

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes**

April 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chairman Shaver, Vice Chairman Cauble called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 2:00 p.m., April 10, 2013. The meeting was held by conference call and was also video streamed. The call originated from the Board Room in the Education Building at 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Staff present were Commissioner DeBacker, Deputy Commissioner Neuenswander, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, Scott Myers, Jessica Noble, KSDE education consultant for virtual and charter schools, the Board Secretary, and Director of Communications and Recognition Programs, Kathy Toelkes. One member of the public was also present. Vice Chairman Cauble asked to secretary to call the roll. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson was also present by phone. (00:00:10)

ROLL CALL

Carolyn L. Wims-Campbell was present in the Board Room. Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Steve Roberts, and Janet Waugh were present by phone. (00:00:23)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Mrs. Horst, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried 7-0, with Willard, Bacon and Shaver absent. **MOTION** (00:02:52)

ACT ON CHARTER PETITION FOR MOUNT HOPE CHARTER SCHOOL, USD 312, HAVEN

After briefly reviewing the materials with which Board members had been provided, Commissioner DeBacker introduced Jessica Noble. Ms. Noble updated the Board on activity on the charter school petition since the March Board meeting when she had been directed to work with USD 312 on its charter school application in order to help improve its score which at that time did not meet the minimum requirement of 141 of 188 points, or 75%. She reported that she had shared the scoring rubrics from the three reviewers and provided the district with suggestions from her on areas that needed improvement and seemed most likely to raise their score. She then submitted the charter school petition to the three reviewers again. After the second review the score had only increased to 134, still not high enough for staff to recommend approval. She reported that the areas which were still deficient included a clear purpose, measurable goals, the population the school was intended serve and the need for a charter school. (00:03:19) **MOTION** (00:06:52)

Vice Chairman Cauble asked for a motion so that the Board could proceed with discussion and questions. Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved that the State Board of Education not approve the charter school petition from USD 312, Haven, for the Mount Hope Charter School. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion.

Mrs. Busch had questions about the budget and a discussion followed, particularly about the planning year. Ms. Noble said she had also questioned whether a budget was needed for that section, because the superintendent of USD 312 had indicated that this year, 2012-2013 was the planning year. Ms. Nobel reported she pulled out the planning year budget points from the total required on the application and the points that section had received during the review to see if it would make a difference in the total points the district received. She indicated it did not provide the necessary adjusted points to reach 75%.

Also discussed were the options the district had if the application was not approved. The question of whether a charter school was needed was brought up and had also been mentioned by the reviewers. Ms. Noble reported that she had informed Superintendent Call that there was no reason the school could not proceed as outlined in the petition without charter school status.

The motion carried 7-0. Vice Chairman Cauble requested that when Ms. Noble notifies Superintendent Call about the Board's vote, that she also let him know that there was no need for charter school status based on what was included in the application, and that he also be informed of the options for the district to reapply in the 2013-2014 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

(00:17:12)

MOTION

There being no further business, Mrs. Horst moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second from Mrs. Busch and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Sally Cauble, Vice Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary