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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagnon asked that the agenda be amended to include Board action on a Motion to Reconsider in a Professional Practices Commission case. The paperwork on the item was in Board members' folders. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the minutes for the February meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Posny updated Board members on the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) meeting she had recently attended. She reported that NAGB will be looking into the participation of students with disabilities and ELL students in NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) and that a special task force has been formed to study the issue. She also answered Board member questions about NAEP and provided information about how state NAEP scores should be interpreted.

Additionally, Dr. Posny, reviewed responses to the Board forum questions that were made by participates at the recent Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) conference. She noted the similarities between board forum attendee responses and those of the educators.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS

Bill Hagerman, Director of the Innovations and Improvement Team, reviewed and answered questions about changes that had been implemented in the application, scoring rubric and process for the current cycle of charter school grant applications. Mr. Hagerman also reviewed the ten new charter school petitions recommended for funding for the 2008-2009 school year. The recommendations will be brought back for Board action in April. He noted that the Sterling charter school, funded for the first time last year, was also recommended for funding. The Turner district had decided not to continue with its charter school. Dr. Wagnon asked that Board members be sent a copy of the current and original rubric and scoring scale for charter school applications and the composition of the charter school advisory committee. Mrs. Gamble asked for a report on charters that are still operating and implementing innovative methods since the beginning of the Kansas charter school program.

The Board took a break from 10:50 until 10:59 a.m.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM
Chairman Wagnon declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:59 a.m. Addressing the Board were Jim Schwarzenberger, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce, Wichita; Peg Dunlap, KNEA, Topeka; Kirk Fast, Ozawkie; John Richard Schrock, Emporia; and Shari Wilson, KACEE, Kansas City. Chairman Wagnon declared the open forum closed at 11:17 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAS SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR
The State Board had the opportunity to hear from three Kansas administrators who recently received prestigious awards: Mr. Jim Lentz, Superintendent of Augusta, named 2008 Superintendent of the Year by the Kansas Association of School Administrators; Mr. Bruce Krase, Principal at Remington Middle School in Whitewater, named 2007 Principal of the Year by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators; and Mrs. Sandra Almos, Principal at Edith Scheuerman Elementary School in Garden City, named 2007 Kansas Distinguished Principal by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals. They each shared with Board members some of the things they are doing to build instructional capacity to help all students learn and achieve and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Jim McNiece, principal at Wichita Northwest High School, was unable to attend. He was recently named the 2007 MetLife Principal of the Year by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Mrs. Waugh left for a meeting of the KSHSAA Executive Board at 11:34 a.m., during the administrators' presentations.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:09 and returned at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Waugh returned at 1:50 p.m.

PROMISING HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICES FOR 21ST CENTURY LEARNING SKILLS
The State Board heard presentations from a few of the Kansas high schools that are meeting the redesign challenge. Presenters included Mr. Michael Carson, Superintendent, Erie, USD 101, regarding Erie High's building design decisions to support 21st century skills; Dr. Shellaine Kiblinger, Deputy Superintendent, Garden City, USD 457, regarding redesign related to their affiliation with High Schools that Work; and Mr. Robert Morton, Superintendent, Coffeyville, USD 445, regarding the implementation of career clusters at Field Kindley High.

The Board took a break from 3:05 until 3:15 p.m. Mrs. Gamble left for a legislative hearing at that time.

ACTION PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL INTEGRATION / RE-DESIGN
Deputy Commissioner Foster presented a timeline for activities to implement the career and academic integration initiatives which will support the goals adopted by the Board at the February meeting. He indicated the timeline was ambitious and would probably need continuous updating and refinement. Many components of the initiatives would be started at the same time and would eventually converge. Included in the discussion that followed were suggestions about moving ahead with actions that would make a big impact on schools and draw attention to the magnitude of what will be required to implement redesign. Also discussed were areas where resistance to redesign might be anticipated.

The Board took a break from 3:05 to 3:10 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
Deputy Commissioner Dennis discussed with the Board the state general fund projections for FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2010. He also reviewed legislative budget recommendations and several education bills of interest.

Mrs. Gamble returned at 4:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the State Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.

- Confirmed the appointment of Katerie Grillot to the position of Trainer with the Information Technology team effective February 18, 2008 at an annual salary of $44,969.60.

- Approved school construction plans for USD 380, Vermillion; USD 383, Manhattan/Ogden; USD 512, Shawnee Mission; and USD 244, Burlington.

- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adaptive Special Education:* Christina Bentch, USD 202, Turner-Kansas City; Dustin Malone, USD 233, Olathe; Kelly Francis, USD 290, Ottawa; Beverly Shuey, USD 305, Salina; Clarence Williams III, USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden; Amy Wagner, USD 437, Auburn Washburn; Judy Haynes, USD 465, Winfield; Melissa Parker, USD 475, Geary County Schools; Ronda Canaday and Nicholas Toczek, USD 480, Liberal; Neal Herl, USD 500, Kansas City; Kristina Cavitte, USD 501, Topeka Public Schools; and Michelle DeTienne Murphy, Kristina Jackson, Adam Hinkle, and Venice Johnson, D0618, Sedgwick County Area Educational Services; *Art:* Kerma Crouse , USD 457, Garden City; *Drama/Theatre:* Amanda Highland, USD 396, Douglass Public Schools; *Early Childhood Special Education:* Megan Moore, USD 368, Paola; Naomi Brandenburg, USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden; Crystal Moore and Ruth Orr, USD 465; Winfield; Steven Hansen, D0 609, Southeast KS Education Service Center; and Angela Stimpert and Tia Harris, D0 613, Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative; *English as a Second Language:* Sylvia Yoder, USD 373, Newton; and Deborah Gilman, USD 497; Lawrence; *Functional Special Education:* Shannon Mason, USD 501, Topeka Public Schools; *Gifted:* Pamela Burns, USD 102, Cimarron-Ensign; Linda Barker, USD 253, Emporia; Glorianna Ford, USD 333, Concordia; Cecilia Gunn, USD 368, Paola; Rachel Johnson and William O'Brien, USD 443, Dodge City; Tamra Miller, USD 500, Kansas City; and Pamela Ensley, USD 501, Topeka Public Schools; *Interrelated:* Nicholas Doubenmier, USD 202, Turner-Kansas City; Ashley Arnesman and Cristi Smith, USD 232, De Soto; Shari Barber Meade, USD 253 Emporia; Heather Bartkoski-McDowell, USD 259, Wichita; Kristina Kindel, USD 333, Concordia; Nicholas Traugott, USD 368, Paola; Brenda Harter, Shannon Echevarria, Amanda Day and Sheila Grantham, USD 475, Geary County Schools; Brian Harris, D0 603, ANW Special Education Cooperative; Jeffery Henry, D0 605, South Central KS Special Education Cooperative; Alisha Hale, D0 607, Tri County Special Education Cooperative; Jacob Virtue, D0 611, High Plains Educational Cooperative;

Jill McCollum, Tamara Ogorzolka, Fern Glunt and Shelly McVicker, D0 613, Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative; and Marjorie Weinmann and Charity D0 616, Doniphan County Education Cooperative; *Library Media Specialist:* Lisa Wondra, USD 403, Otis-Bison; and *Substitute - Extension of # of Days:* Tracie Brunner, USD 333, Concordia; David Freivogel, Vicki Dickinson, Martha Hadfield, Andrica Wilcoxen, Noelle Pohl and Shannon Ellis, USD 453, Leavenworth; Joseph Kottas, Joseph Arellano, Hector Rivera, Cheryl Rilinger and Mary Juarez, USD 457, Garden City; and Sara Gillespie, USD 202, Turner-Kansas City.

- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2466, 2470, 2473, 2474, 2477, 2482, 2486, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2493, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2500, 2501, 2502 and 2503.

- Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for new program approval for Emporia State University, MidAmerica Nazarene University and Southwestern College.

- Issued an FY 2008 license effective from February 13, 2008 through December 31, 2008 for commercial driver training school, NEET Motorcycle Training, LLC, Lawrence, KS 66049.

- Approved the in-service education plans for Fowler USD 225 and Osage City USD 420.

- Issued orders authorizing USD 259, Wichita, and USD 338, Valley Falls, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved
The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and enter into contracts with:

- the University of Kansas Research Center to provide a leadership academy for 30 migrant students, in an amount not to exceed $173,000; and

- the National Staff Development Council (NSDC) to allow the Kansas State Department of Education to administer the NSDC Standards Assessment Inventory in the current fiscal year (2007-2008) and during the next fiscal year (2008-2009), in an amount not to exceed $58,000.

BOARD REPORTS
Chairman - KSHSAA At-Large Members
Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board recommend the reappointment of Bob Gonzales to the KSHSAA Board of Directors as an At-Large member and suggest Charlotte Davis or Michelle Kuhns for consideration for Denice Jones' At-Large position. The motion carried 9-0-1, with Dr. Abrams abstaining.

Legislative Coordinator
Mrs. Gamble answered questions about a Legislative Post Audit study on special education funding. She indicated that it might be the subject of an interim study.

Board Attorney
Mr. Biles briefly reviewed his written report. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State Board approve payment for Mr. Biles' services for February 2008. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports
Mrs. Gamble indicated that she felt she had been inappropriate with her request for a report on charter schools without allowing a vote by the Board on the issue. She moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that staff be directed to review charters granted since the charter school program began in 1998 and prepare a report on charters schools that are still in operation and implementing innovative methods after federal grant funding ended. The motion carried 10-0. Mr. Willard was also interested in information on charter schools that had not received local approval.

Mrs. Waugh reported on the meeting of the Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association that she had attended earlier in the day. She reported that the discussion had focused on a position statement and motion regarding Athletic Officials and the "development and maintenance of a strong, experienced and diverse corps of registered officials… and in promoting equal opportunities for such officials."

Mrs. Waugh also reported that the Executive Board had voted to "direct the Executive Director, to work with counsel to develop language on point for the KSHSAA Board of Directors to consider incorporating into the *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 11, Athletic Officials.* Identical language should also be included in the application form for schools seeking to be included on the *KSHSAA Approved Schools List* effective 2008-09. It is noted non-member schools seeking status as Approved Schools, do so annually prior to the beginning of the school year. The only privilege the KSHSAA affords approved schools is the opportunity to compete with member schools. They are not privileged to participate in any other KSHSAA programs and services, including post season competitions." Because of a recent incident at a non-accredited private religious school, Mr. Willard questioned whether KSHSAA was discriminating against the school because of its religious beliefs. Mrs. Waugh indicated the issue being addressed was equal opportunity for officials regardless of gender, race, etc.

Mrs. Waugh also reported on other meetings she had attended. One of the meetings, a Dotte Promise (for Wyan*dotte*) luncheon, concerned discussion by the Wyandotte County Unified Government about awarding post-secondary scholarships. Mrs. Waugh had also attended the meeting in Topeka with US DOE Secretary Margaret Spellings. Mrs. Waugh mentioned a brochure on education in Kansas that is available on the US Department of Education website. Dr. Posny's secretary printed copies for the Board.

An event attended and remarked upon by three board members was a robotics competition in Kansas City. Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Gamble and Dr. Wagnon attended and were very impressed with what students were able to do. Mrs. Gamble remarked it was a true demonstration of the effect relevance has on learning.

Mrs. Martin asked the Commissioner about US DOE expanding the use of growth models to all fifty states. The Commissioner explained that vertical alignment of the standards would be required which would also require rewriting all the reading and math assessments. Those standards aren't scheduled to be rewritten until 2010. Dr. Posny suggested it might be wise to wait to make a decision until January of 2009 in order to see what happens to NCLB after the elections.

There also a brief discussion about Mr. Willard's request for information on charter school proposals that had not received local board approval. Dr. Posny indicated that a survey of superintendents could be done to gather information on proposals that had been rejected locally. Mr. Willard stated that he was not as interested in the historical information as much as finding out about ones from the current point forward.

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Future Agenda Items
Mrs. Cauble requested information about regulatory provisions regarding home schooling in the state. Mrs. Rupe requested results of the survey on teaching financial literacy in Kansas schools.

Board Policy Committee
Mrs. Waugh reported that the Policy Committee had been meeting and would be meeting again in May. Data was still being gathered and the Committee was not yet ready to make a recommendation.

Mrs. Waugh indicated that the NASBE travel expenditure reporting that Dr. Wagnon had requested the Policy Committee look at had been turned over to Mr. Bacon. Mr. Bacon passed out and explained the monthly travel report form that had been modified to include NASBE expenses. It was decided to use the new format for several months to determine if it was helpful.

Board Communications Committee
Mrs. Martin reported for the Communications Committee and presented current action steps from the Board Communications Plan for March. Distribution of Board meeting highlights to various groups was discussed and Chairman Wagnon asked that the Education Commission of the States be added to the list.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that requests for Board member travel be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION ON A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
At its meeting on February 12, 2008, the State Board adopted the findings of fact, conclusions and recommendation of the Professional Practices Commission and revoked Ms. Tanya G. Carlson's professional educator's license. Ms. Carlson filed a timely Motion for Reconsideration of the State Board's Final Order revoking her license. The motion was filed pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) and was required to be acted on by the State Board within 20 days after receipt of the motion. Kevin Ireland, Department of Education Attorney, reviewed the details of the case for the Board. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board of Education deny Ms. Carlson's Motion for Reconsideration. The motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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Bill Wagnon, Chairman Penny Plamann, Secretary

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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Meetings at the Special Schools
March 12, 2008

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
Annual Visit and Accessible Arts, Inc. Awards

State Board members Abrams, Bacon, Cauble, Gamble, Martin, Rupe, Shaver, Wagnon and Waugh met with Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) staff at 9:00 a.m. at KSSB in Kansas City. On display in the room were student science projects. Board members received the 2nd quarterly report which highlighted several campus-based and statewide outreach initiatives and activities, including work with the Tiny-K program across the state. They were also privileged to hear students perform two musical numbers from the spring show. At the conclusion of KSSB presentations, Beverly Johnson, with Accessible Arts, Inc., talked about receiving the 2007 President's Committees on the Arts and the Humanities "Coming Up Taller Award" for her involvement in the Discovery Trails Program. She also shared information about past Trail Treks and the upcoming Santa Fe Trail Trek which will take place in the summer of 2008.

The Board and KSSB staff were joined by Accessible Arts, Inc., its board, honorees, and guests for the annual awards ceremony in which Chairman Wagnon participated by presenting the awards. Sally Bailey, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies in Theatre, and Director of the Drama Therapy Program at Kansas State University, received the *2007 Distinguished Service Award in Arts and Disabilities*. Tonya Wahl, received the 2007 *Educator of the Year in Arts and Disabilities.* She is a music therapist with the Wyandotte Comprehensive Special Education Cooperative, serving students with special needs in Wyandotte County.

Following the ceremony Board members ate lunch with KSSB staff and students and then traveled to the Kansas State School for the Deaf in Olathe.

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
Annual Visit

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. at the Kansas State School for the Deaf. Dr. Abrams and Mrs. Cauble were not able to attend. Superintendent Robert Maile welcomed Board members. Several presentations had been planned. The Board saw student oratory presentations, toured winning science fair exhibits which were explained by their student creators, and saw the work of students in the graphic design and art program. The Board was taken on a tour of the early childhood center, after which they received an update on the Sound START program. Superintendent Maile also presented reports on KSSD's Bullying Prevention Plan and Positive Behavioral Supports, as well as highlights of the quarterly report.

Activities concluded at 3:15 p.m.

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Bill Wagnon, Chairman Penny Plamann, Secretary