

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2001

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Dr. Tompkins welcomed participants at 8:30 a.m. and introduced Janet Chubb, Assistant Secretary of State. Mrs. Chubb gave the oath of office to reelected Board members, Steve Abrams and Bill Wagnon, and newly elected members, Sue Gamble, Carol Rupe and Bruce Wyatt. Following the ceremony, members joined in a reception with family, friends, agency staff and members of the education community.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Voth called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Harold Voth
Val DeFever	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell	Bruce Wyatt

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs. DeFever nominated Mr. Rundell for the position of Chairman for a 2001-2002 term. Mrs. Gamble seconded the nomination. Dr. Abrams, with a second by Carol Rupe, moved that the nominations cease and that Mr. Rundell be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried.

Dr. Wagnon asked for a point of personal privilege which was granted. He shared comments with the Board and read a passage from the Bible.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rundell assumed the Chair and asked for approval of the agenda. Items requested to be pulled from the consent agenda were 20 h., inservice education plans, by Dr. Wagnon; 20 i., accreditation waiver requests, by Mr. Bacon; and 20 d., certification of boundary line changes during 2000, by Mrs. DeFever. Dr. Tompkins indicated Mr. Biles had asked that his report be moved from Wednesday to the end of the day after the consent agenda because of his need to attend a funeral the following day. There being no further changes, Mrs. Waugh, with a second by Mr. Voth, moved that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the minutes of the December meeting. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Gamble nominated Mrs. Waugh to be Vice-Chairman. Carol Rupe seconded the nomination. Mrs. DeFever, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, moved that the nominations cease and Mrs. Waugh be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried and Mrs. Waugh was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2001-2002 term.

ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR

Mrs. Waugh, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, nominated Mrs. DeFever to be Legislative Coordinator for the 2001-2002 term. Mr. Wyatt, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, moved that nominations cease and Mrs. DeFever be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried. Mrs. DeFever, with a second by Mr. Bacon, nominated Mr. Wyatt to be Assistant Legislative Coordinator for the 2001-2002 term. Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, moved that nominations cease and Mr. Wyatt be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY AND BOARD SECRETARY

Mrs. Gamble, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, moved that Mr. Dan Biles, be reappointed as Board Attorney from February 2001 through January 2003. The motion carried. Chairman Rundell appointed Board Members Bacon and Wyatt and Deputy Commissioner Dennis to negotiate with Mr. Biles the terms of his 2001- 2003 contract. Mrs. Waugh, with a second by Dr. Wagon, moved that Mrs. Penny Plamann be reappointed as Board Secretary. The motion carried.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO OTHER POSITIONS

Chairman Rundell asked for members to review the list of committee appointments and choose three with their preferences indicated. He indicated he would be working with the Commissioner over the lunch break in making those appointments which would be affirmed by the Board on Wednesday.

Dr. Abrams asked that a Board representative to the Education Leaders Council (ELC) be added to the list. Chairman Rundell indicated the representative would be chosen at the time of the ELC's annual meeting.

Education Commission of the States

Dr. Wagon indicated he would like to serve as the Board's representative on the Education Commission of the States (ECS) and nominated himself, with a second by Mrs. Rupe. The motion carried.

Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Board of Directors

Mrs. Gamble, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, moved that Mr. Bacon be nominated to serve as Board representative on the KSHSAA Board of Directors to serve until June of 2003. The motion carried.

State Board Policy Committee

Current members of the Board Policy Committee were asked if they would like to continue to serve. Dr. Abrams indicated he would and would like to continue as Chairman. Dr. Wagon also indicated his willingness to continue to serve. Mrs. Waugh declined because her election as Vice Chair. Mrs. Gamble offered to serve in her place. Mr. Voth, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, moved that members Gamble, Wagon and Abrams, with Abrams as Chair, be elected to the Board Policy Committee for the 2001-2002 term. The motion carried.

Brief discussion and questions followed about the different committees to be considered by the Board.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AND YEARLONG AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 2001 THROUGH JANUARY 2002

Mrs. Waugh asked that the Board orientation sessions February 12TH and March 12TH be added to the year-long meeting schedule. Dr. Abrams moved, with Mr. Bacon seconding the motion, that the year-long agenda and meeting schedule be approved as modified. The motion carried.

Mr. Rundell expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board for Mr. Voth's leadership over the past year.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Rundell opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:21 a.m. Because of the number of individuals wishing to address the Board, he asked that each limit their remarks to three minutes. Those addressing the Board were: Rick Howard, Wichita; Dr. Becky Cheney, Chapman; Stan Thomas, Abilene, representing the Chapman Schools; Don Covington, Lenexa, Jody Sjogren, Kansas City, and John Calvert, Lake Quivera, representing the Intelligent Design Network; Sharon McCue, Wichita, representing Wichita Public Schools; Rebecca Messall, Overland Park; Lloyd Hellman, Overland Park, representing the Mainstream Coalition; Jack Krebs, Lawrence, representing Kansas Citizens for Science; Vearl Bacon, McPherson; Brad Cook; and John Richard Schrock, Emporia. Peter Gegenheimer, Lawrence, representing the University of Kansas, left written remarks to be passed out to the Board. Chairman Rundell declared the open forum closed at 11:00 a.m. The Board took a break until 11:10 a.m.

DISCUSSION OF KCTAF RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Tompkins and Board members discussed the Kansas Commission on Teaching and America's Future (KCTAF) *Goal V. Create Schools Organized for Student and Teacher Success*. Comments included how important it was to focus professional development on improving student success and particularly to focus attention on improving the role school leadership plays. The need for more state funding for staff development was emphasized for the school improvement which had occurred over the last decade to continue further. It was suggested that the Board study the role service centers such as ESSDACK play in the improvement and delivery of professional development. It was noted that service centers were meeting area district needs better than one district could on its own. Teacher mentoring programs being offered through service centers was noted. Some concern was voiced about the emphasis in Goal V on the use of technology, with the caution that was important that students be able to perform without it as well.

Dr. Tompkins indicated he would summarize Board comments on all the recommendations and bring a compilation of the Board's suggestions and concerns back to the Board for review.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Commissioner Tompkins reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kansas Board of Regents concerning the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Program, which they had received in November. He also reviewed changes that had been made to bring clarity to provision 10 of the memorandum. The MOU with the Board of Regents outlines the responsibilities of the Board serving as the lead agency and administering the secondary programs and the Board of Regents administering the postsecondary programs while the Board continued to be the lead agency for the remainder of the current plan which would expire on June 30, 2004. The two bodies further agree that when the Board of Regents becomes the lead agency after that date the Board would continue to provide leadership for the secondary programs. It was noted the agreement was contingent upon legislation which would allow the Board to continue as the lead agency until the current plan expired. Mrs. Gamble asked what would happen after 2004 if there were a reduction in funding. Dr. Tompkins

indicated the funding would go where it was earmarked in the memorandum of understanding. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the Board approve the memorandum as proposed with the modifications requested in provision 10. The motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:37 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF USD 259 FOR RECEIPT OF NATIONAL AWARD FOR MODEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Representatives of USD 259 Wichita were introduced to make a presentation on the program for which they had been recognized with the U.S. Department of Education's National Award for Model Professional Development. Mark Evans, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mary Ellen Isaac, Director of School Improvement and Curriculum Development shared the presentation. They noted that the model was based on the district's recognition that quality teachers produce good students and sought to address the problems of connecting professional development with identifiable results. They reviewed the district's demographics, noting that it had a population with 52% eligible for free or reduced lunch. They also reviewed the ten principles important to professional development that the district had adopted and gains over time that had been seen in the district in reading and math at the second and fourth grade levels. Drs. Evans and Isaac responded to Board questions and then were presented with a certificate recognizing the district's achievement and stood for pictures with the Chairman and the Commissioner.

PRESENTATION OF REVISED KANSAS SCIENCE EDUCATION STANDARDS

Commissioner Tompkins introduced Dr. Loren Lutes and Dr. John Staver, Co-Chairmen of the Kansas Science Education Standards Writing Committee to make a presentation on the changes that the committee was recommending in the Kansas science standards. Dr. Lutes recognized members of the writing committee who were also present. He and Dr. Staver reported on the committee's activity since last fall when they began work to make modifications to Draft 5 which they had presented to the Board in 1999. Dr. Lutes reported that Draft 6, which the Board had been given, reflected those changes. He noted that changes were in three areas: the nature of science; evolution; and the theories of origins. He also indicated that improvements had been made in the way some of the standards were worded. Dr. Lutes reported that the committee was recommending over three hundred changes from the current standards. Dr. Staver gave an overview of the changes made reporting that the concepts of an ancient earth and ancient universe had been restored as had the theory of evolution; and the committee had returned the nature of science to a view that the professional scientific and science educational communities would be comfortable with and could endorse. Dr. Staver stated that in addition, the committee had sharpened the accuracy of the science in the standards, particularly in the area of geology, and had improved the developmental appropriateness in the standards. He stated also that the number of the indicators earmarked for assessment had been increased. Dr. Staver reported that he had contacted the National Academy of Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Science Teachers Association, and the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California at Berkeley, all organizations which had earlier denied permission for use of some segments of documents originating with them. He indicated that oral, informal permission had been received from all but the Lawrence Hall of Science, which was still reviewing the document and would wait until the Board had approved the standards before giving their final permission. Dr. Staver and Dr. Lutes asked Board members for any questions they might have.

Dr. Abrams had quite a number of questions for the committee and stated it would probably be easiest for everyone to follow if he went through them page by page. Several of Dr. Abrams' questions addressed areas

where further definition or explanation might be added to the standards to provide more clarity. Others dealt with whether some information cited in indicators or benchmarks was used appropriately because of controversy that may exist regarding the accuracy of the information. He also questioned areas where the standards appeared to slip into issues that appeared to be more in the realm of social science, rather than hard science.

Of particular note Dr. Abrams referred to the section on the *Nature of Science* and asked why the term "logical" had been replaced with "natural" in the statement of what science was. Dr. Staver, in responding to Dr. Abrams' question, stated that science is the human activity of seeking explanations for natural phenomena and that this is done through the use of observation and experimentation and other elements of the scientific method. He added that science, as a way of knowing, because it was incapable of saying anything beyond natural phenomena and remained silent about anything beyond natural phenomena, and that resulting explanations were naturally based. In the discussion that continued on this issue, Dr. Abrams stated that though he might agree with the committee's view when dealing with the empirical sciences, he adamantly disagreed with the committee view when addressing historical science because it categorically denied the opportunity to have the other theory of origins accepted. He noted that the difference of opinion regarding the issue was the basis of a major difference in opinion in the entire direction taken by the writing committee in the standards document.

Because the time allotted for the discussion was almost at an end, the Board discussed whether further time should be scheduled and, if so, when. Board consensus was that the discussion should continue at the end of day after all other agenda items had been concluded. Using the remainder of the time allotted, Board questions continued. Chairman Rundell announced that the Board would return to its discussion of the standards with the writing committee at approximately 4:00 p.m. when other business had been concluded.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis passed out several items to Board members, including lists of legislative committees; information from the Governor's legislative message; a summary of the budget request; the Governor's budget recommendations; and a copy of the Board's response to the Governor's recommendation. This was followed by his review and Board discussion of the Governor's budget recommendation. Mr. Dennis reviewed state general fund receipts. How the tobacco settlement money was being used for programs to benefit children was also discussed.

Chairman Rundell declared a break from 3:40 p.m. until 3:50 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REGULATIONS K.A.R. 91-5-14

Mr. Rod Bieker, Department General Counsel, reviewed the changes concerning requirements for renewal of an instructor permit, which had been made in response to public comment at the December hearing. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the State Board adopt amended Motorcycle Safety Regulation K.A.R. 91-5-14. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Steve Abrams	"yes"	I.B. "Sonny" Rundell	"yes"
John Bacon	"yes"	Harold Voth	"yes"
Val DeFever	"yes"	Bill Wagnon	"yes"
Sue Gamble	"yes"	Janet Waugh	"yes"
Carol Rupe	"yes"	Bruce Wyatt	"yes"

ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY MENTOR TEACHER REGULATIONS K.A.R. 91-41-1 THROUGH 91-

41-4 AND PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON PERMANENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Bieker, Department General Counsel, reviewed the need to adopt temporary mentor teacher regulations in order to comply with state statute. Mr. Wyatt indicated he wanted to be sure the Board had the opportunity to give consideration to a broader mentor teacher program than what was contained in the temporary regulations. He suggested it be something the Board address at its upcoming retreat. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the State Board adopt the proposed mentor teacher regulations K.A.R. 91-41-1, 91-41-2, 91-41-3 and 91-41-4 as temporary regulations. The motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Steve Abrams	"yes"	I.B. "Sonny" Rundell	"yes"
John Bacon	"yes"	Harold Voth	"yes"
Val DeFever	"yes"	Bill Wagnon	"yes"
Sue Gamble	"yes"	Janet Waugh	"yes"
Carol Rupe	"yes"	Bruce Wyatt	"yes"

Mrs. DeFever moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board set a public hearing on the proposed mentor teacher regulations K.A.R. 91-41-1, 91-41-2, 91-41-3 and 91-41-4 for March 13, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Board Room of the State Education Building.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Mr. Kevin Ireland, Department Attorney, presented the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission. Brief discussion followed. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commissions and approve the recommendations of the Commission. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0, with Mrs. Rupe abstaining.

CONSENT AGENDA

Regarding Mrs. DeFever's question about the item on certification of boundary line changes during 2000, Mr. Bieker stated that it was a duty required by state law for reporting to the appropriate county officials boundaries that have changed during the preceding year for purposes of taxation and voting. Dr. Wagnon stated in light of the award recognized earlier in the meeting and the failure by the legislature to provide adequate funding for professional development, the consent item concerning inservice education plans provided an opportunity for commenting on the importance of professional development and the role it plays in school improvement and asked if it would be appropriate for the Board to set aside time to study the importance of it and be brought up to speed on the current and proposed activities dealing with the issue. Chairman Rundell noted that his request was so noted. Chairman Rundell reported that the questions regarding accreditation waiver requests had been answered and asked for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the unclassified special project appointments of LeNetra Guess to an Education Program Consultant position under the Local Consolidated Plan, effective December 26, 2000 at a biweekly pay rate of \$1629.60; Rose Rodan to a Secretary I position under the Local Consolidated Plan/ Reading Excellence Act grant, effective November 25, 2000 at a biweekly pay rate of \$644.80; Donna Matthis to a Secretary I position under the Local Consolidated Plan, effective December 20, 2000 at a biweekly pay rate of \$644.80; and Kelly Spurgeon to an Education Program Consultant under the Title II Teacher

Enhancement Grant, effective January 8, 2001 at a biweekly pay rate of \$1629.60.

- Approved school construction plans for Douglass Public Schools, USD 396; Wichita, USD 259; Andover, USD 385; Holy Cross Elementary, Hutchinson; Seward County Community College; Cherryvale, USD 447; and Butler County.
- Issued an Order describing 2000 school district boundaries that had changed and certified the Order to the appropriate county officials.
- Approved modification of the Smoky Hill/Central Kansas Education Service Center Cooperative Agreement.
- Approved Cycle 1 accredited status for USD 259 Wichita: Coleman Middle School; USD 421 Lyndon: Lyndon High School; and USD 501 Topeka Public Schools: McEachron Elementary; and Cycle 2 status for USD 313 Buhler: Obee Elementary; USD 332 Cunningham: Cunningham Grade School, Zenda Grade School, and Cunningham High School; USD 429 Troy: Troy High School, Troy Middle School and Troy Elementary School; and USD 497 Lawrence: Prairie Park Elementary.
- Approved the inservice education plans for USD 300 Comanche County; USD 230 Spring Hill; USD 209 Moscow; USD 483 Kismet-Plains; USD 415 Hiawatha, USD 207 Fort Leavenworth; USD 399 Paradise; and USD 486 Elwood.
- Approved Visiting Scholar Certificates as follows: valid from November 16, 2000 to June 30, 2001 for Alison Spurgeon to teach middle level drama full-time at Brooks Magnet Middle School, USD 259; each valid from December 4, 2000 to June 2001 for Richard Jeffries and Charm Smith to teach secondary English full-time at Kansas State School for the Deaf; and denied a request for a Visiting Scholar Certificate for Bryan Thompson to teach secondary vocal music full-time at Winfield High School, USD 465.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts and service centers, cooperatives and interlocals as follow: *Behavior Disorders*: Maureen Allinder, Sarah Davis, Michael Holloman, Greg Stock and Sally Day, USD 500; *Mathematics*: Kim Spencer, USD 232; *Family and Consumer Science*: Joyce Davenport, USD 234; *Science*: Jackie Nelson, USD 235; *Music*: Eunice Carter, USD 331; *Early Childhood Education*: Christine Hoyt, USD 314; *Early Childhood Special Education*: Marla Olson, USD 613; *Gifted Education*: Cary Loggins and Susan Loggins, USD 480; and Barbara Sawyer, USD 619; *Interrelated Special Education*: Dennis Kalp and Camille Harding, USD 259; Michael Gregory, USD 282; Loreen Kraushaar, Rebecca McConnell, and Susan Rudick, USD 305; Valerie Chandler, USD 320; Sherri Bertrand, Teri Overmiller, and Janiece Sizemore, USD 333; Teresa Barnes and Teresa Quinn, USD 500; Chad Lindeman, Jason Maxfield, and Douglas Vogel, USD 617; Cindy Meyer, USD 618; and Dennis Cox, Pam Ireland, and Ellen Nestor, USD 619; *Learning Disabilities*: Jana Rejbe, USD 202; Brandon Lutz, USD 453; and Ruth Ann Matheson, USD 500; *Library Media Specialist*: Dina Cooper, USD 285; and *Mentally Retarded* Johanna Van Ness, USD 618. Denied requests for waivers for *Business Education*: Misty Fisher, USD 350; *Latin*: David Becker, USD 497; *French*: Megan Hurt, USD 497.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee in cases 1871, 1878-1883, and 1886-1887.
- Set a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Parents as Teachers regulations K.A.R. 91-37-2, 91-37-3, and 91-37-4, for April 10, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in Wichita, Kansas.
- Approved a Parents as Teachers (PAT) grant award in the amount of \$8,002 for USD 380, Vermillion, to start a (PAT) for the remainder of FY 2001.
- Approved recommendations for funding new 2000-2001 Kansas Character Education Program subgrants in the amount of \$6,000 for USD 304 Bazine and USD 633 Fort Hays Educational Development Center; and in the amount of \$2,650 for USD 214 Ulysses, USD 274 Oakley, USD 303 Ness City, USD 309

Nickerson, USD 342 McClouth, USD 430 South Brown County, USD 437 Auburn Washburn, USD 453 Leavenworth, USD 464 Tonganoxie, USD 489 Hays and USD 512 Shawnee Mission.

- Approved the FY 2001 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) state plan.

Contracts Approved:

The State Board authorized:

- the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and continue a contract with Families Together, Inc. to develop and coordinate a consortium of family- centered practice training and trainer network with the contract amount not to exceed \$64,602; and
- the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) was authorized to enter into an agreement with Center School District, Kansas City, Missouri, to provide services for one student to attend KSSD for the 2000-2001 regular school year program at a cost of \$5,833.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

Mr. Biles reviewed his activities on behalf of the Board in the month of December, 2000. He also reviewed the provisions of his contract the terms for the renewal of which had been negotiated with Mr. Biles by Mr. Bacon, Mr. Wyatt and Deputy Commissioner Dennis earlier in the day. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for December be paid as presented. The motion carried. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that Mr. Biles' contract to cover the period February 2001 through January 2003, be approved. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON SCIENCE STANDARDS

Dr. Staver handed out new pages to correct an error in an indicator marked for assessment. Board comments and discussion of the science standards continued and Dr. Abrams continued with his questions, making suggestions for wording changes and the material he felt should be added to many of the benchmarks. At the conclusion of his comments and questions, Dr. Abrams stated that though Draft 6 was not as good as the document adopted in August of 1999, he did appreciate some of the changes which had been made and that he would like the committee to evaluate his comments in view of the dogma promulgated by the committee. He also thanked the Board for the opportunity to comment. How the committee should proceed was discussed and several members expressed their appreciation for the work of the co-chairs and the committee in making the changes necessary and correcting the issues which had created controversy over the past year and a half. It was requested that the standards be put on the agenda for action in February. Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, moved that Chairman Rundell direct the writing committee to analyze Board member comments and provide its responses in writing by the February meeting. Discussion followed about the time needed by the committee to address the issues raised and the need for funding to reassemble the committee. Drs. Staver and Lutes indicated they would make every effort to accomplish the requested task. Two friendly changes were made in the motion. One change was that responses also be made to many of the questions heard in the citizens' open forums over the past year and a half and to communication Board members had received from the Intelligent Design Network. The other change was that the responses and any changes made in the standards be made available to the Board no later than one week prior to the February meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 7-3, with Mr. Wyatt, Dr. Wagon and Mrs. DeFever voting "no".

Further discussion followed about whether the standards proposed for adoption would preclude the discussion of creationism or intelligent design in any Kansas classroom. No further action was taken.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Rundell recessed the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

I.B. Rundell, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2001

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board met at 9:00 a.m. in the State Capitol, Room 313 South, the Old Supreme Court Chambers, to receive jointly with the House and Senate Education Committees, as well as members of the public, the results of a school district boundary line study conducted by Augenblick and Myers, Inc., at the direction of the 1999 Kansas Legislature.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board members left the State Capitol at 10:40 a.m., at the conclusion of the presentation and reconvened in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas, where Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

All members were present as follows:

Steve Abrams

Carol Rupe

John Bacon

Harold Voth

Val DeFever

Bill Wagnon

Sue Gamble

Janet Waugh

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Bruce Wyatt

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS' REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Dr. Merlyne Hines-Starr, Team Leader, Technical Education, introduced Dustin Cranor, State President of the Secondary Skills Division of USA-VICA, and Christina Patch, State President of the Business Professionals of America. She also introduced representatives of other student organizations: Joshua Miller, DECA; Katie Means, FBLA; Holly Benjamin, FCCLA; Nathaneal Shue, TSA; and Sheri Mohamed, HOSA. Mr. Cranor and Ms. Patch made presentations to the Board on the benefits of membership in career and technical organizations

and the role such groups played for students.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairman

Chairman Rundell indicated that Board members had before them the list of committee assignments which he proposed based upon member's choices where possible. He noted that appointments of Board members to attend as the Board's representatives at the Education Leaders Council and National Association of State Boards of Education would be made prior to those meetings and not at this time.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. DeFever remarked on her plans for her upcoming work with the legislature. Dr. Wagon asked to discuss the Board's 2001 legislative strategy and asked what would be most helpful to further the Board's legislative agenda. He noted the need for additional funding that has been expressed by local administrators to continue to implement their school improvement plans and the reluctance of the legislature to provide that funding while at the same time holding schools increasingly accountable. Mrs. DeFever indicated that it would be very important for members to meet with legislators in their districts, and provide them with a copy of the Board's legislative agenda, communicating to them that what was being proposed by the Board had developed over the last year in accordance with Board goals. In the discussion that followed the need to set aside a time to discuss the Board's legislative strategy and position on issues as bills evolve during the session was proposed.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins reviewed his written report which included information on the Quality Counts report and grant requests for leadership development for superintendents and principals; further information from Dr. Pochowski, Student Support Services, on the issues brought up in the presentation on dyslexia at the last meeting and an update on the recognition program for students and schools. He also provided further explanation and answered Board questions regarding the reauthorization for five years of the Title I Ed-Flex Waiver for Kansas, generally being used for approval of schoolwide programs.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. DeFever reported on school visits she had recently made.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Mr. Voth asked to add mileage to his requests; Dr. Wagon stated he didn't need mileage for the Koch reception; Mr. Wyatt asked that his request for a meeting with the Board of Regents on February 25th be deleted and that attendance at the Business/Education Coalition meeting be added. Mrs. Waugh asked to add the Teacher of the Year luncheon on January 16th and a Confidence in Public Education Task Force meeting on February 2nd. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Wagon and Mr. Wyatt asked that the science standards be added to the February agenda. Mrs. DeFever asked that time be made available for the Board to discuss legislative issues.

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the Board confirm the Chairman's committee appointments

as presented. The motion carried. A list of those appointments is included as an attachment to the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Rundell adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. and Board members traveled to a luncheon meeting of the Career and Technical Students Organizations.

I.B. Rundell, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary