spoke on her experience with the selection process and shared with the Board her ideas about the six traits necessary to be an effective district administrator. The Board gave Dr. Layman a standing ovation at the conclusion of her remarks and Chairman Gilmore presented her with a certificate of commendation for her accomplishment.

Mr. Gast introduced Ms. Darla J. Mallein, school social studies teacher at Emporia Middle School, who was recently named 1998 Kansas Teacher of the Year. Ms. Mallein introduced several individuals who had accompanied her, including her son, her district superintendent, the principal of the middle school, the district director of communications and the business manager for the district. Ms. Mallein shared with the Board her experiences with the selection process and her ten reasons for being a middle school social studies teacher. The Board gave Ms. Mallein a standing ovation at the conclusion of her remarks and Chairman Gilmore presented her with a certificate of commendation. Deputy Commissioner Dennis complimented Mr. Gast on all his work in assuring the success of the outstanding educators programs. Commissioner Tompkins reported that it had been announced today that Ms. Mallein was one of four finalists for 1998 National Teacher of the Year. Ms. Mallein indicated the final selection would be made in mid-March, with the official announcement in April.

Introduction of New Department of Education Staff

Director of Personnel Services, Lanny Gaston, introduced Donna Koerperich and Mike McCormick, both new employees in Computer Information and Communication Services.

The Board took a short break from 10:45 to 11:00 a.m.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Gilmore opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 11:04 a.m. Rene Armbruster, Christy Leavings and Kent Vincent, all of Topeka, Kansas, addressed the Board. Chairman Gilmore closed the forum at 11:15.

TRUANCY DISCUSSION

Mr. Bill Kennedy, Riley County Attorney and President of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association, Hon. Rochelle Chronister, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), and Ms. Sue McKenna, Legal Services for SRS, were present to discuss their involvement in truancy issues and problems they have encountered.

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Mr. Kennedy began the discussion and dealt with the truancy issue from his experience when truant youth 13 years of age and older fall under the jurisdiction of the judicial system. He noted the small number of staff in most county attorney offices, the lack of consequences for being truant, and the need for intervention before the age of 13 for most chronic truants. Questions followed.

Secretary Chronister and Ms. McKenna indicated that both the county attorneys and SRS were inappropriate to deal with truancy problems; that positive community activism and a commitment to dealing with the root of truancy problems, isolation of families, were the best preventatives. She noted that programs successful in aiding in this effort were Success by Six, nurse visits with newborns and their parents, Parents as Teachers and early Head Start. She also reported that "3113 Councils," created around the needs of at-risk children, were having some success in the state and she recommended this type of community commitment. Board questions followed.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

GRADUATION STANDARDS TASK FORCE REPORT

Assistant Commissioner Sharon Freden introduced Jim Edwards, Director of Governmental and Association Relations, Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Maureen Weiss, former President of the Kansas Association of School Boards, both members of the Task Force who were present to give the final report of the Graduation Standards Task Force. Mr. Edwards reviewed the history and mission of the Task Force and introduced Bill Neuenswander, Kristine McCulley, Barb Scott and John Welsh, other members who were present. Mr. Edwards and Ms. Weiss shared the task of presenting the Graduation Standards Task Force's recommendations as presented in their written report. The report concluded with the following recommendations:

1. that the State Board adopt the recommendations of the task force;
2. that the State Board appoint a steering committee to assist the state department staff and the State Board with coordination of development of state graduation standards; and
3. that the State Board assign to the appropriate curriculum standards review committees the task of developing the initial high school graduation standards for the curricular areas in which they are working.

Board questions and discussion followed. Ms. Weiss concluded with asking that the Board adopt the Graduation Standards Task Force's recommendations and move on to the next step of developing standards.

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission in case number 97-FC-05, concerning Marilyn M. Davis. The motion carried.

The Board recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked if Board members had received the additional information they had sought regarding items pulled from the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the day. After discussion, Mr. Rundell moved approval of the consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. Morrison. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.

- Approved school construction plans for Blessed Sacrament School - Wichita, Oswego USD 504, Cloud County Community College, Valley Center USD 262 (two projects), Buhler USD 313, Shawnee Mission USD 512 (two projects) and Iola USD 257.

- Approved the Board year-long agenda.

- Approved the 1998 Board meeting dates and locations (attached).

- Approved amendments to the Shawnee County Special Education Cooperative Agreement;

- Approved recommendations of the Certification Review Committee in cases 1588 and 1591-1600.

- Approved accredited status for: Kansas City Catholic Diocese - Hayden High; Wichita Catholic Diocese - St. Patrick Catholic Elem (Wichita), Bishop Carroll Catholic High; USD 202 Turner - Turner High; USD 500 Kansas City - J.C. Harmon High; USD 329 Mill Creek Valley - Wabaunsee Sr. High; USD 489 Hays - Roosevelt Elem; USD 212 Northern Valley - Alma Elem, Northern Valley High, Long Island Elem; USD 259 Wichita - Adams Elem, Jefferson Elem, Anderson Elem; USD 385 Andover - Andover Intermediate, Andover Middle School,

Andover High, Martin Primary North Campus K-3.

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- Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request from USD 501 French Middle School to change from a Year 3, Cycle II, to Year 4 Cycle II which would move their accreditation visit from June 2000 to June 1999.
- Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request from USD 316 to allow George Taplin to teach chemistry.
- Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request from Wamego Special Education Cooperative, LEA 320, to allow Jennifer Nider to teach gifted.
- Received model physical education curriculum standards.
- Certificates of Approval under the Kansas Proprietary School Act were issued to: Becker CPA Review Corporation, Wichita, KS; Denver Paralegal Institute, Denver, CO; Electronics Institute, Kansas City, MO; The Creative Center, Omaha, NE; Kansas College of Chinese Medicine, Wichita, KS; New Horizons Computer Learning Center, Wichita, KS.
- Approved Technology and Internship grants for John Lackey, \$4,000, Kevin Vering, \$6,500, Frank Porter, \$4,000, and Alan Eaton, \$2,275, all from North Central Kansas Technical College; Chris Vollweider, \$2,900, Cowley County Community College; Drake K. Grigsby, \$5,000, Nathan Fouts, \$4,000, Tracy Finney, \$4,000, John Kalert, \$4,000, John Krider, \$5,200, Buddy Andrews, \$4,000, Kari Soper, \$4,000, and John Young, \$4,000, all from Southeast Kansas Area Technical School.

- Issued orders to USD 384, Blue Valley, Riley County, and USD 486, Elwood, Doniphan County, granting them authority to hold elections on the question of the districts' general bond debt limitation.
- Approved the FY 1998 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) State Plan.
- Approved \$1,710,339 in Category One Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grants for: USD 204 Bonner Springs-\$17,432, USD 210 Hugoton-\$6,000, USD 215-Lakin-\$6,320, USD 218-Elkhart-\$6,000, USD 219 Minneola-\$6,000, USD 220 Ashland/Englewood-\$6,000, USD 232 DeSoto-\$16,913, USD 233 Olathe-\$93,422, USD 234 Fort Scott-\$18,368, USD 253 Emporia-\$51,345, USD 255 Kiowa-South Barber-\$6,000, USD 257 Iola-\$14,496, USD 260 Derby-\$56,704, USD 261 Haysville-\$36,080, USD 262 Valley Center-\$18,360, USD 265 Goddard-\$22,186, USD 273 Beloit-\$8,536,

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USD 274 Oakley/Monument-\$6,600, USD 281 Hill City-\$6,000, USD 284 Chase Co.-\$6,000, USD 291 Grinnel-\$6,000, USD 303 Ness City-\$6,536, USD 304 Bazine-\$6,000, USD 308 Hutchinson-\$47,848, USD 309 Nickerson-\$11,704, USD 313 Buhler-\$17,666, USD 314 Brewster-\$6,000, USD 315 Colby-\$10,520, USD 316 Golden Plains-\$6,000, USD 317 Herndon-\$6,000, USD 318 Atwood-\$6,000, USD 320 Wamego-\$11,680, USD 323 Rock Creek-\$6,000, USD 326 Logan-\$6,000, USD 334 Southern Cloud-\$6,000, USD 336 Holton-\$8,464, USD 337 Royal Valley-\$6,880, USD 342 McLouth-\$6,000, USD 343 Perry Schools-\$8,448, USD 345 Seaman-\$28,464, USD 346 Jayhawk-\$6,000, USD 348 Baldwin City-\$10,375, USD 352 Goodland-\$9,600, USD 353 Wellington-\$16,244, USD 361 Anthony-Harper-\$8,624, USD 363 Holcomb-\$6,900, USD 364 Marysville-\$9,888, USD 369 Burrton-\$6,000, USD 373 Newton-\$30,152, USD 379 Clay County Schools-\$13,477, USD 380 Vermillion-\$6,000, USD 394 Rose Hill-\$13,756, USD 406 Wathena-\$6,000, USD 409 Atchison-\$19,912, USD 418 McPherson-\$22,444, USD 424 Mullinville-\$12,000, USD 428 Great Bend-\$29,288, USD 434 Carbondale-\$11,152, USD 435 Abilene-\$12,129, USD 438 Skyline-\$6,000, USD 442 Nemaha Valley-\$7,616, USD 445 Coffeyville-\$21,304, USD 450 Shawnee Heights-\$28,312, USD 453 Leavenworth-\$36,624, USD 454 Burlingame-\$6,000, USD 473 Chapman-\$10,736, USD 475 Geary County-\$53,504, USD 490 El

Dorado-\$17,500, USD 491 Eudora-\$8,424, USD 492 Flint Hills-\$6,000, USD 497 Lawrence-\$82,736, USD 498 Valley Heights-\$6,000, USD 500 Kansas City-\$185,934, USD 502 Lewis-\$6,000, USD 503 Parsons-\$15,960, USD 504 Oswego-\$6,000, USD 507 Satanta-\$6,000, USD 511 Attica-\$6,000; and Service Centers #621 NCKESC-\$34,544, #622 ESSDACK-\$89,552, #626 SW Plains Reg ESC-\$81,272 and #633 FHEDC-\$111,408.

- Approved \$325,104 in Category Two Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grants for: USD 104 White Rock Schools-\$6,000, USD 226 Meade-\$6,000, USD 228 Hanston-\$6,000, USD 230 Springhill-\$10,904, USD 237 Smith Center-\$6,000, USD 238 West Smith County-\$6,000, USD 266 Maize-\$46,168, USD 275 Triplains-\$6,000, USD 303 Ness City-\$6,520, USD 278 Mankato-\$6,000, USD 298 Lincoln-\$6,000, USD 329 Mill Creek Valley-\$6,480, USD 339 Jefferson County North-\$6,104, USD 382 Pratt Unified-\$11,728, USD 405 Lyons-\$7,904, USD 412 Hoxie-\$6,000, USD 415 Hiawatha Elementary-\$9,536, USD 422 Greensburg-\$6,000, USD 441 Sabetha-\$8,207, USD 452 Stanton County-\$6,000, USD 461 Neodesha-\$6,680, USD 464 Tonganoxie-\$14,025, USD 469 Lansing-\$15,936, USD 494 Syracuse-\$6,000; and Service Centers #608 NEKESC-\$44,624 and #609 Greenbush Education Service Center-\$58,288.

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Contracts Approved:

The Commissioner of Education was authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center to produce an educational videotape for the Educate America Act, with the contract total not to exceed \$8,640.

PANEL DISCUSSION: Redesign of Educator Licensure

A panel discussion was held to address each section of proposed new educator licensure regulations. Before the discussion of each section, Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, reviewed for the Board the effect of the proposed changes on current regulations. Next, Dr. Karen Gallagher, Chairman of the Professional Standards Board, outlined the rationale used by the Standards Board in developing the proposed changes. For each section of the proposed regulations, individuals had been invited to speak to concerns about the proposals.

Regarding proposed regulation 91-1-201, type of licensure, two individuals spoke. Dr. Janet Broers advocated the addition of an early childhood/late childhood license level in order to retain flexibility in

assigning trained and experienced teachers in response to enrollment shifts; and that without grade or age levels incorporated into the definitions of the proposed endorsement levels, schools would not know if teachers were licensed at the appropriate level. Dr. Robert Voboril stressed the importance of maximum flexibility in hiring for principals at the local level and indicated broader endorsements had the potential of creating that flexibility. Board discussion followed.

After the overview of proposed regulation 91-1-202, endorsements, by Mr. Bungert and Dr. Gallagher, six individuals spoke about issues concerning the proposal. Dr. Floyd Hudson spoke of the need to have a "functional" as well as "adaptive" endorsement because of the differences in types of learning expectations for students with mild to moderate retardation and the need to support classroom teachers in order that they will be able to respond effectively and appropriately to the specific learning needs of all students in their charge. Dr. Ron Sarnacki shared additional concerns regarding a perceived lack of specificity in the endorsements to address the need for teachers trained in behavior disorders, generic special education, or to work with the medically fragile student, those mild to moderately handicapped, gifted, visually/hearing impaired, or autistic. Ms. Valarie Weeks spoke in favor of the retention of the enhanced endorsement for teachers trained to work with gifted students. Ms. Susan Massey spoke in opposition of the elimination of a separate endorsement for journalism and its proposed inclusion in the language arts endorsement. Dr. Richard

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Schrock spoke in favor of the current endorsements in science and opposed the inclusion of all specific science disciplines under one endorsement at the secondary level. Dr. Schrock also spoke in favor of retaining the Department's oversight of districts' assignments of teachers and in opposition of the current conditional two-year license, for which no change was proposed, unless supervision was required during the conditional period. Chet Johnson spoke of the need for a separate leadership license endorsement for special education directors in order to guarantee the availability of professionals who are competent in developing and implementing special education programs and are knowledgeable about the complexities of special education law.

Mr. Bungert and Dr. Gallagher presented the overview of proposed regulation 91-1-203, licensure requirements. Lori Hayes expressed her concerns about the cost of team visits for assessments and a potential shift of emphasis from what is best for the classroom to performing well for the performance element of the proposed assessment during the conditional license period to fulfill the requirements for a professional teaching license. Dr. Steve McClure also shared concerns about the time currently spent outside the classroom by teachers and a possible increase in that amount in order to fulfill the requirements for a professional teaching license. He also commented on the elements that might possibly be required in preparation of videos and portfolios to complete the performance assessment. Dr. Voboril

asked what the content and cost of the performance would be and who would decide if the type of assessment chosen was acceptable. He also expressed his belief that decisions about satisfactory performance needed to stay at the local level.

Mr. Bungert and Dr. Gallagher reviewed proposed regulation 91-1-204, licensure of out-of-state and foreign applicants. Regarding exchange licenses, Dr. Voboril noted a potential problem for Lutheran schools in the state which only hire teachers from Lutheran colleges which may or may not meet accreditation requirements in other states.

Board questions followed.

Chairman Gilmore called a recess for the day at 5:50 p.m.

Kevin Gilmore,
Chairman

Penny Plamann,
Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 1998, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Mary Douglass Brown Mildred McMillon

Kevin Gilmore Wanda Morrison

Scott Hill I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Linda Holloway Bill Wagnon

Mrs. Specht was absent and Chairman Gilmore announced Dr. Abrams would be arriving after a short presentation at the Vocational Student Organizations' meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Brown, with a second by Mrs. Holloway, moved that the proposed agenda be approved. The motion carried.

CURRICULUM STANDARDS UPDATE

Reports of the Communication Arts and Mathematics Curriculum Standards Committees

Dr. Sharon Freden reviewed for the Board the timeline for revision of the curriculum standards to be used in development of the new assessments in communication arts and mathematics. She reported that 5,000 copies of each set of draft revised standards had been prepared for distribution to school districts, principals and teachers across the state. The committees were requesting written comments from State Board members and others by February 2, 1998, with the second revisions to be completed by February 16th and distributed for comment in early March. Public meetings were scheduled for mid-to-late March. The mathematics committee had held six meetings to date and the communication arts committee had gone beyond their initial plan of four meetings and had held six to date. Dr. Freden reported that each committee had used a different approach as it worked

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with revising current standards and Board members would note those differences in their review of the committees' written reports. She indicated that each report contained a review form for comments to be submitted to the committees. She introduced Kim Young, Department of Education staff assigned to the communication arts committee.

Margie Hill, Mathematics Standards Committee Co-Chair, was unable to be present and Dr. Freden gave a brief overview of the mathematics committee's recommendations. These included the recommendation

that grade level benchmarks be set at second, fourth, seventh and tenth grade with state assessments continuing to be administered at the current grade levels of fourth, seventh and tenth grade. The committee recommended that the new second grade benchmark not be assessed at the state level, but be used to serve as a guide for local curriculum development. The committee benchmarks recommendations required modification of current eighth grade outcomes into seventh grade benchmarks. Because all seventh and all tenth grade students across the state are often not enrolled in the same mathematics course, the committee provided a description of reasonable expectations for students at those two grade levels. Dr. Freden also reviewed the mission and vision statements and the format of the first working draft of the mathematics curriculum standards contained in the report. Dr. Freden also noted that the mathematics benchmarks for each grade level had not yet been prioritized by the committee. Mrs. Holloway asked that copies of the current standards for communication arts and mathematics be provided to the Board. Chairman Gilmore commended the Mathematics Committee on their work.

Mrs. Specht arrived at 9:25 a.m. and Dr. Abrams arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Marceta Reilly, as Co-Chair of the committee, presented the status report of the Communications Arts Standards Committee. She reported that the committee had focused only on reading and writing because those were the focus of the current assessments. Standards for speaking, listening, viewing, and literature were not included but represented two-thirds of the standards that needed to be reviewed eventually. The committee did not have time to address these other areas because of the tight timeline for revisions. Ms. Reilly noted that the committee had not changed the previous standards but had worked to make them clearer and more specific using language aimed at the general public and providing examples of what students might be doing at each developmental level. Student examples were written into the committee's report for grades K-3, 4-5, 6-9 and 10-12. Ms. Reilly also reported committee recommendations for state assessments in reading and writing at grades five, eight and eleven, with a local assessment performed at second or third grade and included in the

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QPA building report. Additional work yet to be done by the committee included identifying and prioritizing specific benchmarks to be tested in the state reading and writing assessments at each grade level tested. Ms. Reilly responded to questions and Board discussion followed.

Board members expressed concern that the timeline for revision of standards was too short for the committees to do a thorough review and to allow enough time for broad-based feedback and comment statewide. The lack of a revised assessment after the current year if the timeline for revisions was not adhered to was noted.

External Reviewers of Proposed Curriculum Standards

Dr. Freden reviewed the procedure used in developing and disseminating the request for proposals for reviewers of the proposed revised curriculum standards in communication arts and mathematics. She asked Mr. Ken Gentry to discuss the proposals received and the two finalists that had been forwarded to the Board for the final selection. Board discussion included concern about the possible bias reflected in the views of only one vendor; and that information regarding divergent views from members of a chosen vendor's review committee would not be available to Board members.

Mrs. McMillon moved the Board authorize the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McRel) to review the revised Kansas Curriculum Standards in Mathematics and Communications Arts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rundell. Discussion followed with questions regarding the consequences of extending the deadline for standards revisions; the impact of a lack of an assessment after the current year; the lack of information regarding divergent opinions; and the cost of the contract and who would pay for it. Chairman Gilmore asked for a vote on the motion. On a vote of 5-5 the motion failed.

Mrs. Morrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rundell, that the Board authorize the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Council for Basic Education (CBE) to review the revised Kansas Curriculum Standards in Mathematics and Communications Arts with any divergent views of reviewers incorporated into their final report to the Board. Asked what the impact of having more than one contractor evaluate the proposed revised standards, Ms. Reilly noted the need for standards committees to know the criteria they will be evaluated on before writing the standards and that each contractor would have its own set of criteria. Mr. Hill moved to amend the motion, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that McRel

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be substituted for CBE and that an executive summary be requested with divergent views of reviewers included in it. On a vote to accept the amendment, the motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Rundell voting "no." Voting on the amended motion, the motion carried and the Commissioner was authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratories to review the revised Kansas Curriculum Standards in Mathematics and Communications Arts, such review to include an executive summary which will include divergent views of any reviewers.

The Board took a short break from 10:55 a.m. until 11:06 a.m. Chairman Gilmore asked that the Board postpone discussion on agenda item 5, action on proposed redesign of educator licensure, until after

lunch at 1:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

FY 1998 & FY 1999 Budget Appeal

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed for the Board the Governor's 1999 budget recommendations which included: an increase in the base state aid per pupil of \$35; an increase in at-risk weighting from 6.5 percent to 8 percent and application of correlation weighting pupil threshold to districts having unweighted enrollments of 1,775 and over; one-time only funding of \$10 million (as a dollar for dollar match) for USDs for instructional technology purposes; an increase of \$1.81 million over the KSBE request for the Parents as Teachers program, reducing USDs match from 100% to 75%, and allowing expansion of the program to most of the list waiting for participation - approximately 4,500 to 5,000 additional families; and funding for special education at 85% of excess cost including Medicaid. The Governor's recommendations for community colleges and area vocational technical schools (AVTSs) included: a 2.5% increase in credit hour state aid; a one-time only increase of \$1 million in technology funding for instructional purposes for both community colleges and Washburn University - requiring a 50% match, a one-time only \$1 million for instructional technology for AVTSs not requiring a match, plus an additional \$1 million for capitol outlay for AVTSs requiring a 50% match; and an increase in post-secondary aid of 1.8%. Increases totaling \$135,000 were recommended by the Governor for the Kansas Heritage Center-\$10,000, Agriculture in the Classroom-\$25,000, Environmental Education grants-\$25,000, and grants to enable teachers to participate in the National Board Certification process. Mr. Dennis reported the Department would be appealing the Governor's recommendation for juvenile detention facilities educational programs based on a increased need reported in December for an additional \$669,657 in order to fully fund in accordance with current law.

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Mr. Dennis briefly reported on the effort by the Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives to create a new committee in the 1998 legislature to study post-secondary education. Mr. Dennis also informed the Board that School-to-Work would be studied in special meetings in the House Education Committee on February 18th or 19th.

Kansas State School for the Deaf and

Kansas State School for the Blind

Gerald Johnson, Superintendent, Kansas State School for the Deaf, gave a brief report of the school's

budget request and the Governor's recommendations. After their appeal to the Division of Budget and the Governor, salary and other operating expenditures were recommended for funding at the requested level, as was funding for capitol improvements. The capitol improvements request will allow the school to complete the renovation of the Roberts Building, add a new parking lot and upgrade the school's fire alarms.

William Daugherty, Superintendent, Kansas School for the Blind, reviewed the status of their budget request. Additional funding was recommended for textbooks and fire hydrants. The school lost two support staff positions, but gained an orientation mobility instructor in the Governor's budget.

Board questions concerned adequate funding for salaries at both schools.

Chairman Gilmore asked that the Board move on to agenda item 9 and return to the remaining agenda items after the redesign discussion after lunch.

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Commissioner Joe Birmingham introduced Thomas Smeeting, Vice President of Technology Students Association, and Christina Stark, FHA State Officer. Ms. Stark remarked on the excellent preparation for successful careers participation in vocational student organizations (VSOs) gave students. Mr. Smeeting gave an overview of the mission of the association he represented and briefly spoke about how participation gave students the opportunity to explore the technical world.

Chairman Gilmore called for a recess from 11:25 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. so that Board members could attend the VSO luncheon at the Jayhawk Towers.

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REDESIGN OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

Mr. Bungert reviewed three additional proposed licensure regulations not covered in the panel discussion on Tuesday, January 13, 1998. They were: 91-1-205, licensure renewal requirements; 91-1-206, professional development plans for license renewal; and 91-1-207, renewal dates for certificates. Brief Board questions and discussion followed.

Mrs. Morrison moved, with a second by Mrs. McMillon, that the Board approve the proposed educator licensure regulations for submission to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General for review. Board discussion included concerns about the consolidation of the endorsement areas; whether

the revisions addressing areas of concern should be made before sending the proposed regulations to the Attorney General and Department of Administration for review; performance based assessments; and the need to implement redesign of licensure at this time. Upon a vote, the motion failed 5-5 with Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Brown, Chairman Gilmore, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Holloway voting "no." Mr. Hill explained his vote by complimenting the Professional Standards Board on the clear and organized way the redesign proposal had been put together, but that he had concerns about the developmental levels, the consolidation of endorsements, and the performance assessment. Other Board discussion followed.

Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Rundell left at 2:00 p.m. because of prior commitments.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Mrs. Specht asked to add approval of her attendance at the Teacher of the Year presentations to the legislative education committees on January 20, 1998. Mr. Hill suggested that travel be approved for all Board members to attend the Teacher of the Year hearings. Discussion followed. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mrs. Holloway, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Gilmore handed out a letter from the Kansas Association of School Boards about his appearance at their governmental relations seminar on February 11, 1998. He noted all Board members were invited to attend, but that it was a conflict with the Board luncheon with the Kansas Community Colleges. Chairman Gilmore also passed out a letter from NASBE about the January 15, 1998 deadline for nominations for resolution committee representatives, area directors and vice president.

Board Attorney

Chairman Gilmore noted that Mr. Dan Biles, Board Attorney, had to leave because of a prior commitment, but that Board members had copies of his written report. Mrs. McMillon moved, with a second by Mrs. Specht, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for December be paid as presented. The motion carried.

Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Hill expressed his hopes for the legislative session and reported that five education bills had been introduced: the transportation mileage limitation reduction bill and charter school bill in the House; and in the Senate, the proprietary school bill, the bill reflecting the Department's community college funding request and a bill addressing special education act amendments.

Policy Committee Chairman

Dr. Abrams reported that the work of the Policy Committee was reflected in the notebook of proposed changes which had been given to Board members upon their return from lunch. He noted that Board members would review the proposals at the February meeting and vote on them at the March meeting.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins reported on a letter received by the Department dealing with an issue at Dodge City Community College. He noted that Assistant Commissioner Birmingham would be visiting with the individuals involved and would keep Board members informed of any developments. Commissioner Tompkins also reported that because of difficulties encountered about purchasing test results from companies that offer norm-referenced tests in the state, the Department had decided to send a simple questionnaire to the testing coordinator in each school district requesting a copy of the results of the norm-referenced tests they gave last year for grades 3, 6 and 9. He noted the Department would realize a dollar savings from not having to purchase the test results from the testing companies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Kevin Gilmore,
Chairman

Penny Plamann,
Secretary