

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 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	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	

Mr. Willard was unable to attend because of work responsibilities.

All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Willard absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the minutes for the April meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 8-0-1, with Mr. Bacon abstaining.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Posny shared with Board members a copy of letter to the Kansas Health Foundation regarding any assistance it might offer in carrying out part of the Teaching in Kansas Commission's recommendations and action plan; and a copy of responses to questions received by the Department regarding virtual schools in Kansas. She also reported on her attendance at the Chief State School Officers Research and Development Advisory Council meeting that she had recently attended in Savannah, Georgia.

PRESENTATION ON THE STATE SCIENCE FAIR

The Board received a report on the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair (KSSEF) held at Friends University in Wichita on April 11-12, 2008. Co-chairs of KSSEF, Kim Ring and Pam Collinge, reported on their activities to revive the State Science Fair which had lapsed several decades ago. They introduced Nora Stasser, Division Chair of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Friends University, who discussed the university's participation in the Fair. Besides providing the location for the science fair, Friends University also provided many of the judges and three \$1,000 scholarships to Friends University. Students qualified for the Fair through regional competitions and, now, that the state fair has been revived, winners at the state level will be eligible to participate in the international competition.

Paul Knightly, Olathe Northwest High School, gave a presentation on his top-prize winning project. His project focused on a way to significantly reduce side-to-side motion on Virgin Galactic's SpaceshipOne craft, thus stabilizing it. He also discussed the aerospace engineering course he is taking at Olathe Northwest High School. Brian Black, Community Relations Manager from Spirit AeroSystems talked about his company's enthusiastic involvement in the Fair and other community STEM initiatives.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Wagnon opened the Citizen's Open Forum at 10:47 a.m. Those addressing the Board were: Missy Rickman, Butler County and Sharon Simmons, Leon, representing Choosing the Best, a sex education curriculum; Peg Dunlap, Topeka, representing KNEA; Terry Boyd, Lansing, representing the Professional Standards Board; Brenda Dietrich, Topeka, and John Morton, Newton, both representing the Kansas Association of School Administrators. With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Wagnon closed the Open Forum at 11:07 a.m.

The Board took a break from 11:07 to 11:16 a.m.

UPDATE ON THE CAREER PIPELINE

Mr. Andy Solter, President of the Kansas Career Pipeline, updated the Board on current progress and provided information about work on the Connect2Business feature which will be available June 1st. During the presentation Mrs. Shaver asked for a list of the schools using the Career Pipeline and Dr. Abrams asked to be updated regarding the proposed video for the Pipeline on education. Commissioner Posny reported that the RFP for three videos had been sent out for bids and the hope was the videos would be available in early fall.

Because of time constraints the report on shifting from seat-based approaches to learning-based approaches for granting credit was moved to a future date.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TEACHER LICENSURE REGULATIONS

Chairman Wagnon opened the public hearing on teacher licensure regulations K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-203, 91-1-204, 91-1-205, 91-1-207, 91-1-209, 91-1-210, 91-1-220, 91-1-221, 91-19-1 and 91-19-6 at 1:31 p.m. Presenting comments were Peg Dunlap, Topeka, representing KNEA; Jim Lentz, Augusta, representing the Kansas Association of School Administrators; and Terry Boyd, Lansing, representing the Professional Standards Board. Chairman Wagnon closed the hearing at 1:55 p.m.

Commissioner Posny reported that staff would prepare responses to the comments heard and present them for the Board to discuss the following day. Action would take place in June.

RESULTS OF THE FINANCIAL LITERACY SURVEY

Interim Deputy Commissioner Tom Foster reviewed nationwide research and survey results on personal financial literacy (PFL). He also presented the result of a survey of financial literacy teaching practices in Kansas. He reported that from the national research there emerged no clear picture of what works and why in teaching PFL. Among the results of the state survey, it was revealed that only 17.7% of respondents indicated their district required instruction in financial literacy and, of that percent, only 6.67% reported having a specific curriculum framework for teaching financial literacy. Respondents also reported the need for more professional development opportunities for teaching PFL. Dr. Foster concluded that numerous policy questions were raised about making financial literacy a priority given the time and training barriers that need to be overcome, in addition to the fact that research questions the efficacy of many traditional classes and practices. Additional research to identify curricula that clearly work needs to be done to establish promising practices. Dr. Foster also announced that a Kansas Summit on Economic and Financial Literacy would be held in June in Topeka.

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SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS ON ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL LITERACY

History/Government Education Consultant, Lynn Vasquez reported that a result of Kansas Senate Bill (S.B.) 74, the incorporation of personal financial literacy (PFL) into a variety of state curricular standards became a requirement as of 2003. She noted, as pointed out in the Kansas survey results, financial literacy has been integrated in a variety of curricular areas including: History-Government, Math, and Family and Consumer Science curricular standards. Dr. Nancy Damron, and Vernita Edwards, USD 229 Blue Valley, Ms. Barbara Brotton, Wilbur Middle School, USD 259 Wichita, and Mrs. Mirla Coleman, Norton Community High School, USD 221 Norton, gave presentations on PFL instructional approaches in their districts. Accompanying Mrs. Coleman were two of her students who also addressed the board regarding their experience with the program. Dr. Abrams requested data on the number of students receiving instruction in financial literacy in the Blue Valley school district and a report on the success of the program based on student performance on related items assessed.

Jim Graham, President of the Kansas Council on Economic Education (KCEE), discussed the role of the Council, which is a business/education partnership whose mission is to help K-12 teachers in Kansas integrate economics and personal finance into their curriculum. The Council offers graduate credit courses through its six Centers for Economic Education at the State's Regents universities and non-credit workshops across the state. It also offers customized in-service training to schools. KCEE also provides access and training for schools to use the Stock Market Game™ and other financial learning programs to schools statewide.

In the discussion that followed Board members discussed their concern about how to sell the need for PFL training in schools to teachers and districts.

Mrs. Shaver left a 3:30 p.m. The Board took a break from 3:43 until 3:51 p.m.

LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Beth Fultz, formerly of Teacher Education and Licensure, now the Department of Education NAEP Coordinator, presented highlights of the 2007-2008 Licensed Personnel Report. As a preface to her presentation, Mrs. Fultz reported that the Personnel report, after ten years in the same format, needs to be updated and revised to ask some other questions and collect different data. She noted this would be the last year the report would be presented in its present format and pointed out the opportunity it would provide for Board members to give their input on the types of data they would like to see included in the report.

The report reflected data for licensed personnel working in accredited Kansas schools during the 2007-2008 school year and was composed of demographic data disaggregated by gender, entrance code, race, teaching code, age group, and years of experience; new teacher retention from 1998 through 2008; average base salary disaggregated by years of experience; assignment demographic data disaggregated by age group and years of experience; assignment data disaggregated by qualification level; NCLB Highly Qualified data disaggregated by class count; NCLB Highly Qualified assignment data disaggregated by SES district; assignment data for restricted license teachers; licensure waiver data disaggregated by type; and licensure waiver trend data from 2003 through 2008. Much of the data showed no significant change from the prior year, but Mrs. Fultz pointed out that the demographics on years of experience showed that the number of those with 30+ years experience was no longer increasing and was starting to level off while the number of those teaching in the 1-4 year category was increasing. She also noted that the retention rate of new teachers who had mentors in their first year was encouraging and reflected the effectiveness of the program.

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In the discussion following, Dr. Abrams asked for information on the number of repeating unlicensed personnel. Mrs. Gamble asked when data would be available to correlate Highly Qualified teachers with student achievement. Dr. Posny reported that that information will be available, but only at the district and building level.

ACTION ON A RESTRICTED DISTRICT LEADERSHIP LICENSE

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education approve a restricted district leadership license for Martin Libhart to serve as interim superintendent of the Wichita, USD 259 School District. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mrs. Shaver absent and Dr. Abrams abstaining.

ACTION ON A TRANSITIONAL TEACHER PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Pam Coleman, Director of TEAL, explained that to transition from the current prescribed performance assessment (the KPA) to an assessment that will be part of a student's preservice program, it was being recommended that the State Board prescribe a transitional performance assessment. A recommendation from staff as reflected in the materials the Board had received was developed before the Professional Standards Board (PSB) had met and reviewed the issue. That recommendation read,

The conditionally licensed teacher must complete a year-long district administered induction and mentoring program. At the conclusion of the induction year, a local administrator must complete a performance evaluation instrument structured around the Kansas professional education standards.

Ms. Coleman reported that as a result of the PSB review, it was being recommended that the second sentence be deleted from the recommendation and that it now read:

The conditionally licensed teacher must complete a year-long district administered induction and mentoring program.

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt a transitional teacher performance assessment with the amendment recommended by the Professional Standards Board. Dr. Abrams indicated he would like to postpone the item until the next day in order to include it in the Board discussion of the staff recommendations related to public comment on other licensure regulatory changes. The motion carried 7-1, with Dr. Abrams voting "no".

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed state general fund receipts, expenditures and balances based the 2009 budget recommended by the Conference Committee as contained in the Omnibus Bill. The FY 2009 recommendation would leave a balance of \$118.9 million. He pointed out that if receipts fall short of estimates and the balance falls below \$100 million, the Governor will have rescission rights. Mr. Dennis also reviewed final FY 2009 budget information and a summary of legislation affecting the education community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.

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- Confirmed the appointments of Linda Geier to the position of Education Program Consultant on the Special Education Services team effective March 23, 2008, at an annual salary of \$49,670.40; Phillip Watkins to the position of User Support Technician II on the Information Technology team effective March 23, 2008, at an annual salary of \$40,851.20; John Green to the position of Education Program Consultant on the Special Education Services team effective April 8, 2008, at an annual salary of \$48,443.20; and Pamela Coleman to the position of Director on the Teacher Education and Licensure team effective April 6, 2008, at an annual salary of \$87,303.
- Approved school construction plans for USD 308, Hutchinson; USD 266, Maize; USD 237, Smith Center; USD 202, Turner-Kansas City; USD 444, Little River; USD 372, Silver Lake; USD 106, Western Plains.
- Approved modifications to Interlocal/Cooperative Agreements as follows: renewal of the Northeast Kansas Education Service Center; and modification of the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative and the Beloit Special Education Cooperative.
- Received the Kansas State School for the Blind's and the Kansas State School for the Deaf's FY 2008 Third Quarter Reports.
- Approved the Kansas State School for the Blind's proposed Teacher, Instructional Assistant and Supplemental Salary Schedules for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approved the proposed FY 2009 salary schedules for the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- Approved continued funding of the Reading First grants: USD 250 Pittsburg, \$149,567; USD 253 Emporia, \$119,696; USD 259 Wichita, \$1,542,071; USD 260 Derby, \$148,046; USD 305 Salina, \$151,620; USD 457 Garden City, \$471,527; USD 470 Arkansas City, \$169,855; USD 497 Lawrence, \$618,416; USD 500 Kansas City, \$790,660; USD 501 Topeka, \$706,430; USD 503 Parsons, \$282,522; and USD 512 Shawnee Mission, \$159,584.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2504, 2505, 2507, 2509, 2510, 2512, 2513, 2492, 2494, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518 and 2519.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adaptive Special Education – ext. on # of days on emergency sub*: Michelle Medley, USD 453, Leavenworth; and *Visually Impaired*: Tamara Johnson, USD 364, Marysville.
- Reappointed Rick Henry and Casey Seyfert to their second three-year term on the Professional Standards Board to run from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.
- Reappointed Dan Duling to his second three-year term on the Professional Practices Commission to run from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.
- Established the certification/licensure fee for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 at \$39 effective July 1, 2008.
- Issued an order authorizing USD 417, Morris County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.

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Contracts Approved

The State Board authorized the

Kansas State School for the Blind's (KSSB) Superintendent to renew a contract with Accessible Arts, Inc. for arts-related services for students attending KSSB in exchange for KSSB facility use and statewide outreach services in the Arts (drama, movement, dance, visual arts, music) for Kansas individuals with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and

The Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into contracts with:

- the University of Kansas Research Center in the amount of \$125,000 and Emporia State University Jones Institute in the amount of \$125,000 to provide professional development to 400 Title I teachers in the area of scientifically based reading research; and
- the Kansas Parent Information Resource Center to provide a Parent Leadership Conference in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 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	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	

Mr. Willard was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagnon indicated changes to the agenda. Under Board reports the Policy Committee had requested time to make a report. Additionally, Chairman Wagnon recommended that the update on the action plan for the integration of academics and CTE be postponed and replaced with the discussion of the proposed changes to the amended licensure regulations. Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the agenda be adopted as amended. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Wagnon reported on his attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Education Commission of the States Steering Committee in April. He mentioned several presentations he had heard, including one on international math standards and asked that a discussion about sequenced international standards for math and science be discussed by the Board at some future date. He also reported on a discussion he had with the Commissioner and the President of the Board of Regents, and Christine Downey-Schmidt, who will Co-chair the P-20 Council with him. They discussed bringing the 25-member Council together in dialogue about how each member entity does its job and how they all might help one another to perform even better. Dr. Wagnon also mentioned that the Board would be receiving the final recommendations from the Kansas Educational Leadership Commission in June.

Reappointment to the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Executive Board

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board reappoint Mrs. Waugh to the KSHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Board for two-year terms to serve from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010. In the discussion of the motion, Dr. Abrams mentioned that in the future, he hoped the position would be passed around to other Board members. The motion carried 8-0-1, with Mrs. Martin abstaining.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble mentioned her disappointment in the legislative session, as none of the Board's recommendations were given serious consideration. She also mentioned that the Board will need to look carefully at its budget recommendations in light of the fiscal crisis the state was facing. Chairman Wagnon noted that the Board should be mindful of the cost of redesign initiatives it undertakes or recommends. A discussion followed about state general fund estimates and current shortfalls.

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Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and approve payment for services for April. The motion carried.

Policy Committee Update

Mrs. Waugh, Chair of the Policy Committee reported on the updates on the evaluations and position descriptions for the Commissioner and the Board Secretary. She indicated that the Commissioner's were almost complete, but more work was needed on the Board Secretary's. Mrs. Waugh explained that to complete their work a job audit would be conducted on the actual work performed by the secretary and a survey would be sent immediately to Board members about what they wanted to see included in the position description. She asked Mrs. Karen Watney, Director of Human Resources to explain what a position description accomplishes and options for the Board to consider regarding the desk audit. After discussing the options, Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board authorize the Department to contract with an outside auditor to conduct a desk audit of the Board Secretary's position and that it cost no more than \$500. The motion carried.

Mrs. Waugh indicated the Committee hoped to present the policy recommendations regarding the positions in July.

Communications Committee

Mrs. Martin urged Board members to maintain contact with the key communicators that they had invited to participate in their focus groups in December. She noted that when there was something concrete regarding the integration of academics and career and technical education they hoped to reach out to the key communicators and editorial boards in the state.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Shaver reported on her attendance at the KSDE Annual Conference. She indicated she had attended the pre-conference on the integration of career and technical education and academics where subjects such as the licensure of vocational teachers, team teaching, and granting credit were addressed. She noted that the Erie district made a presentation regarding its plans for project-based learning. She reported that she had also attended a very good session on MTSS.

Mrs. Martin read a statement directed at her constituents regarding the 6th Annual HIV/AIDS/STDs and Human Sexuality Education Conference to be held June 12th and 13th in Kansas City, Missouri, sponsored in part by the Kansas Department of Education. She stated that she believed morally objectionable sexual practices are being advocated at the conference, though she had been assured that abstinence was being promoted. She indicated she would do all in her power to see that further meetings planned and promoted by the Department present a fair and equal presentation of cutting edge, 21st century best practices abstinence education. She urged her constituents to be informed about the sex education offered in their local schools.

Dr. Abrams reported that Irene Sandler, who actions were the subject of the award-winning "Life in a Jar" program developed by Uniontown students, had died. He also reported that State Representative Ted Powers had had a stroke and died.

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Requests for Future Agenda Items

Time for a discussion by Board members of financial literacy education was requested. A Board discussion of Virtual School Guidelines, in light of the activities of national companies, was requested, as well as the development of a definition of virtual schools. Updates on CTE academic integration were requested for every meeting. Mrs. Martin requested a presentation in June or July on abstinence-only sex education curriculum being used around the state. She also requested that staff conduct a survey of sex education being taught in Kansas schools, though there was some disagreement about the appropriateness of revisiting policy granting the control over how to teach sex education to local school boards. Dr. Wagnon requested more information about the fact that high poverty schools have a much lower percentage of highly qualified teachers and what the Department is doing about it.

The Board took a break from 10:05 to 10:15 a.m.

TEACHING IN KANSAS COMMISSION UPDATE

At the April State Board meeting, the Teaching in Kansas Commission presented recommendations regarding the preparation, recruitment and retention of teachers based on input from the November 2007 Kansas Recruitment and Retention Summit. The Board requested that Commission members assign recommendations to responsible stakeholder groups to develop action plans for future study and implementation. Additionally, the Board requested information on some more immediate actions that could be taken to assist in recruiting and retaining teachers. Josh Anderson, the 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year and a member of the Teaching in Kansas Commission, reviewed the recommendations of the Commission. Both short- and long- term actions as well as recommendations for which agency, e.g., the Kansas Department of Education, Kansas Board of Regents, Institutions of Higher Education, or Local School Districts, should be responsible for each action identified. The discussion that followed dealt with next steps for the Commission. TEAL Director, Pam Coleman, indicated that groups would be formed around the five target areas (Working Conditions, Teacher Preparation, Salary and Benefits, Image and Promotion, and Regulations / Requirements / Data) to begin developing strategies to implement the actions identified. The Commissioner noted that the concrete initiatives identified in the plan were things that had been discussed by the Board for several years and had still not been implemented. She added it was important to follow through to see that the plan was accomplished. She added that as the five groups move forward they will have the opportunity to begin to address 21st century standards and needs. Among other issues discussed were whether the need existed for a study session to prioritize the activities in the plan of action and align them with the Board goals; and whether Board members could serve on any of the five working groups.

The Board took a break from 10:28 to 10:40 a.m.

POST SECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Joseph Glassman, Chairman of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority returned to the State Board to give an update on activities of the Authority and discussed the workforce needs of business and industry in the state.

DISCUSSION OF STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED AT PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE REGULATION

Susan Helbert, Assistant Director, and Pam Coleman, Director, of TEAL, presented the staff recommendations regarding comments received at the public hearing on amended licensure regulations.

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Interim Alternative License: Staff recommended a compromise between the original recommendation which would allow access to practice for two years while going through the Licensure Review Committee (LRC) process, by dropping the term of the interim alternative license to one year. In the discussion that followed Mr. Bacon offered a further compromise that would grant an automatic one-year extension if the applicant was making sufficient progress with the LRC process. After a discussion of the process, Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that staff proceed with its recommendation for providing applicants from out of state whose alternative program was delivered through a non-accredited institution an interim alternative license for one-year, with the added provision that an additional year be granted automatically if the applicant is making progress with the Licensure Review process. The motion carried.

Adding Endorsements: Staff did not recommend a change to the original amendment because of a sunset date of June 30, 2012 on the amendment and because data would be collected and the regulation reconsidered prior to the sunset date. No change was proposed by the Board to the staff position.

Removing the prohibition on compensation paid to student teachers: Staff did not recommend any change to the original amendment and would support the development of guidelines by the Kansas Teaching Commission for implementation of compensation to student teachers. No change was proposed by the Board to the staff position.

Performance Assessment for school specialist/school leadership license: Staff agreed to the request to remove language regarding internship because it would allow the State Board to adopt a transitional prescribed performance assessment for school specialists and administrators to move to the professional license. Staff recommended that the State Board adopt a district supervised mentoring/internship program. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that staff proceed with its recommendation that a transitional performance assessment requiring conditionally licensed administrators and school specialists to complete a year-long district administered induction and mentoring program. The motion carried 8-0-1, with Dr. Wagon abstaining. He indicated he would abstain until he understood how the recommendation fits the Kansas Educational Leadership Council's recommendations.

The recommended changes in language will be made to the regulations, after which they will be taken for review by the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The plan would be to have the review completed in time for the Board to take action to adopt the amended regulations at the June meeting.

STATE BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Shaver added a Policy Committee meeting on June 18th to their travel. Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Gamble added the Financial Literacy Summit on June 6th to their requests. There being no further changes, Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagon adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Bill Wagon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary