

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes****July 10, 2012****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the July meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:01 a.m., July 10, 2012 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

Members present were:

John Bacon	David Dennis	Sue Storm	Mrs. Wims-Campbell was present by phone.
Sally Cauble	Kathy Martin	Janet Waugh	
Walt Chappell	Jana Shaver	Ken Willard	

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

Before approval of the agenda Chairman Dennis indicated the executive session later in the day would have to be moved to Wednesday. There being no other changes, Mrs. Cauble made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second by Chairman Dennis. The motion carried 10-0.

(00:02:16)
MOTION
(00:02:27)

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MINUTES

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the June minutes be approved as submitted. Discussion followed the motion and the brevity of Board reports in the minutes was questioned. It was noted that the time on the audio record of the meeting was noted for Board items so that individuals who wanted to hear the whole conversation could. The motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
(00:02:47)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Teaching In Kansas Commission II (TKCII)

Commissioner DeBacker introduced Scott Myers, the new Director of Title Programs and Services. He took the opportunity to share some of his education background with the Board.

(00:06:47)

The Commissioner gave an update regarding the Teaching In Kansas Commission II (TKCII) which will be charged with addressing the requirements of Principle 3 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility waiver. Principle 3 requires the State Education Agency to develop and adopt guidelines for teacher and principal evaluation systems which include student growth as a significant factor. She made available to the Board members the latest membership list and noted that many positions were yet to be filled, including nominees from several Board members. The proposed timeline included a preliminary report to the Board in December, with the final report in March or April of 2013.

An objection was raised about the whole effort of tying student achievement to teacher evaluations. The validity of the KEEP pilot was also questioned and a suggestion was made to look at other evaluation models. Additionally, the Board member who was speaking in opposition to the proposal, reported that he had spoken with teachers and administrators and they did not like the KEEP system because it took too much time. The Commissioner stressed that the commission's work was not to develop an evaluation instrument, but to investigate how to tie student achievement to teacher evaluation. Regarding the KEEP pilot, Dr. DeBacker stressed it was a model evaluation system that would be available for districts to use and there were no plans for using another pilot. Further, it had been created with the assistance of ETS and was measuring the appropriate things. Mrs. Martin requested that she be allowed to attend the TKCII meetings.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

(00:30:06)

Chairman Dennis declared the Open Forum open at 10:36 a.m. Those addressing the Board included John Richard Schrock, representing the Department Biological Sciences at Emporia State University, who spoke about plagiarism and the importance of integrity in scientific research and writing. He also handed out material regarding integrity in the sciences that would be circulated to science teachers across the state. Peg Dunlap, Topeka, KNEA, spoke about several topics, but primarily about the lack of recompense to participants on the TKCII. She noted how difficult it was for teachers to participate when substitute teacher reimbursement was not covered for them. She also reported on the favorable comments she had heard from the participants in the KEEP pilot. Terry Leatherman, Lawrence, representing Communities in Schools spoke of the organization's effective drop-out prevention work. He requested that the Board support the organization and that it recommend funding at \$100,000 for the organization in the Board's budget request to the Governor. Laura Downey, Manhattan, representing KACEE, spoke about the environmental program and the positive work it does in schools. She asked that the Board recommend funding of \$40,000 for 2013. Chairman Dennis declared the Open Forum closed at 10:44 a.m.

BREAK

(00:48:00)

The Board took a break from 10:49 to 10:57 a.m.

UPDATE ON ESEA FLEXIBILITY WAIVER

(00:48:12)

Assistant Director of Title Programs and Services, Judi Miller, updated the Board on the state's ESEA waiver request which is moving closer to approval. Most of the concerns raised by USDOE have been addressed, but a scheduled conference call with the agency had to be rescheduled until next week due to serious storms causing power outages in the east, including Washington, D.C. Director of Teacher Education and Licensure (TEAL), Pam Coleman participated in the presentation of information regarding Principle 3, educator evaluation that includes a tie to student achievement.

Questions and Board member feedback followed, including discussion of whether the Board should accept the waiver, if approved. Chairman Dennis requested that when the state's ESEA Flexibility Waiver request is approved that a press release be sent out that contains information on why Kansas sought the waiver.

ACT ON PLAN FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER FOR TITLE I SCHOOLS ON IMPROVEMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH CROSS AND JOFTUS, LLC

(01:43:49)

Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander presented a brief review of the plan (presented to the Board in June) for providing technical assistance to Kansas Title I Priority and Focus schools. The new model will shift much of the administration of KLN to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the education service centers in the state. Under the model a position will be created at KSDE for a school improvement coordinator, who will oversee the work of KLN. The education service centers will serve as network service providers, completing district needs assessments, assisting in developing and implementing district and school action plans and providing facilitators to districts. KSDE will continue to contract with Cross & Joftus to provide consultation, guidance, data and other resources to the process during the transitioning to a Kansas led Learning Network.

MOTION

(01:57:33)

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Ms. Storm, that Kansas State Board of Education approve the proposed Kansas Learning Network Model and authorize the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract with Cross and Joftus, LLC to provide technical assistance consultative services to Kansas and the Kansas Network Service Provider's, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

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Asked about the plan if the ESEA Flexibility Waiver is not approved, Mr. Neuenswander explained that the priority and focus schools would change and schools on improvement would be identified as they have been in the past based on AYP. He assured the Board that though the schools would change the new model for providing technical assistance would go forward. The same amount of Title I funds would be available to the state. One member had questions about the cost data and objected to the use of sub-groups to determine AYP, and the cost/benefit of providing assistance based on it.

(02:08:09)

The motion carried 9-1, with Chappell voting in opposition.

VOTE

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:19 p.m. and returned at 1:32 p.m.

LUNCH

UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION TO KANSAS COMMON CORE STANDARDS AND SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS

The Board was updated on the transition to the Kansas Common Core Standards (KCCS) for English language arts and mathematics and the work of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Tom Foster, Director of Career, Standards and Assessment Services at KSDE, shared information that is being made available to school districts to assist them in the transition to the KCCS and explained that the focus was on providing quality instruction. He noted the shift that is being made with the KCCS is one that moves away from focusing on adequate yearly progress to focusing on ensuring students are college and career ready upon high school graduation. Regarding SBAC, Dr. Foster also reported that items being developed by the consortium include formative and interim assessments, which may be used throughout the year to help teachers improve instruction and gain feedback on student progress, as well as a summative assessment taken at the end of the school year to gauge a student's ability to master the concepts and knowledge aligned to college and career readiness. The consortium is also developing a digital library of tools that will be accessible to teachers to help them transition to the new standards and assessment. He reported that the work of the consortium is on track and is expected to produce an assessment that can be implemented in the 2014-2015 school year.

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Expressed in the discussion that followed, was a concern about the ownership and maintenance of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment at the end of the consortium grant in 2014. Dr. Foster indicated that the deliverables that will be given to the states at that time will include the item bank and the test application tool. There could also be a role for the consortium in continued support of the assessment. Beyond the concern of ownership was the role of state boards in the review process going forward and uneasiness that the responsibility and decision-making were being taken out of state boards' hands.

The necessity for a change in assessments was also questioned, as well as what standards would be assessed before the SBAC assessments were ready. It was noted that the new standards would be raising the bar and basing curriculum on the new Common Core Standards would prepare students more than adequately for the new assessments when the time comes.

Lastly, the issue of special education students and the assessments was brought up. Dr. Foster said that without the reauthorization of ESEA and federal guidance for handling special ed student assessments, questions still remained unanswered. The discussion led to testing at the end of opportunity to learn and Dr. Foster reported that it would be available at all grade levels. Staff follow up requests included a request from Dr. Chappell for cost information for schools for participation in the 2011 and 2012 for summer academies. Chairman Dennis requested more frequent updates on the development of assessments by the Smarter Balanced Consortium.

The Board took a short break at 2:50 and returned at 3:02 p.m. Mrs. Wims-Campbell had rejoined the presentation and discussion at 2:12 p.m. and John Bacon left at the break.

Break
(01:19:56)

INFORMATION ON THE VISITING SCHOLAR REGULATIONS

(01:20:18)

A discussion of the need for CTE teachers from business and industry at the June meeting resulted in the request for staff to explore the possibility of lengthening the validity period of the Visiting Scholar license, which is currently one year to three to five years, and to bring recommendations to the Board. It was also requested that the pros and cons for changing the regulation be included.

Pam Coleman, Director for Teacher Education and Licensure at KSDE, presented the pros and cons and said that while the extension would result in a small cost savings for the applicants and some savings in time for licensing staff, she was not certain it would be worthwhile to go through the process of changing the licensing regulation given that only three Visiting Scholar licenses were issued last year, out of a total 20,000 teaching licenses. Mrs. Coleman pointed out that the initial teaching license, which is granted to individuals who have completed all of the requirements for a teaching license, is only good for two years and the Board might want to be careful about granting the same privilege to individuals who are not required to have a degree in the subject area or any pedagogy training.

Mr. Willard said he was looking for a way to address the need some businesses have expressed about placing in classrooms individuals who can provide unique instruction that will prepare students for the jobs available in their industry. Several members spoke against changing the license, one noting that it had not been created for the purpose Mr. Willard was suggesting. There was also concern about the lack of pedagogy. Several did not believe the visiting scholar license was the best way to address that need. Mrs. Coleman said work is underway on a means of qualifying individuals to provide career and technical education instruction based on the career pathways and that she was hopeful something could be brought to the Board for consideration later this year.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

(01:36:42)

MOTION

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board appoint Mike Wilson to fill an unexpired term on the Professional Standards Board to run from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. The motion carried on a vote of 8-1, with Willard voting in opposition.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

(01:37:52)

MOTION

Mrs. Cauble moved that the state board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendation of the commission in No.12-fc-04, Emily S. Swingle. Ms. Storm seconded the motion which carried on a vote of 9-0.

UPDATE ON THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

(01:38:31)

Matt Krehbiel, KSDE Science Consultant, updated the Board on the Next Generation Science Standards by discussing the core dimensions of the standards – scientific and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas and cross-cutting concepts. He also took time to explain scientific argument.

Break

(01:54:13)

The Board took a short break from 3:25 to 3:32 p.m. Upon returning from the break, Chairman Dennis had Ross Boden, who was filling in until the end of the day for Attorney Mark Ferguson, introduce himself.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

(01:55:10)

Deputy Commissioner Dennis handed out a list of the school districts by Board member district and answered questions.

The Deputy Commissioner began the discussion of the FY 2014 budget by reviewing budget line items, indicating which suggested options represented state law. Mr. Willard stated that the best message he was able to get from information coming out of the Governor's office was the

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suggestion that the Board send over a budget document stating its top priorities. There was much discussion about Board members' responsibility to serve as advocates for education, balanced against the financial realities facing the state.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the Board request funding for Base State Aid Per Pupil at \$4,492/student, the amount required in statute.

MOTION
(02:33:37)

The motion was followed by discussion of priorities and the impact on the state as whole by the amount spent on education. While many Board members expressed a belief that the requirements of state law should be fully funded, there was also an acknowledgment that a request to do so would be easily dismissed given the significant increase that would be required to provide funding at that level. After much discussion, Board members agreed to identify their top priorities to try to ensure that whatever funding was available to the state would first be directed in those areas.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, to amend her original motion with the following: That the Kansas State Board of Education submit an FY 2014 budget that would fund BSAPP at \$4,492, Special Education at the level to maintain the effort required by the federal government, and, because all know the most important influence on a student is the classroom teacher, and to impact the effectiveness of teachers, the Board should prioritize those programs that have an impact on teaching, with the number one priority being professional development, followed by teacher mentoring. Further, other programs that have funding required by law are extremely important, however instead of prioritizing them, they should be included all together. For those programs not in law, the Board would encourage funding for Ag in the Classroom, KACEE and Communities in Schools as requested.

**AMENDED
MOTION**
(03:17:15)

Discussion followed about whether dollar amounts should be included in the motion. It was suggested that the motion be divided, with BSAPP voted on first, followed by the Boards' other priorities. The motion was again amended by Mrs. Waugh to include only vote on BSAPP at the amount to fund the law, \$4,492/pupil. The motion carried 7-2, with Martin and Chappell voting in opposition.

**AMENDED
MOTION**
(03:33:08)

The Board then moved through its priorities.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Ms. Storm that Special Education be funded in the amount to fund the law, at approximately \$450,000. Discussion followed about the increase over the current year and what would fund the level to maintain the effort required by the federal government. Mrs. Waugh amended her motion, with second by Ms. Storm, to fund maintenance of effort for special education. The motion carried 9-0.

MOTION
(03:34:00)

**AMENDED
MOTION**
(03:36:36)

Mrs. Waugh moved that the Mentor Teacher Program be funded at the FY 2010 level, \$1,450,000. Mrs. Wims-Campbell provided a second. The motion carried 7-2, with Willard and Martin voting in opposition.

MOTION
(03:37:13)

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the Board fund the law for Professional Development, or \$8,500,000. Discussion followed about the need for professional development in schools. The motion carried 6-3, with Chappell, Willard and Martin voting in opposition.

MOTION
(03:38:13)

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Ms. Storm, that Ag in the Classroom be funded at \$35,000; KACEE funded at \$40,000; and Communities in Schools at \$100,000. After discussion about the differences in funding for the three programs, the motion carried 9-0.

MOTION
(03:38:13)

It was clarified that the programs voted on represented the Board's priorities and that all other programs would remain at the FY 2013 funding level. Dr. Chappell asked for the total amount of the Board's budget request at the meeting on Wednesday morning.

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CONSENT AGENDA

(03:47:19)

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Ms. Storm, that the consent agenda be approved as submitted. Dr. Chappell objected to the total amount being funded. The motion carried on a vote of 8-1, with Chappell voting in opposition. In the consent agenda the Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointments of: Krista Beckley to the position of Education Program Consultant on the Teacher Education and Licensure team effective June 1, 2012 at an annual salary of \$53,414.40; Diana Floyd to the position of Registered Dietitian on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team effective June 14, 2012, at an annual salary of \$53,414.40; Lynette Osner to the position of School Food Service Consultant on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team effective June 21, 2012, at an annual salary of \$43,950.40; Lee Jones to the position of Education Program Consultant on the Career, Standards, and Assessment team effective June 25, 2012, at an annual salary of \$53,414.40; and Pam Lamb to the position of Public Service Executive I on the Career, Standards, and Assessment team effective August 13, 2012, at an annual salary of \$46,092.80.
- Approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for Valley Center Intermediate School Elementary in USD 262 Valley Center;
- Approved charter schools requests for renewal from Turning Point Learning Center, USD 253, Emporia; Pleasantview Academy, USD 312, Haven; Walton Rural Life Center, USD 373, Newton; Lawrence Virtual School, USD 497, Lawrence; West Franklin Learning Center, USD 287, West Franklin; Yoder Charter School, USD 312, Haven; Smoky Valley Virtual Charter School, USD 400, Smoky Valley; and Hope Street Academy, USD 501, Topeka.
- Adopted and set cut scores as follows for regenerated and new Praxis II licensure assessments: Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (Test #0272) recommended score 160; Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (Test #0282) recommended score 163; Reading Specialist (Test #5301) recommended score 164; Professional School Counselor (Test #0421) recommended cut score 156; School Superintendent Assessment (Test #6021) recommended score 160; new test Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (test #5665) recommended score 164.
- Accepted the recommendations for approval from the Licensure Review Committee for cases 2756, Erin Meyer; 2760, Cassandra Arnold; 2775, Shirin Rupshi; 2776, Mariuschka Lovera and USD 265 Goddard; 2778, Brian Campbell; 2781, Jeffrey Lutt; 2786, Martha Corbett; and denial for cases 2770, Kristen Worthington; 2771, Robert Rocha; 2773, Charles Davis; 2774, Terra Mathers; 2780, Lucille Drum; and 2784, Scott Jones.
- Approved Charter School Dissemination Grants for USD 253 Emporia and USD 400 Smoky Valley for Charter in the amount of \$77,000 each.
- Approved funding for new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for 2012-2013 for USD 216, Deer field, \$164,549; USD 232, De Soto, \$114,251; USD 280, Liberal (SOAR), \$124,363; USD 290, Ottawa (Field/Lincoln), \$145,279; USD 349, Stafford, \$86,911; and USD 366, Woodson County, \$144,427.
- Approved the 2012-2013 AmeriCorps Kansas subgrantees as recommended: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City, \$61,493; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, \$133,000; Catholic Charities of Salina, Inc., \$33,250; Coffeyville USD 445, \$53,200; Communities in Schools of Kansas, \$48,400; Harvesters - The Community Food Network, \$53,041; Kansas Department of Health & Environment, \$26,400; Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, \$477,980; Kansas State University, Kansas Campus Compact, \$86,357; Labette County Medical Center, \$12,960; United Way of Douglas County, \$266,100; and Youth Volunteer Corps of Kansas City, \$66,473.
- Approved funding Title I School Improvement Grants 1003(g) for *Continuation Grants: Year 3*: USD 247, Cherokee, South East High School, \$328,153; USD 259, Wichita, Curtis Middle School, \$1,882,946; USD 480, Liberal, South Middle School, \$1,000,000; USD 500, Kansas City, Northwest Middle School, \$1,024,000; USD 500, Kansas City, Emerson Elementary School, \$630,000; and USD 501, Topeka, Highland Park High School,

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\$1,970,000; Year 2: USD 259, Wichita, Pleasant Valley Middle School, \$689,060; *New Grants*: USD 500, Kansas City, Douglass Elementary School, \$1,165,155; and USD 500, Kansas City, New Stanley Elementary School, \$1,337,026.

Authorized the Superintendent of the Kansas School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind to:

- continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to continue a hearing aid loan bank with the contract amount to be received by KSSD not to exceed \$45,000;
- to renew contracts with: Ron Wilson, LSCSW, for Counseling/Evaluation Services in the amount of \$15,000; and USD 500 School District, for Speech Therapy Services, in the amount of \$32,000;
- contract for out-of-state tuition for the 2012-2013 school year for students attending Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) and receive tuition from: Liberty, Missouri School District, Day Student for the Regular School Year 2012-2013 at \$17,000 and Smithville, Missouri School District, Regular School Year 2012-2013, Day Student for the Regular School Year 2012-2013 at \$17,000

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and:

- continue a contract with Coyote Consulting, LLC to provide statewide coordination services for the Partnership in Character Education grant at the rate of \$44 per hour; plus reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a direct result of providing the requested services including in-state and out-of-state travel in an amount not to exceed \$9,720.00. Provided, the total amount of this contract not exceed \$59,000.00;
- contract with the Institute for Excellence & Ethics, as part of the Partnerships in Character Education Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00.

There being no further business Chairman Dennis recessed the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

RECESS
(03:49:12)

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

APPROVED

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes**

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CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

John Bacon
Sally Cauble
Walt Chappell

David Dennis
Kathy Martin
Jana Shaver

Sue Storm
Janet Waugh
Ken Willard

Mrs. Wims-Campbell joined the meeting
by phone at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Chairman Dennis seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

MOTION
(00:01:44)

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS IN EDUCATION

At the June meeting Ms. Storm asked the Board to consider a resolution that would acknowledge the formation of the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education, as well as recognize the efforts of the Alliance to keep the arts part of K-12 education. Kathy Toelkes, KSDE Director of Communications presented the resolution to the Board. Joyce Huser, KSDE Fine Arts Consultant, discussed the impact made on students who were given the opportunity to be exposed to and participate in the arts. President of the Board of the Alliance, Barbara Warrity, and Sandy Goetcher, a classroom teacher in Overland Park, introduced by Ms. Storm at the beginning of the meeting, spoke about the need for arts education to help promote creativity and innovation. They also noted that the group's focus was on providing professional development opportunities for educators and teaching artists.

(00:02:17)

After several Board members spoke in support of the resolution, Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board adopt the resolution. The motion carried 10-0. A copy of the resolution is included with these minutes.

MOTION
(00:10:33)

The Board took a short break from 9:13 to 9:16 a.m. while pictures were taken. Mrs. Wims-Campbell dropped out of the meeting with plans to again be present by phone when it came time to vote on the waiver requests.

BREAK
(00:11:42)

ASSESSMENT WAIVER REQUESTS FROM USD 224 CLIFTON-CLYDE, USD 418 MCPHERSON AND USD 500 KANSAS CITY

Representatives of the three school districts, USD 418 McPherson, USD 500 Kansas City Kansas and USD 224 Clifton-Clyde, seeking a waiver from the US Department of Education from the state assessments, made presentations on what they hoped the waiver would accomplish.

After Board member questions, Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the waiver requests from USD 224 Clifton-Clyde, USD 418 McPherson and USD 500 Kansas City to use ACT and Explore assessments in place of state assessments in 2012-2013. After further discussion, the motion carried 10-0. Mrs. Wims-Campbell had rejoined the Board meeting 10:25 a.m.

MOTION
(01:15:35)

The McPherson district waiver will allow it to use the ACT Explore exam in place of state assessments for accountability purposes in grades 6-8, and the ACT exam in high school. The Kansas City Kansas and Clifton-Clyde school districts' waiver will allow the districts to use the ACT Explore exam in place of state assessments at grade 8 and the ACT college entrance exam in high school.

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Break
(01:21:50)

The Board took a short break from 10:27 to 10:35 a.m. Mrs. Wims-Campbell left the meeting for the remainder of the day.

BOARD REPORTS

(01:22:27)

**Spec Comm on
KSBE's role with
KSSD/KSSB**

Commissioner DeBacker reviewed a written preliminary report of the Special Committee on Governance of KSSD and KSSB. Discussion followed and Board members were invited to make additional recommendations. Several Board members and committee members responded to criticism from one Board member because oversight tasks that he felt should be included were not recommended. Mrs. Cauble asked for more information about the items in a table provided under the heading "Required by Statute, Regulation or Policy". Mr. Bacon asked that items on the Consent Agenda dealing with KSSD and KSSB be put together separated from other items in order to bring them to board members' attention. Additionally, information was sought about how effective efforts to identify students not attending either of the two schools were and if they were being adequately served.

Chairman

Chairman Dennis updated Board members on several issues regarding NASBE finances. He asked for Board consensus on an incentive that was being considered to bring back states that were no longer paying dues or participating in NASBE. The incentive would be to grant a 20 percent reduction in the cost of having one additional member attend the NASBE New Member Institute and a similar reduction in the cost for attending the annual meeting. The Board agreed.

Attorney

Mr. Ferguson indicated that he didn't have anything to add to his written report that was sent to the Board earlier.

**Other Board
Member Reports**

In other Board member reports members reported on meetings attended during the past month, including an update from Mrs. Shaver on activity of the KAACTE. She indicated she was disappointed in the lack of information going to businesses regarding the career pathways. Mrs. Cable reported on two NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee phone calls and noted that there had not been much change in movement on the ESAE reauthorization.

**Requests for
Future Agenda
Items**

Dr. Chappell asked for a presentation by TOPS, a preschool program in Wichita. Dr. DeBacker indicated that a presentation on pre-K was scheduled for September and that innovative programs would be highlighted. She added that the Wichita program could be included. Mrs. Shaver noted that was the reason she had asked that a pre-K item be included on an upcoming agenda was to look at outstanding program models.

REQUESTS FOR STATE BOARD TRAVEL

MOTION
(01:34:28)

Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Ms. Storm that Board travel requests be approved. Dr. Chappell asked to add salary, per diem and mileage for the KACEE conference in Topeka on 7/27. The motion carried 8-1, with Cauble voting in opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION
(01:36:14)

Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that after a break the Board recess into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. for 20 minutes under the provisions of executive sessions to discuss negotiated agreements; with the open meeting of the Board to resume in the Board Room at 12:05 p.m. No action would be taken after the session. Commissioner DeBacker was invited to remain. The open meeting resumed at 12:03 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

A summary of the Board's 2014 budget request totaling \$450.267 million in new funding was given to Board members. There being no further business, Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. (02:05:18)

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE
KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS IN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Board of Education is dedicated to preparing Kansas students for lifelong success through rigorous academic instruction, 21st century career training and character development according to each student's gifts and talents; and

WHEREAS, students with an education rich in the arts – regardless of their socioeconomic status - have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, lower dropout rates and better attitudes about community service; and

WHEREAS, a strong relationship between learning in the arts and fundamental cognitive skills and capacities used to master other core subjects, such as reading, writing and mathematics, has been demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, students with four years of arts or music in high school average 100 points better on their SAT scores than students with one-half year or less; and

WHEREAS, The Conference Board reports that creativity is among the top five applied skills sought by business leaders, with 72 percent saying creativity is of high importance when hiring; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education was formed in January 2012 to ensure that arts are an integral part of quality preK-12 education in order to promote students' personal development and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education seeks to provide professional development opportunities statewide for educators and teaching artists through workshops, symposiums, and an annual conference; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education aims to work directly with district curriculum and fine arts coordinators to develop meaningful integration strategies for effective teacher training; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education is committed to identifying and prioritizing key arts education issues in the state of Kansas and basing policy recommendations on research and assessment related to the benefit of the arts and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education advocates for the development and sustainability of policy that positions the arts as a core academic subject;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kansas State Board of Education acknowledges the formation of the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education and applauds the efforts of the association to ensure the arts remain a viable part of preK-12 education in Kansas to improve the achievement of Kansas students.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education on the 11th day of June, 2012.

s/ Penny Plamann

Penny Plamann,
Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Education