KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 9, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday, July 9, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE Tenth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams

Wanda Morrison

Kevin Gilmore

Bill Musick

Mike Gragert

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Harold Hosey

Mandy Specht

Mildred McMillon

Kathleen White

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman White added to the agenda an item of new business involving improvements to the board room. Mr. Gilmore moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman White added a phrase to the minutes of June 12, page 3 at the completion of the Interim Commissioner's report: "and Mrs. White thanked the staff for their extra work during this period and for their cooperation and help to Mr. Dennis." Mrs. Morrison moved approval of the minutes as amended; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS: 1998 budget recommendations

Mr. Musick, Legislative Coordinator, introduced representatives of the education organizations who presented their recommendations to the State Board of Education. During the first session, four groups presented:

- Bob Burch, Chairman of the Community Colleges' Council of Trustees, representing the Kansas Association of Community Colleges
- Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards
- Peg Dunlap, Kansas National Education Association
- Gerald Henderson, United School Administrators of Kansas and Kent Hurn, superintendent of USD 345 Seaman and Chairman of USA Task Force on School Finance

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman White opened the Forum at 11:00 a.m. One person presented:

• Carla Deckert, parent, Topeka.

Chairman White called a ten-minute recess at 11:05 a.m.

EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS: continuation

Mr. Musick reopened the discussions with education organizations about the fiscal year 1998 budget. Eight additional groups presented:

- Jacque Oakes, Schools for Quality Education
- Wendy Webb, Parents as Teachers coordinator in Blue Valley
- Bill Berry, Kansas Association of Area Vocational-Technical Schools
- David DePue, Kansas Council on Vocational Education
- Melissa Ness, Kansas Children's Service League
- John Strickler, Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education
- Jamie Colbret and Sandra Kramer, Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
- Max Ary, Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center

Chairman White called a recess for lunch at 12:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:45 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, provided budget information and Board members discussed

fiscal year 1998 budget recommendations and voted tentatively on their legislative platform, with intent of finalizing decisions in August.

At-risk 4-year-old children in the state school finance formula

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend that school districts count each student a .5 FTE under the School District Finance and Quality Performance Act with total funding for 3,000 students; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried.

Statewide Assessment

Mr. Gragert moved a recommendation to fund the statewide assessments in Mathematics, Reading, and Writing, with the provision that a decision will be made on the Writing Assessment budget in August after additional information is received; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried on an 8 to 2 vote. Mr. Rundell and Dr. Abrams voted "no."

Inservice Education

Dr. Hosey moved that \$6,806,250 should be budgeted for inservice education in 1997-98; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Parents as Teachers:

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education recommend a budget of \$3 million for the Parents as Teachers program in fiscal year 1998, and renew its request that the Legislature study a sliding-fee scale for participants; seconded by Dr. Hosey.

Mr. Gilmore moved an amendment to the motion that the study pertain to those who are in their second year of participation, with the intent that a sliding fee scale would increase participation in the Parents as Teachers program; seconded by Dr. Abrams.

The amendment passed on an 8 to 2 vote. Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon and Mr. Musick. The motion as amended passed on a 7 to 3 vote. Voting "no" were Mrs. McMillon, Mr. Musick and Mrs. White.

School Finance Act/Per Pupil Allotment

Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education recommend an increase in the base state aid per pupil amount to \$4,000 and eliminate the Local Option Budgets. Initially Dr. Hosey seconded the motion, but withdrew it upon further discussion.

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education recommend an increase to \$4,000 in the base state aid per pupil; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried on a 7 to 3 vote. Voting "no" were Mr. Gilmore, Dr. Abrams, and Mr. Musick.

Mr. Gragert moved that the Commissioner be directed to create a Task Force to take a proactive position on school funding and revenue resources. His motion died for lack of a second.

KANSAS NEWMAN COLLEGE

Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Teacher Education and Certification, presented the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee.

Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for Kansas Newman College for institutional accreditation with the stipulation that the unit must provide documentation through an annual report indicating that the twenty-four listed weaknesses have been corrected through December 31, 1997, including stipulations that the accreditation on-site visit occur during the fall of 1997, the on-site visit will use current standards and the on-site visit determine accreditation status through December 31, 1999. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and it carried by unanimous vote.

Dr. Abrams moved the program approval recommendations as formulated by the Evaluation Review Committee for Kansas Newman College; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

LEARN AND SERVE AND AMERICORPS

Ms. Pat Kells, director of the Kansas Office for Community Service, presented a mock check for \$407,100 representing 118,000 hours of volunteer service by Kansas students. She introduced Ms. Jackie Feist, a master teacher from Dodge City High School, who explained the nature of the grant programs as recommended by the Governor's Advisory Committee. She and Ms. Kells responded to questions.

ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: State School for the Blind

Mr. Bill Daugherty, superintendent, presented the recommendation involving students who would not appropriately be included in the standard curriculum due to their mental capabilities. Following discussion of the regulation 91-12-32 with Mr. Rod Bieker, General Counsel, Dr. Hosey moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the policy and course requirements at the Kansas State School for the Blind as submitted; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman White called a ten-minute break at 3:35 p.m.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS: KSSD and KSSB

Mr. Gerald Johnson, superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf, presented the fiscal year 1998 preliminary budget summary. With the increase of shrinkage to 10% at A level, the School for the Deaf would have to eliminate 12-14 positions. He reviewed again the budget priorities including funding requirements for enhancement programs and capital improvement requests.

Mr. Bill Daugherty, superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind, presented his review of the fiscal year 1997 budget and the proposed base budget for fiscal year 1998. If KSSB is funded at level A, Mr. Daugherty indicated that personnel would be cut, specifically the services and staff associated with the program for students with severe multiple disabilities. Priorities for the enhanced budget request are: teacher equity pay raise; instructional technology and materials; establish a KSSB technology loan library; and major maintenance increase. State Board members encouraged both superintendents to seek additional funds for teacher salaries in order to achieve parity.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The State Board resumed its discussion of tentative fiscal year 1998 budget recommendations.

School Finance

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend accelerating funding for the last year of correlation weighting so that the third and fourth years are combined into one; seconded by Ms. Morrison, and the motion carried on a 9 to 1 vote. Mr. Gilmore voted "no."

Dr. Hosey moved that the local school boards determine their local option budget up to 15% at which point they must seek voter approval before receiving more than 15%; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried on an 8 to 2 vote, with Mr. Gilmore and Dr. Abrams voting "no."

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend increasing the weighting for at-risk pupils which is currently calculated by multiplying the number of pupils who qualify for free meals under the National School Lunch Program by .05; seconded by Mrs. White, and the motion carried on an 8 to 2 vote with Mr. Gilmore and Dr. Abrams voting "no."

Special Education

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board recommend 90% payment of excess cost for special education student services; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried with 2 "no" votes by Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. McMillon.

Transportation

Dr. Hosey recommended that the State Board include legislation to make it permissive for districts which own buses to charge parents for transportation when it is under 2.5 miles.

Community Colleges

Mrs. Morrison moved that the State Board recommend an increase of \$3 per credit hour for State Aid, and \$4 per credit hour in out-district state aid, with an increase in vocational credit hours to 2 for all institutions. This was agreed by consensus.

Area Vocational-Technical Schools Postsecondary Aid

Dr. Hosey moved that the State Board recommend an increase by 5 percent in postsecondary aid for AVTS; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aid to Area Vocational-Technical Schools for Instructional Equipment

Mrs. McMillon moved that the State Board recommend 2.5 million in state capital outlay funds, and removal of the proviso; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adult Education

Mr. Gilmore recommended a funding level of \$1,200,000 for adult education; seconded by Mrs. White, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Educational Excellence

Mr. Gragert moved that the Educational Excellence grant program be funded at the \$2,000,000 level; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Technology Grants

Mr. Gragert moved that each school district receive a technology grant of \$20 per pupil; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion failed on a 5 to 5 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mr. Rundell, Mr. Musick, Mrs. McMillon, and Mrs. Morrison.

Dr. Abrams moved that each school district receive \$5,000 plus \$7.81 per FTE student in technology assistance; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried with Mr. Gragert voting "no."

Mr. Rundell moved that the revenue for technology be raised by charging 25 cents on video tape rentals and \$25 on microcumputer sales, with amounts collected one year distributed to school districts the following year; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion failed. Supporters of the motion were: Mrs.

Morrison, Mr. Rundell, Dr. Hosey, and Mr. Gragert.

Kansas Heritage Center

Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board recommend \$20,000 in funding for the Kansas Heritage Center; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried.

Cosmosphere and Space Center

After reviewing the recommendations presented by the Cosmosphere, Dr. Hosey moved that program 2 -- expanding teacher in-service opportunities -- be funded at \$50,000; seconded by Mrs. Specht. Mr. Musick moved an amendment to include funding of \$50,000 for program 1 -- school visit discovery program; seconded by Mrs. Specht. The amendment passed with 6 votes. The motion as amended passed with six votes. Those recording their "no" vote were: Dr. Abrams, Mr. Rundell and Mrs. White.

Other Programs

Board members tentatively agreed to fund the Technology and Internship Grants \$200,000. They agreed to support funding for Agriculture in the Classroom and Environmental Education. They agreed to seek supplemental funding to pay membership dues to the Education Commission of the States.

QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION: accreditations

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner of Learning Services, presented the recommendations for full accreditation and conditional accreditation. Mr. Gragert moved that the schools recommended for full accreditation status be approved; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board approve conditional accreditation status for USD 407 Russell County; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Schools granted full accreditation status under Quality Performance Accreditation are: USD 213 West Solomon Valley - Lenora Elementary and Lenora High School; USD 230 Spring Hill - Hilltop Elementary and Spring Hill Middle; USD 248 Girard - R.V. Haderlein Elementary and Girard Middle School; USD 259 Wichita - Southeast High School; USD 262 Valley Center - Abilene Elementary, Wheatland Elementary, West Elementary, Valley Center Junior High and Valley Center High School; USD 328 Lorraine - Dorrance Elementary and Wilson Elementary; USD 332 Cunningham - Cunningham Elementary, Zenda Elementary, and Cunningham High School; USD 340 Jefferson West Elementary and Jefferson West Middle School; USD 343 Perry - Perry Lecompton High School; USD 377 Atchison County Community - Atchison County Community High School; USD 388 Ellis - Washington Elementary and Ellis High School; USD 407 Russell County - Luray-Lucas Elementary, Bickerdyke Elementary, and Lucas-Luray High School; USD 425 Highland - Highland Elementary and Highland High School; USD 432 Victoria - Victoria Elementary and Victoria High School; USD 433 Midway - Midway Elementary, Midway Middle School and Midway High School; USD 437 Auburn

Washburn - Auburn Elementary; USD 441 Sabetha - Sabetha Elementary and Sabetha Middle School; USD 449 Easton - Easton Elementary, Salt Creek Valley Elementary, Pleasant Ridge Middle School and Pleasant Ridge High School; USD 457 Garden City - Alta Brown Elementary, Garfield Elementary, Buffalo Jones Elementary, Gertrude Walker Elementary, Jennie Barker Elementary, Pierceville-Plymell Elementary, and Abe Hubert Middle School; USD 461 Neodesha - North Lawn Elementary; USD 464 Tonganoxie - Tonganoxie Elementary, Tonganoxie Junior High School, and Tonganoxie High School; and USD 497 Lawrence - Cordley Elementary, East Heights Elementary, Woodlawn Elementary, and Wakarusa Valley Elementary.

CERTIFICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Teacher Education and Certification, presented the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee. Mrs. Specht moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee concerning cases: 1467, 1466, 1468, 1471, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1480, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1487 1489, 1469; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

HANDBOOK FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

Mr. Bungert and Mr. Biles, board attorney, responded to questions. Following discussion, Mrs. Morrison moved that the State Board delete from the Handbook for KSBE Evaluation Teams the paragraphs on page 16 beginning with "The definition of diversity" up to "KSBE has adopted"; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried, with "no" votes by Mrs. McMillon and Mrs. White.

Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board also delete from the Handbook the portion of a sentence on page 14 in the last paragraph: "agrees with NCATE's position on diversity"; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried with "no" votes by Mrs. McMillon, Mr. Musick and Mrs. White.

Mr. Musick moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Professional Standards Board to adopt the revised Handbook for KSBE Evaluation Teams as amended by the Board; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

REGULATION 91-1-68c: Teacher Education

Mr. Ken Bungert presented the recommendations from the Evaluation Review Committee and Standards Board. Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board of Education approve submittal of the proposed change in regulation 91-1-68c to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General for approval; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Mr. Ireland, attorney for the Commission, answered questions. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board

of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendations of the Commission regarding cases 95-O-08 and 96-O-01; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Musick moved that the State Board of Education amend its approved action from last month and approve an amount not to exceed \$14,000 for the purchase of a new board table and chairs; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried, with a "no" vote by Mrs. Morrison.

RECESS

Chairman White called a recess for the day at 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

July 10, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the regularly monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE Tenth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Steve Abrams

All members were present:

Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
Bill Musick
Mike Gragert
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Harold Hosey
Mandy Specht
Mildred McMillon
Kathleen White

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman White added agenda items from the previous day which had not been covered, following item 4. These two items are: Report on the Education America Act and Introduction of new staff. Under new business, Mrs. White added the board member reports on NASBE. Mrs. McMillon asked to provide her report on the ECS conference with Dr. Tompkins during his monthly report. Mr. Gragert pulled from the consent agenda item h. on minutes of the State Advisory Council for Special Education. Dr. Abrams pulled: item c. contracts for services at the State School for the Blind; item d. special education waiver requests; and item f. contracts involving the Supported Education in Kansas Systems Change Project. Mr. Gragert moved approval of the agenda as amended;

seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: A Closer Look

Mr. Ferman Marsh, assistant commissioner of Lifelong Learning, introduced Dr. Ted Wischropp, President of Neosho County Community College. He is the current President of the Council of Presidents. Dr. Wischropp introduced the other four community college presidents: Dr. Charles Carlsen, Johnson County Community College; Dr. Pat McAtee, Cowley County Community College; Dr. Jacqueline Vietti, Butler County Community College; and Dr. Mikel Ary, Colby Community College.

Each college president explained the unique programs offered at his/her institution, and responded to questions. Board members mentioned discussions they have had in the Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education. The Chairman asked each president to suggest ways to best improve the postsecondary system. The presidents emphasized that the regional consortia are the best means of achieving a seamless system of education in Kansas, and that in order to work successfully the consortia should be given clear incentives and be made accountable. In conclusion, Dr. Wischropp summarized remarks for the presidents, listing these challenges: 1) funding, especially in the health care fields; 2) governance; 3) communication with the Legislature and public about the positive economic development impact of community colleges; and 4) out-district tuition.

Chairman White called a five-minute break at 10:20 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Mr. Lanny Gaston, Director of Personnel, introduced two new staff members in the agency: Ms. Christina Wenger and Ms. Shelley Herold.

EDUCATE AMERICA ACT: report

Dr. Phyllis Kelly, director, Educate America Act Team, provided an update report. She reviewed the objectives established by the Educate America Act Panel and provided information about the grants that have been funded for local reform and pre-service professional development. All but thirty-seven districts in Kansas are participating. She also explained the nature of recent changes in the federal guidelines. She noted that the acquisition of technology as a "stand alone" initiative with no identifiable link to the local

improvement plan has not been a priority in Kansas. Rather, the Kansas Educate America Act Panel has funded "technology" grants when they are specifically designed to support teaching and learning in an effort to achieve high standards. For example, one district received a grant to develop a computer-assisted project in mathematics and communication skills. Another district is developing assistive technology for students with disabilities in several curricular areas. Dr. Kelly responded to questions.

ACCREDITATION OF AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Mr. Ferman Marsh presented recommendations to accredit four area schools. Mr. Rundell moved that the Liberal Area Vocational Technical School, Northwest Kansas Technical School, Northeast Kansas Area Vocational Technical School, and Kansas City Kansas Area Technical School be accredited by the State Board of Education as state accredited institutions through the 2000-2001 academic year; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE: Area Vocational-Technical Schools

Mr. Marsh presented information and responded to questions. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education approve the fiscal year 1997 tuition and fee schedules for eleven area vocational technical schools/technical colleges: Northeast Kansas AVTS, North Central Kansas Technical College, Southeast Kansas AVTS, Flint Hills Technical College, Northwest Kansas AVTS, Salina AVTS, Kaw ATS, Manhattan Area Technical College, Wichita Area Technical College, Liberal AVS, and Kansas City Kansas AVS; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

GED CREDENTIAL PROCESSING FEE

Mr. Marsh responded to questions. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board approve the request to increase the present General Education Development (GED) credential processing fee from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for the 1997 fiscal year; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOARD RETREAT

Dr. Hosey explained arrangements that have been made. It was agreed that the retreat will begin on August 20 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Emporia. It will

continue on August 21 with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Sauder Alumni Center at Emporia State University, and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. Tentative plans were made to conclude the event with a dinner at the home of Dr. Hosey on August 21.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Dr. Hosey moved approval of the requests for travel as presented; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman White reported on the June 26 meeting of the Kansas Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education. The result of this session is a renewed commitment to continue developing a plan for postsecondary education. Mrs. White reported that the Council asked the Executive Committee to develop a process for continued planning and present it to the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents in the fall. The Executive Committee will meet on July 25 to develop the process. In the meantime, the two Chairmen will send a letter to LEPC explaining developments. Mr. Gragert suggested that the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance have a separate membership from that of the Council. Mr. Gragert also noted that the members of the Council asked LEPC to develop a list of the problems as they see it. The four members of the Council responded to questions.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

Following Mr. Biles' report, Mrs. McMillon moved that the State Board pay Mr. Biles for expenses and services as attorney for the Board; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Among several items in his report, Dr. Andy Tompkins highlighted the Task Force on Qualified Admissions, explaining elements of the new law and the nature of the issues. He also reported on the annual conference of the Education Commission of the States which he attended in July. He discussed in particular the issue of charter schools based on discussions he had at the conference. He responded to questions. Mrs. McMillon, who also attended the ECS conference, added comments about charter schools and other issues she

studied at the July conference. She mentioned the Cooperative Education Symposium with participants from throughout the world who discussed education in their countries. She also reviewed the sessions she attended on technology and on violence.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, responded to questions about item c. on contracts with the State School for the Blind. Mrs. White and Dr. Abrams asked questions about item f. involving contracts for the Systems Change Project. Ms. Kerry Ottlinger, coordinator in Student Support Services, responded to questions.

Mr. Gragert asked questions about item h. concerning minutes of the Advisory Council for Special Education, specifically the portion where the minutes mention the State Board's policy on least restrictive environment. Dr. Freden responded to questions and recommended that the State Board provide regular feedback to the Council. Mr. Gragert indicated that he is not interested in revising the policy on least restrictive environment. Mrs. White asked Dr. Freden to ascertain why the Council believes the policy needs revision.

Mr. Gragert moved approval of the entire Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried.

ITEMS APPROVED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved the construction plans for: Lawrence USD 497 (three), Jefferson County North USD 339, Buhler USD 313, Ellsworth USD 327, Ulysses USD 214, Hill City USD 281, Valley Center USD 262, Maize USD 266, Atchison County Community Schools USD 377, Concordia USD 333, Goessel USD 411, Buhler USD 313, Hutchinson USD 308, MidAmerica Nazarene College, Jefferson County North USD 339, Colby Community College, Seward County Community College, Stanton County Schools USD 452, Barber County North USD 254, St. John-Hudson USD 350, Waconda USD 272, Lyndon USD 421, Tonganoxie USD 464, Minneola USD 219, Nemeha Valley USD 442, Goodland USD 352, Central Heights USD 288, and Belleville USD 427.
- Approved the special education waiver requests from: Southeast Kansas Special Education Cooperative (USD 250), ANW Special Education Cooperative (INT

- 603), the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative (INT 607), and the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (INT 609).
- Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation request from Wheatland USD 292.
- Received the January 24 and June 12 minutes of the State Advisory Council for Special Education.
- Approved the Ed-Flex waivers for Kansas City USD 500 and Leavenworth USD 453.
- Approved for funding the 1996-97 year two and year three local reform and preservice/professional development subgrants in the Educate America Act program.
- Approved the inservice education plans from Valley Center USD 262, Ellsworth USD 327, McLouth USD 342, Seaman USD 345, Hiawatha USD 415, Louisburg USD 416, Midway USD 433, Sabetha USD 441, Baileyville-St. Benedict USD 451, Basehor-Linwood USD 458 and Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center Interlocal 602.
- Approved the application by Olathe USD 233 for an exemplary or innovative program under S.B.R. 91-31-4.
- Approved for funding the additional programs recommended by the Educational Excellence Grant Selection Committee for 1996-97: Wamego USD 320, Ft. Hays EDC USD 633, Paola USD 368 and partial funding for Kaw Valley Regional Inservice USD 497; in addition, the request from Pittsburg USD 250 will be fully funded.
- Issued certificates of approval to the proprietary schools: Kansas Association of Realtors (Topeka), Tender Touch Dog and Cat Grooming School (Overland Park), DeVry Institute of Technology (Irving, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Phoenix, Arizona), New Horizons Computer Learning Center (Overland Park), Letizia's School of Dress Design (Wichita), Universal Technical Institute (Houston), and the Topeka Institute of Real Estate (Topeka).
- Issued a 1996 license to the High Plains Driving School, Inc. in Garden City.
- Approved the grant awards for Adult Education for fiscal year 1997 for: Allen County Community College, Barton County Community College, Butler County Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Colby Community College, Cowley County Community College, Dodge City Community College, Fort Scott Community College, Garden City Community College, Highland Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Independence Community College, Johnson County Community College, Kansas City Kansas Community College,

Labette Community College, Neosho Community College, Pratt Community College, Seward County Community College, Emporia, Junction City, Lawrence, Manhattan, Newton, Osawatomie, Paola, Pittsburg, Salina, St. Mary Outfront, Topeka, Wichita, Let's Help, Wichita Indochinese Center, and Osborne/Cloud County.

- Approved grants for the Kansas Technology and Internship program for teachers in: Kaw Area Technical School, North Central Kansas Technical College, Pratt Community College/Area Vocational School, and the Southeast Kansas Area Vocational Technical School (four).
- Approved the request for expansion of the Automotive Mechanics and Technician Program at Kaw Area Technical School.
- Received the June 4 minutes of the Kansas Council on Vocational Education.
- Received the preliminary review of fiscal year 1997 State Administrative Expense (SAE) Plan for Child Nutrition Programs.
- Issued an order granting the application of Remington USD 206 in Butler County, authorizing it to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved:

The Commissioner was authorized to negotiate and enter into contract:

- with Families Together, Inc. to provide the management and coordination of training and identification of persons for appointment as education advocates for children who are disabled/handicapped, with the contract amount not to exceed \$55,300;
- with Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center to provide services in the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed \$5,800;
- with Northeast Kansas Education Service Center to provide services in the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed \$42,454;
- with the Lawrence Public Schools to provide services in the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed \$15,000;
- with Keys for Networking to provide services in the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed \$25,920;

• with North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative (USD 325) to provide services in the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed \$7,550.

The Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind was authorized to negotiate and enter into contract with:

- USD 500 for psychological services;
- Dr. Donald Robinson for speech pathology;
- Dr. Antone Vierthaler for dental services
- Providence Medical Center for occupational and physical therapy;
- Dr. Joseph Maino for low vision consultation;
- Associates in Ophthalmology for eye care services;
- Kaw Valley Center for counseling services
- Accessible Arts, Inc. for services in the arts;
- Deaf Expressions, Inc. for interpreter services;
- Northeast Kansas Educational Service Center for membership in Kansas Teaching Consortium;
- Priscilla Wallingford, RN for rehabilitative nursing services.

KSSB was authorized to receive payment for services from these entities:

- Liberty Missouri School District for extended school year;
- Blue Springs, Missouri School District for educational services and extended school year;
- Kansas State School for the Deaf for shared technology support.

KSSB was authorized to exchange services with:

- Accessible Arts, Inc. for instruction, arts services and facilities;
- University of Missouri Kansas City for free preventative and minor dental services.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. Governmental Affairs Committee: National Association of State Boards of Education

Dr. Steve Abrams reported on the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) June meeting. He reported on the status of the Workforce Development and Careers Act and the proposed reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act. He also reported that GAC will develop a questionnaire for state boards to use at their discretion during the election, and he reported that the GAC recommends a resolution to keep the Department of Education as a cabinet-level position.

B. Governance Study Committee: NASBE

Mr. Kevin Gilmore, committee member, reported on the final meeting of his study group. In particular, he noted that the committee believes the optimal system has the Chief State School Officer report directly to the State Board, as is the case in Kansas. The committee's report will be released at the NASBE annual meeting in October.

Chairman White called a three-minute break at 12:17 p.m.

C. NASBE Topical Conference and study group on finance

Mrs. Wanda Morrison reported on the June conference which had as its subject: State Content Standards for Student Achievement. She reported that forty-nine states are involved with the development and refinement of standards. She noted that Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Teacher Education and Certification at the Kansas Board, presented during a session on aligning standards for students with standards for teacher licensure. In conclusion, Mrs. Morrison mentioned the report issued by the American Federation of Teachers on standards. As a member of the committee, Mrs. Morrison also reported on the first meeting of the study group on school finance.

D. NASBE Topical Conference and Resolutions Committee

Mrs. Kathleen White reported that she had gathered materials at the topical conference from various states on the subject of standards. She also reported briefly on the Resolutions Committee, of which she is a member. In conclusion, she reported that the dates of the Governor's Education Summit in Kansas have been changed to November 18-20.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.