

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the August meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m., August 14, 2012 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. He introduced several individuals attending the meeting.

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ROLL CALL

Members present were:

John Bacon	Walt Chappell	David Dennis	Jana Shaver	Ken Willard
Sally Cauble	Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Kathy Martin	Sue Storm	Janet Waugh

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dennis read the Board Mission Statement and then called for a moment of silence. The moment of silence was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved with two changes. Chairman Dennis noted members' had a revised item 15 l. in their folders and that an opportunity to consult the KSDE attorney should be added after the Open Forum. Dr. Chappell asked to remove items j. and l. from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote. Mrs. Wims-Campbell saw no reason to pull item j, but because revised item l. was not included in her materials, she agreed to accept the change in the motion to pull it. There were no further changes and the amended agenda was approved on a 9-1 vote, with Chappell voting in opposition.

(00:02:40)
MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE JULY MINUTES

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the July minutes be approved as submitted. Discussion followed about the budget amounts the Board had approved. Dr. Chappell asked that the total dollar amount be added under "Adjournment" where it was noted that budget information was handed out before the meeting adjourned. The motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – INFORMATION REGARDING THE KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (KSSD) AND THE KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND (KSSD)

Commissioner DeBacker directed Board members to the Governance Chart for KSSD and KSSB. She indicated that it was the final product of the Special Committee that had been formed to study the State Board's role as the Board of the two schools. She also indicated that it could be added to as necessary and would be included in any future orientation of new Board members.

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At the May 2012 State Board meeting the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) was charged with studying the issue of accessibility to services for students in Kansas with sensory impairments. The Board directed the Commissioner to form a sub-committee to study the issue and report back to the Board within 90 days. The Commissioner shared with members the report of committee which was in the meeting material as part of the Commissioner's Report. The Commissioner discussed areas the committee felt needed improvement. Staff concluded in the report that pressing issues include the lack of providers, the need for training of providers, adequate funding and continued collaboration among the agencies and organizations providing screenings and services.

Madeline Burkindine, Superintendent of the schools was available to clarify questions about the schools' outreach efforts and answered questions in the discussion that followed. As follow-up to the discussion, Mrs. Cauble asked that the report on how KSSB and KSSD outreach services were reaching vision and hearing impaired children in the state be sent to Gary Robbins, Kansas Optometric Association, because of issues regarding vision screening. Superintendent Burkindine stated she would be making progress reports to the Board on the areas that the report pointed to as needing to be addressed..

MOTION
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Chairman Dennis moved, with a second by Dr. Chappell, that Madeline Burkindine, as Superintendent of KSSD/KSSB, be given an employee identity badge for access to the Department of Education building. The motion carried 10-0.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ATTORNEY KEVIN IRELAND

MOTION
(00:53:53)

Mrs. Cauble moved that the State Board of Education recognize Kevin Ireland for all of the work and all of the years he has dedicated to KSDE and to the students of Kansas; and express its appreciation for what he has meant to the State Board over the years as a stabilizing force. Mrs. Waugh seconded the motion, with the proviso that he be allowed share comments and be given the opportunity to have the last word with the Board.

Mr. Ireland, who was retiring in September, made brief comments to the Board and thanked it for the opportunity to serve. Several Board members expressed their individual appreciation for Mr. Ireland's work and the integrity and professionalism he has displayed, particularly when working with difficult issues dealing with the Professional Practices Commission's recommendations.

The motion carried 10-0.

BREAK
(00:58:57)

The Board took a break from 11:00 to 11:10 a.m.

UPDATE ON ESEA FLEXIBILITY WAIVER

(00:59:39)

Assistant Director of Title Programs and Services, Judi Miller, updated the Board on the state's ESEA waiver and shared with it activities that were underway now that it had been approved. Mrs. Miller reported that the Commissioner had been phoning districts with focus and priority schools to notify them of their status. She indicated that additional information had been on requested regarding Principle 3, the educator evaluation system with a tie to student achievement. The bulk of her presentation was review of the talking points on the waiver that had been developed for use by the field, staff and Board members when asked questions or making presentations on the waiver.

Board members had several questions on points that needed clarification in the discussion that followed. These included questions about KEEP, the model educator evaluation system currently being piloted, Title I funding, and assessments.

UPDATE ON THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS (NGSS)

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Matt Krehbiel provided an update on the NGSS, highlighting the use models, one of the practices used in the science and engineering standards. Chairman Dennis commented on his experience as a member of one of the Kansas NGSS committees.

LUNCH

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:01 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON KANSAS GUIDE TO LEARNING: LITERACY

Presenters Tom Foster, Matt Copeland, and Kris Shaw from KSDE and Laurie Winter, who led the work, presented to the Board information on the Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy (KGLL). The KGLL began as the Sunflower Literacy Project in 2010 in response to the need expressed by districts, schools, administrators, teachers, and parents for more guidance and information regarding literacy instruction. In the Fall of 2010 a draft of the Kansas Sunflower Literacy Project was developed and a Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy grant was received from USDE to assist in writing the statewide literacy plan. A team was recruited to guide the development of the project and literacy experts were recruited in 2011 to refine the research and revise and expand the project into the KGLL. The Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy (KGLL) is designed to enhance and support content in the Early Learning Standards for Birth – Five Years of Age; aligns with the Kansas Common Core Standards (KCCS); and enhances and supports teachers with the KCCS. Dr. Foster indicated that a guide for numeracy would be developed next.

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Board members asked questions and discussed the Governor's plan to retain students not reading at grade level by the end of fourth grade. Several Board members were concerned that the Governor's emphasis should be on much younger children, pre-school through the primary grades. One questioned whether a child who is not able to read by the fourth grade would ever catch up. There was also concern about what the decision would be based on, noting state assessments were only one test at one point in time. Multiple measures were strongly recommended at any level.

LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT

Susan Helbert, Assistant Director for Teacher Education and Licensure (TEAL), presented the 2011-2012 Licensed Personnel Report, which provides self-reported data on gender, ethnicity, age, experience and salary information for Kansas educators. The information was collected from October through April and represents a snapshot of that data as of May 15th. It is used for a variety of purposes, and is available in aggregate form for school districts, KSDE staff, the U.S. Department of Education for reporting purposes, researchers and anyone else with a need for the information. Discussion followed her presentation and there was interest in the exit data and concern that enough teachers and administrators were coming into the system to replace those leaving. In regard to the exit information in the report, several Board members asked for an additional category that would further refine reasons for leaving a teaching assignment and reduce the number of answers in the reason "Unknown" category.

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The Board took a short break at 2:58 and returned at 3:16 p.m.

Break
(01:28:15)

BEST PRACTICE AWARD FROM THE PARTNERSHIP FOR 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Dr. Tom Foster presented to the Board the Best Practice Award in the category of "Policy" from the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. The award recognizes the Department's work on the new accreditation model that was an outgrowth of the Mission the Board adopted in 2011: *"The Mission of the State Board of Education is to prepare Kansas students for lifelong success through rigorous academic instruction, 21st century career training, and character development according to each student's gifts and talents"*.

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Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander updated the Board on the development of the new accreditation system. He indicated that work was currently focused on defining and measuring AMO's (annual measurable objectives) other than performance on the state assessments. These measures will also be used to determine a school's or district's success. Because part of the new system will be in place based on 2012-2013 data, the Department will bring to the Board a request in September to eliminate the QPA requirement that schools on improvement or watch submit a school improvement plan based on their 2011-2012 status during the transition year. Discussion followed.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR 2013 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

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Chairman Dennis noted that he was interested in the issue of homeschooling. He added that he didn't want to develop any policy that would be onerous to the many excellent homeschools in the state, but was concerned about the few where no schooling was taking place and the student had, perhaps, been pulled out of school to work for the family in some way, such as babysitting. His concern was that in some cases the student was not learning and when returning to school after a few of years, had fallen too far behind grade level. Mrs. Cauble reported that she, too, had heard from people in her district, as well, about problems with homeschooling. Her suggestion was that the Board work together with the homeschool association in the state to arrive at solutions to address Board members' issues and concerns as well as issues homeschoolers might have. Deputy Commissioner Dennis reported that there hadn't been an interim study on the topic of homeschooling for many years. He proposed that after the Board's collaboration with representatives of the homeschools, that the group make proposals to the Legislative Education Planning Committee. An interim study would educate many legislators who are not up to speed on homeschooling issues. The other option the Board had was to come up with its own recommendation and take it directly to the legislature. Several Board members urged that the Board proceed slowly and carefully with the issue. After several Board shared experiences with the topic of homeschooling in their districts, including concerns about some students' safety, Mr. Dennis agreed to discuss it with the Commissioner and Vice Chair as a possible discussion to bring back at the September meeting.

MOTION

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Another issue brought up was the Governor's idea about retaining students at the end of fourth grade who were not reading a grade level. It was suggested that the Board offer their assistance as his policy develops. Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board chair send a letter to the Governor asking that the Board be part of the discussion as his roadmap for education develops. The motion carried 9-0, Chappell having left the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Mrs. Waugh asked for a discussion of the entrance age for kindergarten, possibly as a future agenda item. Deputy Commissioner suggested that the Board look at the change in the law that would allow a neighboring district to transport a student from his/her home district to the neighboring district to attend school if the student lives more than 2 ½ miles from the attendance center in the home district. Deputy Commissioner Dennis recommended that Board members discuss the statute change with the schools in their Board districts.

RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT REGARDING CERTIFIED SALARIES AT THE KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

(02:47:03)

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the Kansas State Board of Education ratify the negotiated agreement for FY 2013 for certified personnel at the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD). The motion carried 9-0, with Chappell absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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MOTION

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Ms. Storm, that the consent agenda be approved as submitted. The motion carried 9-0. In the consent agenda the Board:

- Received 4th Quarter reports from the Kansas State School for Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- Accepted the of the Evaluation Review Committee's recommendations for "Continuing Accreditation" for Tabor College through December 31, 2013; "Continuing Accreditation" for Donnelly College through December 31, 2015; and "Continuing Accreditation" for Emporia State University and University of Saint Mary through December 31, 2018;
- Accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for *BETHANY COLLEGE*: "Approved" status through December 31, 2017 for Art (I, PreK-12), Biology (I, 6-12), Chemistry (I, 6-12), Early-

Late Childhood (I, K-6), English (I, 6-12), English for Speakers of Other Languages (A, PreK-12), Health (I, PreK-12), History, Government, & Social Studies (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Music, Instrumental (I, PreK-12), Music, Vocal (I, PreK-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12), Physics (I, 6-12), and Speech and Theatre (I, 6-12); *DONNELLY COLLEGE*: "Approved with Stipulation" through December 31, 2014 for Early-Late Childhood (I, K-6) (New Program) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (A, K-6) (New Program); and *STERLING COLLEGE*: "Approved" status through December 31, 2017 for Art (I, PreK-12), Biology (I, 6-12), Chemistry (I, 6-12), Elementary (I, K-6), English (I, 6-12), Health (I, PreK-12), History, Government, & Social Studies (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12), and Speech Theatre (I, 6-12).

- Approved the in-service education plans for Satanta USD 507, and Bethel Life School #Z0039.
- Approved the one-year Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver requests from USD 362 Prairie View and USD 392 Osborne County School District.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education to grant a Visiting Scholar license for the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center and Khalil Mekkaoui.
- Issued an Order authorizing USD 469, Lansing, Leavenworth County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved funding for new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for 2012-2013 for USD 209 Moscow, \$112,079; USD 247 Cherokee, \$86,271; USD 290 Ottawa (Garfield), \$69,001; USD 480 Liberal (Garfield, Lincoln, McKinley, Washington), \$166,095; and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Finney County, \$92,241.
- Approved funding the 2012-2013 McKinney-Vento Children/Youth Homeless grants for USD 233 Olathe, \$34,440; USD 259 Wichita, \$106,268; USD 261 Haysville, \$17,581; USD 290 Ottawa, \$11,480; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, \$14,916; USD 457 Garden City, \$9,718; USD 475 Geary County, \$14,760; USD 500 Kansas City, \$70,274; and USD 501 Topeka, \$50,020.

Authorized the Superintendent of the Kansas School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind 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 \$134,000; and
- contract for out-of-state tuition for the 2012-2013 school year for students attending Kansas State School for the Deaf and receive tuition from Center School District, Kansas City, Missouri, 1 Student at \$17,723 and 1 Student at \$18,443; North Kansas City, North Kansas City, Missouri, 1 Student at \$44,403; and East Lynn School District, 1 Student at \$40,103.

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and:

- enter into a contract with the Character Education Partnership, as part of the Partnerships in Character Education Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$13,460 for this the final year of the grant program;
- continue contracts with Northeast Kansas Education Service Center, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, Smoky Hill Central Kansas Education Service Center, and South Central Kansas Education Service Center to provide reimbursement for service center coaches expenses related to the training and support for the Character Education Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for one year; and
- enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the purpose of disseminating public service announcements to inform the public about the Eat Smart, Play Hard Video News and to encourage healthful eating and physical activity at school and at home.

RECESS
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There being no further business Chairman Dennis recessed the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the second day of the August meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9:02 a.m., August 15, 2012 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

John Bacon Walt Chappell David Dennis Jana Shaver Ken Willard
Sally Cauble Carolyn Wims-Campbell Kathy Martin Sue Storm Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
(00:00:17)

UPDATE ON SENATE BILL 155 DEALING WITH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Jay Scott updated the Board on the impact of Senate Bill 155 on high schools in Kansas, including the individualized plan of study for each student beginning in 8th grade, the \$1,000 Incentive for Certifications, the Tuition Reimbursement, and the Transportation Reimbursement. Board questions followed. As follow-up to the discussion, the list of high demand occupations for which a certification in high school would qualify for the USD incentive payment was requested.

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The Board took a short break from 9:56 to 10:07 a.m.

BREAK
(00:54:00)

UPDATE ON BOARD GOALS

Commissioner DeBacker discussed progress on the goals the Board had set in 2011. Noting that the next Board will have to develop its own set of goals, she asked the Board to consider where the Board should go as it moves forward.

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Significant progress on career and technical education was recognized and, referring to the previous presentation on SB 155, it was requested that the list of high paying high demand jobs developed by the Department of Labor be made available to school districts as soon as possible. It was also emphasized that the determination of the cost of technical programs be completed as soon as possible.

It was suggested by the Commissioner that the list of goals might need to be smaller and that the Board focus on fewer goals, considering the Board's limited ability to act. Two areas arising from the discussion were early childhood and teacher preparation.

BOARD REPORTS

NASBE 2013 Dues

Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the Board approve payment of calendar year 2013 NASBE membership dues, NCOSEA dues and subscription to the Standard in the amount of \$24,985. In the discussion that followed, the value of the organization was questioned. The motion carried 9-1, with Chappell voting in opposition.

MOTION
(01:34:45)

Designation of Board Voting Delegate at NASBE Annual Meeting

After a discussion of who would be attending the NASBE annual meeting in October, Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that Ken Willard be designated as the Board's voting delegate, with Mrs. Wims-Campbell as alternate.

(01:38:30)
MOTION

- Chairman** Chairman Dennis updated Board members on issues regarding NASBE. He reported that the financial health of the association was looking better. He also noted that Jim Kohlmoos, Executive Director of NASBE, had attend the CCSO meeting recently and an outcome from that meeting was that NASBE and CCSO would share a day in Washington for each association's legislative conference in March.
- Attorney** Mr. Ferguson reported that closing arguments in the school finance case were scheduled for August 29th. He had no timeline for when a decision from the court would be made, but added whatever the outcome the decision would be appealed.
- Other Board Member Reports** In other Board member reports members reported on meetings attended during the past month, including an update from Mrs. Cable on the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee. Mrs. Martin reported on the Kansas Volunteer Commission meeting she had attended and indicated she did not know if she would continue on the Commission after her Board term was completed. She also reported that the Commission was in danger of losing its federal funding and the programs that it would be able promote might change. The Commissioner reported that three LEPC meetings had been scheduled. She also reported that the U.S. Department of Education Secretary would be visiting the Brown vs. the Topeka Board of Education historical site. The visit would be at the same time as the Board's September meeting. The Department was working to try to get more information and would inquire if there was an opportunity for the Board to attend and meet Secretary Duncan. She also reported that the Bullying Hotline would go live at the end of the week.
- Requests for Future Agenda Items** Chairman Dennis asked why there was not a career pathway for the arts and if there were any other career areas not being addressed. A discussion of home schooling was suggested as a possible legislative item. Mrs. Waugh asked for further discussion of the entrance age for Kindergarten as a possible legislative item. An update on early childhood was requested by Mrs. Shaver. It was requested by Mr. Bacon that Laura Downing with Ag in the Classroom be given 15 minutes at the October meeting to make a presentation on current developments in the program.

REQUESTS FOR STATE BOARD TRAVEL

- MOTION** Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Mr. Dennis that Board travel requests be approved with the addition of requests from her for the KSHSAA meeting in September and the NASBE meeting in October. The motion carried 10-0.
- (02:20:38)
- (02:21:34) There being no further business, Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary