

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Waugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, 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	Iris Van Meter
John Bacon	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Connie Morris	Ken Willard
Carol Rupe	Bruce Wyatt

The Board stood for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Appointment of a temporary secretary was added to the agenda as item 3 a.?? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the agenda be approved as amended.? The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that Penny Rice be appointed as temporary Board Secretary until Penny Plamann returns.? The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble asked to speak as a point of personal privilege and was allowed to do so by the Chair.? Mrs. Gamble reported that Horizon Academy, a private school in Johnson County, which had artwork by one of its students displayed in the Board Room, was committed to helping students with disabilities transition back into the public school system.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Waugh asked for approval of the minutes of the May meeting.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Van Meter, that the minutes be approved as submitted.? The motion carried.?

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Dr. Tompkins reviewed highlights of his written report.? He reported that staff will be working with all districts in developing their local consolidated plans to receive federal funds for the coming year and using a new computerized application.? He also updated the Board on activities to be conducted as a part of the Reading First grant, including training K-2 teachers, literacy coaches, and principals. He reported that a recommendation will be developed in cooperation with the field, on what to do about a second grade reading diagnostic beginning in 2005-06, since, beginning that year, a statewide assessment will be required at third grade.? Dr. Tompkins also reported that results of a self-assessment under IDEA continuous improvement monitoring (CIM) pointed out two areas that should be better addressed.? In the area of early childhood there was a need to provide more preschool programs opportunities for disabled students to be placed with their non-disabled peers.? Additionally, the need to strengthen transition programs for secondary students with disabilities into the work world was highlighted.

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REPORT FROM THE BOARD ELECTRONIC AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. Abrams reported that the subcommittee, composed of Mrs. Gamble, Mr. Willard, and himself, studying the possibility of moving the Board to a paperless, electronic agenda had met several times and had developed the recommendation that the Board begin a six-month trial of an electronic format beginning in August or September. He noted that during the six-month period Board members would have access to both a paper and electronic version of meeting materials. At the end of the trial period, the Board would evaluate the system and make a final decision. He asked Stefan Miller, the Department of Education staff member who had been working with the subcommittee, to give a brief demonstration of what the electronic materials would look like. Mr. Miller indicated that Board members would be able to either download the materials from the agency portal or have them sent to them on a disk. In the discussion that followed, concern was expressed about the media being able to view Board members' personal notes on laptop screens and the suggestion was made that the Board consider limiting media access in the Board Room to certain areas. Mrs. Van Meter expressed concern about the cost and Dr. Abrams reported he had been told that the \$20,000 initial cost should not pose a problem for the Department. A decision on the recommendation was scheduled for the following morning.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Waugh opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:30 a.m. Those addressing the Board were: Jim Markos, Augusta, representing USD 402; Chuck Korte, Augusta; John Strickler, Manhattan, and Sheila Frahm, Colby, representing the Kansas Natural Resources Legacy Alliance; Marilyn Kimbrell, McPherson, representing McPherson College; Bill Neuenswander, Baldwin City, representing Baker University; Sister Francis Juiliano, Leavenworth, representing the University of St. Mary; Steve Scott, Pittsburg, representing Pittsburg State University and the Professional Standards Board; Donna Bagley, Hillsboro, representing Tabor College; Phillip Bennett, Emporia, representing Emporia State University; Michael Perl, Manhattan, representing the Kansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Janice Wissman, Manhattan, representing Kansas State University College of Education; Eliese Holt and Robert Albers, Towanda, representing USD 375; Brad King, Olathe, representing MidAmerica Nazarene University; Lori Miller and Jon Engelhardt, Wichita, representing Wichita State University College of Education; Marlysue Holmquist, Lindsborg, representing Bethany College; and Angela Lumpkin, Lawrence, representing the University of Kansas. Chairman Waugh declared the open forum closed at 11:17 a.m.

The Board took a break until 11:29 a.m.

ACT ON NEW APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Martha Gage shared corrections to the information sent to the Board about Board member districts in which nominees for the Professional Standards Board and the Certification Review Committee resided.

Professional Standards Board

Board members discussed the lack of nominations for two positions that had been vacant on the Professional Standards Board: Administrator, Area Vocational or Area Vocational-Technical Schools, and Teacher, Area Vocational or Area Vocational-Technical Schools. Dr. Gage indicated that the Kansas Association of Career and Technical Education had been contacted for recommendations, but had not provided any. Dr. Abrams suggested that the Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical College in Goodland be contacted for nominations. Mrs. Gamble moved that the Board appoint Sue Givens to serve on the Professional Standards Board as a representative of building level public school administrators at the middle level; Scott Cinnamon as a representative of elementary teachers; and Connie Foster as a representative of special education teachers, with the three-year terms of office to run from July 1, 2004 to June 30,

2007; and, further, that the Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical College be contacted for nominations to the other vacant positions.? Mrs. Morris expressed concern over the lack of representation

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from her western Kansas district and, therefore, would not be voting in favor of the motion.? She suggested that the search for nominees be broadened to other organizations and offered her assistance in the effort.? Mrs. Morris also requested a history of nominations and memberships of the committees over the past ten years to see how long it had been since there was western Kansas representation.? A vote on the motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Morris voting ?no?.

Professional Practices Commission

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the Board appoint Paul Gronquist to serve on the Professional Practices Commission as a representative of classroom teachers for a three-year term from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

Licensure Review Committee

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that the Board appoint Tonya Henning to serve on the Licensure Review Committee as a representative of special education teachers to fill an unexpired term to run through June 30, 2006 and appoint David Howard to serve on the Licensure Review Committee as a representative of building level administrators, and Marlysue Holmquist as a representative of a chair of an education department at an institution of higher education for three-year terms, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007.?? Mrs. Morris asked that it be reflected in the minutes that she would not be voting in favor of the motion because of the lack of representation from western Kansas on the Licensure Review Committee.? Responding to Mrs. Morris, Chairman Waugh noted that there were no representatives from her district, either.? The motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Morris voting ?no?.

Special Education Advisory Council

Zo Ann Torrey, Team Leader of Student Support Services, explained the state and federal requirements that a majority of the members of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) be individuals with a disability or the parents of children with disabilities.? Of the seven appointments for Board consideration, she pointed out three would have to meet the majority requirements.? Mrs. Torrey reported that several nominees did not meet the requirements of the position for which they had been nominated, but were included to honor the paper work that had been completed and sent in.? Mrs. Torrey also noted that there were four Board districts, 3, 6, 8 and 10, not currently represented on the Council.? Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that Pat Sumner be nominated and elected to SEAC representing Public charter schools.? The motion carried.? Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that Bob Maile, be nominated and elected to SEAC representing State education officials.? The motion carried.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that Shirley Armentrout, be nominated and elected to SEAC representing Private schools.? The motion carried.? Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that Josie Torrez, be nominated and elected to SEAC representing Vocational, community or business organizations concerned with provision of transition service.? The motion carried.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that Briant Lewis, be nominated and elected to SEAC representing Parents with a child with a disability.? The motion carried.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Van Meter, that Neil Guthrie, be nominated and elected to SEAC representing Local education officials.? The motion carried.? Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that Krista Cowger, be nominated and elected to SEAC representing Other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children.? The motion carried.? All were elected to three-year terms to run from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007

HISTORY/GOVERNMENT CURRICULUM STANDARDS

Assistant Commissioner Pochowski introduced Jennie Chinn and Linda Carlton, co-chairs of the history/government curriculum standards writing committee.? She also introduced Kim Rasmussen, Department staff member assigned to

work with the committee.? They passed out a summary of how the committee had addressed additional feedback that had been received from the field and from the external

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reviewers.? Most comments were accommodated, but the committee stood by its decision to include historical thinking skills in the early grades, they reported, noting that the history/government standards paralleled the reading standards.? They also reported that the scope and sequence reflected the majority of the districts in the state and had not changed since the last version of the standards.? Because of that, the committee felt it was unable to accommodate concerns received from some districts that had a different alignment.? Mrs. Chinn reported that the committee had heard consistently from the field the desire for the State Board to endorse the need for content-based inservice training based on the standards.

Mrs. Rupe asked if the personal finance standards were incorporated in the standards at every grade level, noting that some fit well with the early grade indicators that deal with self, family and community.? Mrs. Chinn responded that she would review the standards for personal finance indicators and see that they are marked.

Dr. Abrams offered alternative language for the Civics-Government standard.? Questions and discussion followed, including a discussion of the difference between civic and moral values.? Dr. Abrmas mentioned the need for a glossary or definitions page.? Because of a shortage of time, Chairman Waugh proposed that the Board recess for lunch, hold the public hearing at 1:30 p.m., after which they would return to the discussion of the History/Government standards.?

The Board recessed at 12:17 for lunch and returned at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION AND PROGRAM APPROVAL REGULATIONS

Chairman Waugh opened the public hearing on proposed institutional accreditation and program approval regulations 91-1-230, 91-1-231, 91-1-232, 91-1-235 and 91-1-236 at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Martha Gage, Director of Teacher Education and Licensure, appeared in support of the regulations and handed out a new page 4 of K.A.R. 91-1-236, with changes necessary for clarity and to maintain consistency throughout the regulations. Also presenting comments to the Board on the regulations were Peg Dunlap, Topeka, representing KNEA, and Marilyn Kimbrall, McPherson, representing McPherson College. Chairman Waugh declared the public hearing closed at 1:36 p.m.

HISTORY/GOVERNMENT CURRICULUM STANDARDS (*continued*)

The Board returned to its discussion of the History/Government curriculum standards.? Mr. Wyatt asked Dr. Abrams for a further explanation of the changes he had proposed.? Dr. Abrams responded that his suggestions were intended to clarify the wording and to mention specifically the need for an understanding of Kansas governmental systems because in Kansas it was important to discuss Kansas issues and problems. It was also important to focus on U.S. government, he noted.? Dr. Abrams further stated that it was also intended to clarify civic responsibility in the democratic process and to convey to teachers the responsibilities of being U.S. citizens.?? Discussion followed about the merits of the proposed changes how best to proceed.? Mr. Wyatt mentioned that he would like for the Board to see the changes in writing in order to ensure that everyone was clear on what was being changed and what impact proposed changes might have on other parts of the standards document.? Dr. Wagon added that the standards writing committee should have an opportunity to look at and respond to any changes being suggested.?

Dr. Wagon also complimented the committee for its insistence that historical thinking skills be retained in the standards at the earlier grade levels.? He stated that the standards would have an impact not only on students in class, but on teacher training as institutions align college program content with the Kansas standards.?

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Mrs. Morris also proposed several changes to be included in with the recommendation made earlier by Dr. Abrams. Mrs. Chinn was also asked why no indicators were provided for some benchmarks.? She explained that the committee looked at the standards by discipline and grade level and how much a teacher could be expected to teach at each grade level.? Dr. Tompkins further explained that the standards, benchmarks and indicators are grade by grade. After discussing the issue, Dr. Abrams suggested that the phrase "This benchmark will be taught at another grade level" be added where no indicators are provided, though there were some Board members who felt that all benchmarks needed to be addressed at every grade level. It was agreed that a summary of Board comments and recommendations would be prepared and sent to the committee to review and that copies of the summary would also be given to Board members. Several additional changes in the document were discussed and Mrs. Chinn and Mrs. Rasmussen answered questions about the availability of textbooks that cover the scope and sequence of the standards.? It was agreed that the committee would prepare a response to the Board's recommendations and come back to the Board with it in July.

The Board took a break at 3:02 and returned at 3:16 p.m.

It was agreed to postpone the report on the Integrated Student Information System.? There was also discussion about moving the discussion of competency-based education and the plans for providing technical assistance to schools on improvement.? Mr. Bacon asked that consideration be given to moving the executive session to Wednesday if it appeared the meeting would run past 4:30.? He indicated that Mr. Wyatt, Dr. Wagnon and he would have to leave by 4:30 or 4:45 p.m.

NCATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Dr. Gage indicated that it was time for renewal of the Kansas/NCATE partnership agreement.?? She corrected a long-held assumption that had been included in the information provided to the Board.? She reported that it was not a requirement of the Kansas Board of Regents that all Regents institutions have NCATE accreditation.? She noted that sixteen Kansas institutions were currently NCATE accredited, four institutions are candidates for NCATE accreditation with visits scheduled, and the remaining two institutions have expressed interest in having NCATE accreditation.? She reiterated that the benefits to institutions of a Kansas/NCATE partnership included institutions being able to write one institutional report that goes to both KSDE and NCATE and a joint Kansas and NCATE team accreditation visit.? She also noted, that two separate accreditation decisions are made, one by the Kansas team and one by NCATE.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the Board approve renewal of the Kansas/NCATE partnership agreement.?? Mr. Bacon stated that it appeared that by adopting NCATE standards the Board was delegating its control over the accreditation of teacher preparation institutions to another organization.? Dr. Gage pointed out that the Board had already adopted the NCATE standards which were professional education standards and that the request to renew the partnership agreement dealt with the process that would allow institutions that desired NCATE accreditation to have joint accreditation visits. She also pointed out that Kansas had developed its own content standards that were also part of the Kansas accreditation process.? Several questions arose in the discussion that followed about other national accrediting bodies, particularly TEAC.? Dr. Gage explained some of the differences between NCATE and TEAC and indicated she would bring additional information to the Board in July about TEAC if the Board desired.? Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mrs. Morris, offered an amendment to the motion to have staff investigate the pros and cons of the processes and procedures for partnering with TEAC and report the findings to the Board.? Dr. Wagnon expressed concern about giving additional assignments to the Teacher Education Accreditation and Licensure team when it was under the pressure to meet the deadlines imposed by NCLB on the determination of highly qualified teachers.? Mrs. Gamble expressed willingness to have the proposal addressed as a future agenda item, but preferred that it not be included with the motion to approve the NCATE partnership.? Further discussion followed about whether Kansas

should be in partnership with NCATE and/or other national accrediting groups.? Support for

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adding the amendment to the original motion was mixed and Dr. Abrams withdrew the motion and Mrs. Morris withdrew her second.? A vote on the motion carried 8-2, with Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Morris voting ?no??.? Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, to direct staff to investigate the pros and cons of the processes and procedures for partnering with TEAC and report the findings to the Board.? The motion carried unanimously.

PETITION TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM USD 375 TO USD 402

Kevin Ireland, Department Attorney, reviewed his Hearing Officer?s report regarding the petition by USD ?402, Augusta, Butler County, for a transfer of territory from USD 375, Circle, Butler County.? He explained the facts of the request and described the transfer area requested.? Discussion followed and Mr. Ireland answered questions, including several questions about the Board guidelines concerning transfer of territory issues.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the Board adopt the report of the hearing officer and deny the petition to transfer territory from USD 375 to USD 402.

The motion failed on a vote of 5-3-1, with Mrs. Van Meter abstaining and Mr. Bacon absent, having left before the end of the discussion.? Those voting ?no? were Dr. Wagon, Dr. Abrams, and Mr. Willard.? Members then suggested that the districts engage in mediation.? Mediation had not been mandated because the matter was initiated before the state law requiring it was in effect.? At the Board?s request, Mr. Ireland indicated he would ask the districts to consider mediation.

Dr. Wagon left at 4:25 p.m.

UPDATE ON QPA PILOT SCHOOLS

Carol Dermeyer presented an update on the 160 schools which participated in a pilot of the revised QPA Regulations during the 2003-2004 school year. A goal of the Department was to ensure that the new QPA system is integrated across all areas of the Learning Services Division and addresses QPA, NCLB, and Continuous Improvement Monitoring (CIM) required by IDEA.? Mrs. Dermeyer reported that through the year the Department received evaluation information and input from the pilot schools that also helped draft the guidance document for use by pilot schools and recommended resources and support documents to help in the process.? Many of the pilot schools wanted a sample school improvement plan that integrated QPA, a Title I improvement plan, and other requirements such as CIM, and that the technical assistance teams in the Department developed one for schools to use.? The Department teams also revised the QPA annual reporting process.? Positive comments received from the schools included appreciation for the information that was made readily available to them on the website and through ongoing listserv communications.? Meetings and opportunities to discuss and provide feedback on the guidance for the process also received favorable reviews.? Schools also liked the hands-off approach used by the Department that allowed them to continue to do many of the things they had started that were working.? Mrs. Dermeyer reviewed the implementation status of the quality criteria by the pilot schools.? An area of concern for many schools, particularly in rural areas, was the requirement that 100% of the core teachers be fully certified and 95% of all other teachers be fully certified.? Regarding information on graduation rates, Board members suggested that when reported again, it would be helpful to have the information on high schools separated out.?? Concerns identified by the pilot schools included the requirement for local assessments, program and services accessibility for high schools in rural areas, additional state assessment targets beyond reading and math, and the Regents requirement for three credits of math at the high school level.? Also cited was a concern about the requirement for libraries or library services in a period when many schools were having to deal with significant budget cuts.? Mrs. Dermeyer reviewed pilot school plans for the 2004-2005 school year, indicating that 97 additional schools would be added. Challenges for the future included the development of a system for tracking schools on improvement under the different requirements of NCLB and QPA; integration of school improvement plans for all the improvement processes; developing training for members of external technical assistance teams and state technical assistance teams;

executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel be added as item 5 a., immediately following Board Reports.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the Board approve the agenda as amended.?? The motion carried.

Dr. Tompkins handed out a summary of recommended changes to the History/Government standards made by Board members on Tuesday.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairman

Chairman Waugh reported on several graduations she had attended recently.

Action on Recommendations of the Board Electronic Agenda Subcommittee

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State proceed with the recommendations of the Board electronic agenda subcommittee.? Mrs. Gamble asked for the specifications for the computers that would be purchased for those Board members who would like to purchase a computer themselves. Carol Rupe indicated she would vote against the motion because she was concerned that having a laptop in front of every Board member during meetings would be a distraction and stifle conversation among members.? Mrs. Waugh indicated that she, too, would not be voting in favor of the motion because of her lack of technical expertise and her concern that she would not become competent within the time period of the trial run.? She also stated her desire to continue to have a paper copy of the agenda.? Mr. Wyatt stated that he would be happy for those who desired an electronic agenda to proceed, but was not in favor of having only an electronic option after the six-month trial.? Whether the six-month limit on a having a dual electronic/paper system should be removed was discussed and Mr. Willard suggested that members move ahead with the proposal and reevaluate it at the end of six months and extend it if necessary.? Dr. Abrams called for the question to be voted on.? The call for the question passed 6-4, with Mrs. Van Meter, Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Wyatt voting ?no??.? The vote on the motion to proceed with the proposal carried 6-4, with Mrs. Van Meter, Carol Rupe, Mrs. Waugh, and Mr. Wyatt voting ?no?.

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Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Wyatt expressed the hope that there will be a new attitude and new approach to education funding in the coming year.? He urged Board members to consider what is really needed for the FY 2006 budget and work on informing the legislature.

Board Attorney

Mr. Biles discussed the negative effect on bond purchases resulting from District Judge Bullock?s final order in the school finance case.? He indicated that Judge Bullock had modified his order so it would not affect existing or future bond orders.? He also updated the Board on the appeals in the school finance case, noting that a remedies order had been filed by the State and he would be filing one on behalf of the Board on June 10th.? Mr. Biles reported that there had been several applications for amicus curiae briefs filed with the Supreme Court.? He also indicated that oral arguments would be scheduled for the week of August 30th.? Mr. Biles reported that the KSSD employment law training required by the agreement in the Donahue v. State Board case had occurred May 28th and the matter was fully resolved.?? Mr. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that Mr. Biles? fees for services and expenses for May be paid as presented.? The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Morris reported on an article she had read that rated the Lawrence, Kansas schools the second highest in the country.? Dr. Wagnon reported that Leonard Pitts would give the opening address for activities under a Teach American

History grant at 7:00 p.m. on June 28th in the Washburn Student Union.? He also discussed the changes to the History/ Government standards proposed by Dr. Abrams, stating his belief that governmental systems needed to be put in a global context and not limited to the United States and Kansas.?

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Willard asked for a presentation by Attorney General Kline on the Net-Safe program developed to provide internet protection.? The August meeting was suggested as a possibility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the Board recess into Executive Session for a period of 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel are not violated, and that the open meeting of the Board resume in the Board Room at 10:20 a. m.? The motion carried.? At 10:20 the open meeting resumed and the Board took a break until 10:25 a.m.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon that the executive session be extended for 20 minutes and that the open meeting resume at 10:45 a.m.? The motion carried 8-0, with Dr. Abrams and Mr. Bacon temporarily absent.? The open meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that the executive session be extended an additional 20 minutes and that the open meeting resume at 11:05 a.m.? The motion carried.? The open meeting resumed at 11:05 a.m.?

?Because the meeting was running late, Chairman Waugh indicated that the report on plans for providing technical assistance to schools on improvement would be moved to the end of the meeting, if time allowed.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION AND PROGRAM APPROVAL REGULATIONS

Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the State Board approve institutional accreditation and program approval regulations 91-1-230, 91-1-231, 91-1-232, 91-1-235 and 91-1-236, and revoke current regulations 91-1-68a through 91-1-68e.? The motion carried on roll call vote as follows:

Iris Van Meter ? ?yes?	Bill Wagon ? ?yes?	Bruce Wyatt ? ?yes?	Connie Morris ? ?yes?
Steve Abrams ? ?yes?	Sue Gamble ? ?yes?	John Bacon ? ?yes?	
Carol Rupe ? ?yes?	Janet Waugh ? ?yes?	Ken Willard ? ?yes?	

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STATE BOARD 2003-04 STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES PROGRESS REPORT

To help set the stage for the Board?s preliminary discussion of the budget, Commissioner Tompkins reviewed progress during 2003-2004 on the Board?s Strategic Goals and Objectives.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis briefly reviewed the approved FY 2005 budget.? He also handed out a summary of education-related issues that passed during the 2004 session and reviewed a number of bills of interest.? He also briefly reviewed suggested enhancements the Board might want to address in its FY 2006 budget recommendation, as well as the background information on enhancements that had been mailed to Board members prior to the meeting in a notebook.?? Dr. Wagon requested information on the total amount of school spending.? He indicated he appreciated the information Mr. Dennis had provided, but stated he didn?t feel it provided a picture of what is needed and asked how the Department could help with the problem.? Mr. Dennis suggested that the Board could go back to basics in the school finance court case and try to comply with the deficiencies outlined by the judge.? Dr. Abrams stated that perhaps it was time for the Board to have a discussion of what constitutes a suitable education and then look at the cost of providing it.? Because of the short time available to the Board to develop budget recommendations, Mrs. Gamble expressed her hope that Board members would study the information that had been provided and then prioritize the areas they wished to address.? There was a consensus to rank the items included on the FY 2006 Enhancement Budget Recommendations on a scale of 1-10 with 1 being the highest priority and 10 the lowest.? The worksheet would be submitted to the Board

Secretary by June 18th for tabulation and would be included with the July meeting materials.

Carol Rupe left at 12:15 p.m.

Discretionary Grants

Mrs. Morris asked if there would be an opportunity to review the Kansas History materials developed by the State Historical Society before they were printed.? Mr. Dennis indicated that arrangements could be made for her to visit the History Museum and look at them sometime when she?s in Topeka.? Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board approve the following discretionary grants for FY 2005: \$35,000 to the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education; \$35,000 to Communities in Schools of Kansas; \$10,000 to support Kansas Teacher of the Year and Kansas Horizon Award activities; and \$50,000 to the State Historical Society to develop Kansas history teaching materials that are aligned with the state?s History/Government curricular standards.? The motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Dennis handed out a supplement to a preliminary summary of legislation prepared by Legislative Research and a booklet, *?Fiscal Focus?* prepared by Kansas Action of Children.? He also handed out a summary of State General Fund receipts through May of FY 2004, and a schedule for district budget workshops.?

Dr. Wagnon again brought up examining the funding needs of local districts and requested that staff prepare language for a motion for him to make about considering the needs of all local districts in the development of the Board?s budget recommendation.? Mr. Wyatt said he hoped that the Board?s budget process was, in fact, building a budget based on what districts need.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board approve the consent agenda, with the exception of items 8 c., salary increases for unclassified staff for FY 2005, 8 g., 2005 NASBE and ELC membership dues, and 8 r., funding for 2004-05 4-Year-Old At-Risk grants, which would be voted on separately.? The motion carried 9-0.

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In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- ? Received the monthly personnel report.
- ? Confirmed the appointments of individuals to unclassified temporary positions and establish their annualized salaries effective June 6, 2004, as recommended by the Commissioner: Kathryn Childress, Joyce Kemnitz, Tami Meiners, Connie Van, Melissa Fahrenbruch, Jana Craig, Melinda Stanley, Jonathan Loppnow, Lori Chapman, Scott Cottrell, Michelle Pyle, Dennis Sampson, Larry Wheelles, Brian Devlin, Linda Dunn, Edward Gardiner, Canda Engheta-Mueller, Sherry Michael, Scott Smith, Janice Mulroy, Stacey Farrar, Ron Folk, Shelby Hoytal, Cheryl Krenning,? Judy Lake, Zona Clennan, Mark MacBeth, Charlotte Bogner, Dee Lewis, Darrel Lang, Justin Shinkle, Brook Green, Jeffrey Cook, Theda Gabehart, Lavonna Cook, and Gordon Wiebe.
- ? Approved school construction plans for USD 259, Wichita (4); USD 248, Girard; USD 233, Olathe; USD 417, Morris County; USD 323, Rock Creek; USD 420, Osage City; USD 503, Parsons; USD 266, Maize; USD 286, Chautauqua County Community Schools; and USD 437, Auburn-Washburn.
- ? Approved the renewal of the Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas (ESSDACK) Interlocal Agreement.

? Approved accredited status for the following schools: USD 229 Cottonwood Point Elementary; USD 235 West Bourbon Elementary and Uniontown High School; USD 243 Lebo High School and Waverly High School; USD 252 Hartford High, Neosho Rapids K-8, Olpe Elementary, and Olpe Jr/Sr High School; USD 253 Emporia Middle School; USD 259 Coleman Middle School, Kelly Liberal Arts, Kensler Elementary, L'Ouverture Computer Technology, and Robinson Middle School; USD 260 Derby Middle School; USD 266 Vermillion Primary K-1; USD 269 Damar Jr. High and Palco Elementary School; USD 338 Valley Falls High School; USD 393 Solomon Elementary and Solomon High School; USD 440 Bentley Primary; USD 454 Burlingame Jr/Sr High; USD 459 Bucklin Elementary and Bucklin High School; USD 500 M E Pearson Elementary; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Elementary; and St. Joseph Catholic Z0031.

? Approved a waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-16 (a) and 91-31-24 for Lawrence High School, USD 497, to extend its cycle by one-year and conduct the accreditation on-site visit before June 30, 2005.

? Approved a waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-18 (c) for Mankato Schools, USD 278, to allow it to target for improvement the two academic areas of mathematics and reading in Cycle III of state accreditation.

? Approved a waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-24 for Burlingame Elementary School, USD 454, to allow it to select an external assistance team in lieu of an on-site team and to meet with that team before Fall, 2004, rather than conducting a first on-site visit.

? Approved the inservice plans for USD 215 Lakin, USD 229 Blue Valley, SEKESC Consortium, and Salina Diocese Catholic Schools.

? Accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for: ? Approved with Stipulation? status for Bethany College's program for Professional Education through December 31, 2005; "Approved" status for the rest of Bethany College's programs through December 31, 2008; and ?Continuing Accreditation? status for Emporia State University through December 31, 2010.

? Approved FY 2005 Parents as Teachers grant awards for 71 continuation programs totaling \$7,128,353 and 2 new programs totaling \$38,647, as recommended.

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? Approved 2004-05 Reading First grants for USD 250, Pittsburg - \$222,000; USD 253, Emporia - \$251,835; USD 259, Wichita - \$1,200,000; USD 260, Derby - \$206,050; USD 295, Prairie Heights - \$16,069; USD 305, Salina - \$162,674; USD 457, Garden City - \$315,882; USD 470, Arkansas City - \$341,274; USD 497, Lawrence - \$700,000; USD 500, Kansas City - \$760,000; USD 501, Topeka - \$1,126,103; USD 503 Parsons - \$300,000; and USD 512, Shawnee Mission - \$200,000.

? Approved funding the 2004-2005 21st Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grants for USD 243/244, Coffey County - \$243,723; USD 353, Wellington - \$253,562; USD 382, Pratt - \$263,987; USD 383, Northview Elementary - \$210,415; USD 383, Ogden Elementary - \$133,290; USD 387, Altoona-Midway - \$66,470; USD 393, Solomon - \$95,915; USD 428, Great Bend - \$268,751; USD 446, Independence - \$124,105; and USD 497, Lawrence - \$156,248.

? Approved 2004-2005 Learn and Serve America School-based grants for Burlington, USD 244 - \$10,000; Flint Hills Special Education Coop - \$10,000; Geary County Schools, USD 475 - \$10,000; JC Harmon High School, USD 500 - \$10,000; Manhattan, USD 383 - \$10,000; NE Kansas Education Service Center - \$9,980; Olathe, USD 233 - \$10,000; Riley County, USD 378 - \$10,000; Southern Cloud, USD 334 - \$9,930; Spring Hill, USD 230 - \$10,000;

Ulysses, USD 214 - \$6,698; Valley Center, USD 262 - \$10,000; Valley Falls, USD 338 - \$5,000; and Valley Heights, USD 498 - \$10,000.

? Approved 2004-2005 Learn and Serve America Community-based grants for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Thomas County - \$10,000; Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Topeka. - \$10,000; Bonner Springs-Edwardsville, USD 204 - \$10,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence - \$9,964; Class LTD ? Columbus - \$10,000; Communities in Schools of Wichita - \$10,000; ECKAAA ? Ottawa - \$10,000; ECKAN ? Osawatomie - \$10,000; Gardner-Edgerton, USD 231 - \$10,000; Hutchinson, USD 308 - \$9,868; United Way Volunteer Center of Wichita - \$8,630; Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater Kansas City - \$10,000; and YWCA of Greater Kansas City - \$10,000.

? Approved 2004-2005 School Breakfast Program Waivers as recommended by the School Breakfast Program Waiver Review Committee.

? Approve recommendations for spending of Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant monies for Learning Services Division staff development in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Contracts Approved:

The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind* to negotiate and renew a contract for the 2004-2005 school year with USD 500 for psychological, para, and speech services, with the contract amount not to exceed \$59,428;

KSSB was authorized to receive payment for services as follows:

- ? One Student, 2004 Extended School Year: Oak Grove, Missouri School District at \$695.00;
- ? One Student, 2004 Extended School Year and Extended Day Program: Park Hill Missouri School District at \$1,333; and
- ? One Student, 2004 Extended School Year and Extended Day Program (includes weekends):? North Daviess R-III Coffey, Missouri School District at \$1,500.

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The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to:

- ? negotiate and enter into a contract with ESP Solutions Group for the development of a framework and specifications for an automated data system with the contract amount not to exceed \$49,500.
- ? negotiate and continue the contract with the University of Kansas for development and administration of state reading, mathematics, science, and social studies assessments, including the alternate and modified assessments needed for students with disabilities, with the contract amount not to exceed \$3,779,500
- ? negotiate and continue the contract with WestEd for assessment item development and standards review, with the contract amount not to exceed \$1,842,028.
- ? negotiate and continue to contract with Dr. Richard Whelan and Ms. Diana Durkin for the purpose of providing investigations, written reports and response to appeals of students with disabilities, with the contract amount not to exceed \$50,000 for each person;
- ? negotiate and continue a contract with TLK Interpreting and Mentoring for the purpose of providing training and support to educational interpreters who provide services in Western Kansas public schools with the contract amount not to exceed \$42,700;? and

