

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the September meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 13, 2011 in the Board Room of the Kansas State Department of Education Building, 120 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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(00:00:06)

**ROLL CALL**

Members John Bacon and Ken Willard were absent.

Those members who were present are:

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

**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**

Chairman Dennis advised the Board that item 10 a. had been revised and that a new item, 16 o., had been added to the agenda. Chairman Dennis also indicated that item 18, an executive session could be removed from the agenda. In addition, it was pointed out that both items 13 and 14 on the agenda were scheduled for 2:15 p.m. and Chairman Dennis indicated that item 14 would be moved to 2:45 p.m.

(00:02:29)

It was then moved by Mrs. Wims-Campbell and seconded by Chairman Dennis that the agenda be approved with the changes indicated. Dr. Chappell asked to remove items 16 g., h., l. and m. from the consent agenda. Chairman Dennis asked Dr. Chappell if he had discussed his concerns with staff and he indicated he had not. Chairman Dennis indicated the previous communication from the Commissioner asked Board members to address questions or concerns regarding any consent agenda items with staff ahead of the meeting given that the Board would only be meeting for one day in September. Mrs. Wims-Campbell did not agree to the change in the motion. Dr. Chappell then called the Board's attention to Board policy 10.10, subsection e, which indicates any Board member may request an item related to Board goals be added to the Board's agenda by making the request in advance of agenda preparation and that any such item will be placed on the Board agenda within a reasonable period of time. Dr. Chappell said he felt many of the requests for agenda items submitted over the past two years had not been included on Board agendas. He expressed his concern that the Board's agenda lacked substance. Dr. Chappell objected to the Board meeting being just one day in September rather than the normal two. He implied Board members were not exercising enough scrutiny in reviewing the Board agenda and proceeded to distribute rubber ink stamps marked "approved" to Board members. Chairman Dennis called Dr. Chappell out of order and called for a vote to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried 7-1 with Dr. Chappell voting in opposition.

**MOTION**

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(00:08:21 )

#### MOTION

It was moved by Mrs. Wims-Campbell and seconded by Chairman Dennis to approve the August minutes as presented. The motion carried 8-0.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

(00:08:52)

Commissioner DeBacker informed Board members that, pursuant to the Board's vote in July, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) had submitted its application to be named a lead state in developing Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and that the agency was confident that application would be accepted. Dr. DeBacker indicated an announcement regarding lead states would occur Sept. 20.

In anticipation of being named a lead state, Dr. DeBacker said KSDE was working to establish a review committee that would review drafts of the NGSS and provide feedback to the writers. She asked Board members to provide the names of two individuals they would recommend to be part of the review committee. In addition, Dr. DeBacker said an executive committee would be established and it was expected that there would be considerable representation of business and industry members on that committee. As work on the NGSS moves forward, Dr. DeBacker said Board members would receive a monthly update on progress from KSDE science consultant Matt Krehbiel.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. Krehbiel answered questions about the standards writing process, noting that there were three planned review periods for the standards drafts and two planned public review periods and that the timeline called for the NGSS to be finalized by the end of 2012. In response to questions from Board members, Mr. Krehbiel shared that the process for developing NGSS is different than the process used in developing the Common Core Standards for English language arts and mathematics. While there are some similarities in the process, the coordinators for NGSS had learned from the Common Core process and modified the process to address perceived problems with the Common Core process. In answer to questions from the Board, Mr. Krehbiel shared that should the Board decide not to adopt the final NGSS, they could use much of the work done by the NGSS writing committee in developing standards for the state.

Dr. DeBacker also reported that the Governor had named KSDE to be the lead agency in developing the state's Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant application. KSDE will work with representatives from the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Children's Cabinet in writing the grant, which must be submitted through the Governor's office. Dr. DeBacker reminded Board members that Kansas was eligible to apply for up to \$50 million through the grant.

### CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

(00:35:38)

Chairman Dennis declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:34 a.m. Shari Wilson, KACEE, Kansas City, invited Board members to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Kansas Environmental Education Conference to be held in November in Great Bend. Doug Moeckle, Kansas Association of School Boards, invited Board members to attend any of the education summits KASB would be hosting around the state this fall. Jamie Finkeldei of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, spoke in favor of having the Board consider dual accreditation of Kansas schools and recommended the State Board continue studying the use of Advanced-Ed as a model for school accreditation in the state. Dr. Don Wells, Kansas School Superintendent's Association, spoke about the need to periodically discuss and consider reform efforts in the state. He advocated a focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in any reform efforts. Chairman Dennis declared the Open Forum closed at 10:45 a.m.

**RECOGNITION OF 2010 NATIONAL FINALISTS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING**

Board members recognized Claire Overstake, an elementary science teacher at Stucky Middle School in the Wichita school district, USD 259, and Angie McCune, an elementary math teacher at West Elementary School in the Wamego school district, USD 320, for being named national finalists in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching program. Each of the teachers shared with Board members some of the strategies they use in the classroom to engage students in math and science learning. Board questions and compliments followed. (00:46:50)

The Board took a break at 11:05 a.m. and returned at 11:15 a.m.

**BREAK.**  
(01:05:18)

**UPDATE ON THE NEW TEACHER CENTER AND ACTION ON THE LEADERSHIP MENTORING CONTRACT**

Mrs. Pam Coleman, Director for Teacher Education and Licensure at KSDE, provided an update on the work of the New Teacher Center in helping to implement educator mentoring programs for the state. Mentoring programs for both teachers and school principals are being piloted. Mrs. Coleman shared that there are nine Kansas school districts piloting mentoring programs and a total of 35 mentors receiving training. The school districts participating in the teacher mentoring program are Augusta, Wichita, Olathe and Blue Valley. The districts participating in the leader mentoring program are Blue Valley, Olathe, Wichita, Augusta, Andover, Shawnee Heights, Seaman, DeSoto and Pittsburg. (01:15:08)

Mrs. Coleman indicated that for 2012, the mentors in the teacher mentor program would be engaging with their mentees in active research based in the theory of instruction in their district and that principals in the mentoring program would be working on an individual development plan aligned to their district's theory of instruction and their school improvement plan, and would be creating a long-range strategic plan. In response to Board member questions, Mrs. Coleman said that because Kansas is finishing its third year with the program, it is now eligible to become a trainer of trainers group, which will allow for mentors in Kansas to train other mentors in additional school districts. Some concern was expressed that the school districts in the pilot programs were mostly large districts and not necessarily the districts that have problems attracting teachers. The concern was that what is developed through the pilot program may not work as well for small schools and school districts that have difficulty attracting teachers. Mrs. Coleman shared that previously a pilot had been conducted in the western part of the state for two years that was slightly different, in that it allowed the mentors to continue teaching in the classroom while mentoring, instead of being on full release while they served as a mentor. That model could be pursued again for small schools in areas of the state that have difficulty attracting teachers, or the model currently being piloted could be adjusted to address the needs of smaller schools. Additional concerns centered around continued funding to pursue mentoring programs and a perception within the public that identifies mentors as administrators.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, to authorize the Commissioner to enter into a contract with New Teacher Center for year 2 of cohort 2 of the school leader induction program from Fall 2011 to June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$32,000. The motion carried 8-0.

**ACT ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION AND THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, to appoint Dorsey Burgess to the Professional Practices Commission as a representative of classroom teachers for a three-year term beginning Sept. 13, 2011 through June 30, 2014. The motion carried 8-0. **MOTION** (01:36:15)

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, to appoint the following individuals to the Professional Standards Board: **MOTION** (01:37:07)

- Rudy Perez as a representative of public school building administrators, for a three-year term beginning Sept. 2, 2011 and concluding June 30, 2014.
- Kathy Wagoner as a representative of public school teachers, for a three-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2011 and concluding June 30, 2014.
- Shelley Addis as a representative of public school teachers, for a three-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2011 and concluding June 30, 2014.
- Gwen Landever as a representative of private universities/colleges, for a one-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2011 and concluding June 30, 2012, to complete an unexpired term.
- David Patterson as a representative of AVS/AVTS/Career/Technical Education teachers, for two-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2011 and concluding June 30, 2012, to complete an unexpired term.

Following a discussion about the importance of maintaining a balance on the commission by ensuring participation from individuals from the various Board districts and representing different ethnicities, the motion carried 8-0.

### **REPORT ON 2011 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

(01:43:01)

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided information on the Special Committee on Redistricting public hearing dates. He invited Board members who had attended some of the hearings already to provide input on what had transpired at the meetings. Mrs. Storm shared that she had attended hearings in Lawrence and Overland Park and that the primary concern expressed in those hearings was that the last time redistricting occurred, the committee charged with making the changes did not follow its own guidelines. She said many of those who spoke at the hearings wanted to be reassured that this time the guidelines would be followed. In addition, she said there was concern expressed that Wyandotte County not be placed in the first congressional district.

There was a discussion about how it is determined which four senatorial districts will comprise each State Board district, with Deputy Commissioner Dennis stating that the senatorial districts comprising each Board district was established in statute and that it could be changed through legislation. Board members expressed a desire to have some input as to which senatorial districts make up each Board district and there was a discussion on whether the Board should draft a letter to the Senate President and the ranking minority member in the Senate requesting that the Board have an opportunity to provide input into that decision. Mr. Dennis advised that it would be best to wait until just before the start of the legislative session before sending such a letter. It was agreed that staff would draft a letter for the Board to review, but that the Board would not send the letter until January. Mrs. Storm asked what the difference was between the Special Committee on Redistricting and the Redistricting Advisory Group. Deputy Commissioner Dennis shared that the advisory group is made up primarily of leadership in the legislature.

Deputy Commissioner Dennis shared tentative agendas for the Sept. 13 meeting of the KAN-ED study committee and the Sept. 22 meeting of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (LEPC). Dr. Chappell asked if the staff testimony at the LEPC related to school districts' ending balances would be provided to Board members prior to the LEPC meeting and Deputy Commissioner Dennis advised that the information would be on the KSDE website in advance of the meeting. There was additional discussion on the issue of special education maintenance of effort and the state's appeal to the federal government. Additional information regarding state balances has been requested from the Governor's office. Deputy Commissioner Dennis also responded to questions regarding whether the LEPC would discuss articulation agreements between K-12 school districts and community colleges and technical schools.

Deputy Commissioner Dennis also shared with Board members a document outlining membership on the 2011 interim committee memberships.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m. Board member Ken Willard joined the meeting following the lunch break.

**LUNCH**  
(02:02:27)

### **PRESENTATION ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION/PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN KANSAS SCHOOLS**

Mrs. Cheryl Johnson, director of Child Nutrition and Wellness at KSDE, encouraged Board members to visit the ESPH.org website, which contains information for families on healthy living and shows how Kansas schools are helping children eat smart and play hard. She also shared with Board members a public service announcement for the Eat Smart Play Hard program that would begin airing across Kansas Sept. 15.

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Mrs. Johnson introduced Dr. Darrel Lang, KSDE's program consultant for HIV/AIDS and human sexuality; Dr. Mark Thompson, KSDE's project director for the Healthy Kansas Schools program; Rhonda Holt, a retired physical education teacher and administrator for the Wichita school district, a member of the Governor's Council on Fitness, current activities coordinator for the Let's Move In Schools project and the 2000 National Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year; and Amy McClure, a physical and health education teacher at Mill Valley School in the DeSoto school district, member of the Healthy Schools Advisory Council and the 2010 National Health Educator of the Year. They presented information related to physical education and physical activity in Kansas.

Dr. Thompson explained that in Kansas, elementary schools are required to offer physical education (PE), but there is no requirement with regard to the number of minutes or days the course is to be offered. There is no requirement for physical education at the middle school level and at the high school there is a requirement for one credit of physical education for graduation and a portion of that credit may include health and human sexuality. He shared that 29 states have stronger PE requirements than Kansas, 15 states have similar requirements and 6 states have weaker requirements than Kansas. In response to a Board member question, Dr. Thompson shared that recess is not required in Kansas.

Thompson also shared information on school health profiles in Kansas, showing that the percentage of students participating in PE drops as students progress through high school, reaching a low of 10 percent in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Thompson also shared information from the 2009 Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Study, which showed that while students attending PE classes one or more days a week and those attending daily in an average week, had decreased, the percentage of students who reported they were physically active for 60 minutes or more each day for at least five of the past seven days had increased. Dr. Thompson said the increase may be due to students participating in school sports programs. There was discussion as to how and to whom the Youth Risk Behavior Study is administered and what may account for some of the responses in the survey.

An additional discussion took place regarding what constituted a credit. It was shared that under the state's school accreditation system, a credit may be based on attainment of a concept rather than seat time, although many schools still rely on seat time in assigning credit. For some schools, a credit could be awarded in one semester, in others a credit requires two semesters.

Dr. Lang shared the national recommendations related to physical education and physical activity and provided additional information as to what constituted physical activity. Dr. Thompson then provided information on a number of national initiatives related to physical education and physical activity, including Fuel Up to Play 60 from the American Dairy Council and NFL players, Healthy Schools Program from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, More Kids in the Woods

from the U.S. Forest Service, and the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Thompson also provided information about K-FIT (Kansas Fitness Information Tracking). K-FIT is a three-year project funded by the Kansas Health Foundation that will provide Fitnessgram, an online fitness assessment tool, and training on its use to approximately 900 physical education teachers in Kansas. Fitnessgram will allow the teachers to conduct fitness testing, including aerobic capacity, flexibility and upper body strength, on students in grades five, seven and nine and to share those results with KSDE. Dr. Thompson said that so far, 250 teachers have been trained on Fitnessgram and the state is awaiting final programming to allow the system to go live. Once the program is live, Kansas will be the first state able to link individual fitness data and academic data.

Ms. Holt shared information on the Let's Move in School (LMIS) campaign, a program focused on physical activity. LMIS is a collaborative program between the Kansas Health Foundation; KSDE; the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and the National Association for Sports and Physical Education. The program is a two-year initiative to train up to 200 physical education teachers and university faculty to become directors of physical activity. The directors will establish practices to help ensure students get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day before, during and after school. Mrs. Holt indicated that 75 teachers have already been trained and 125 more are expected to be trained next summer.

Ms. McClure then shared thoughts on what physical education and health teachers in Kansas need to improve their programs. She indicated that time with students was the number one thing teachers needed. She shared that increased accountability demands in academic areas could cause time to be taken away from recess and physical education and activity in order to devote more time to those academic areas. Ms. McClure said that in order to improve physical education and health programs in the state, it needed to be considered an important part of the educational system.

A discussion followed related to what recommendations the teachers had to increase physical activity for students. Some suggestions included requiring recess for elementary students, providing staff development to teachers and administrators to understand the correlation between movement and physical activity, and inservices to help teachers understand how to integrate physical education and physical activity in other content areas. Mrs. Cauble asked Board members to consider putting sex education back in the health standards, rather than pulling it out as a separate area. Additional discussion focused on increased requirements for physical education in high school and the issues that might create with regard to availability of facilities. Mrs. Waugh asked that if committees are eventually established to look at best practices, physical education be one of the areas in which best practices are established.

A discussion also took place regarding what constituted appropriate physical education and Chairman Dennis asked if the requirements for JROTC would meet the requirements for physical education. Ms. Holt responded that she had reviewed the requirements for JROTC and she did not believe they met the requirements for physical education established by the national association. Chairman Dennis asked that KSDE staff conduct a crosswalk between the physical education standards and JROTC requirements and report on whether JROTC would meet the PE standards.

**BREAK**  
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The board took a break at 3:45 p.m. and returned at 3:55 p.m.

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## **PRESENTATION ON THE KANSAS CAREER PIPELINE AND ACTION ON 2012 SUBSCRIPTION**

Ms. Robin Harris, assistant director for Career, Standards and Assessment Services introduced Caleb Asher, deputy secretary for Workforce Services at the Kansas Department of Commerce, to share information regarding the Kansas Career Pipeline. Mr. Asher explained that the Kansas Career Pipeline system assists individuals in measuring their career interests, skills and work values, as well as in exploring occupations and establishing educational strategies. The system also helps individuals connect with Kansas employers seeking employees. The focus for the Department of Commerce is how to grow the workforce for those employers five and 10 years down the road.

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Mr. Asher explained that Kuder Inc. operates the pipeline in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Commerce, KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents. Components of the pipeline include the Kuder Navigator for middle and high school students and their parents and educators; Kuder Journey for postsecondary students, their advisors, instructors and adults; and the Administrative Database Management System (ADMS) that supports career guidance, aggregate data reporting and direct communication. Mr. Asher gave a brief summary of the history of the Kansas Career Pipeline, how it works now and what the partnership is looking at for the future.

Mr. Asher shared that 439,000 assessments have been completed through the pipeline since it was implemented in 2007. There are more than 900 sites using the pipeline in Kansas, primarily middle schools and high schools. The past few years have seen significant growth in assessment use.

The pipeline was started with funding from the Legislature. Additional funding from business partners was sought, but that funding model did not prove sustainable. The pipeline partners, Department of Commerce, KSDE and the Board of Regents, have jointly funded the pipeline, but given reduced agency budgets, the partners are looking for ways to continue the system in a more cost-effective method. The partners are collaborating to streamline Kansas career websites – including the Kansas Career Pipeline, KANSASWORKS and CareerZoom. A consultant has been retained by the Kansas Department of Commerce to assist with the project and preliminary planning and website audits have been completed. That research has included an evaluation of free U.S. Department of Labor sites and tools available for use.

Recommendations include replacing the Kuder subscription with the integrated websites using free websites and tools. Mr. Asher said seeking input from users of the site regarding the services and functions they most want and need would be crucial to determining what the new Kansas pipeline will look like. Mr. Asher reviewed the timeline for completing the project, which calls for the new website to be launched by September 2012. Mr. Asher said he anticipated Kansas could save up to \$450,000 by replacing the Kuder Inc. contract with a stand-alone website tool.

A discussion took place with regard to ensuring that services were not interrupted during the transition of the website and that the reliability and validity of the information provided by the site is not compromised. Mr. Asher explained that part of the 2010 contract with Kuder Inc. specified that the data belonged to Kansas, so it would not be lost if the contract with Kuder was discontinued. Additional discussion centered on how the state could use the data gathered through the website and whether it was currently being used in those ways. Mr. Asher indicated that work was underway to do more with the data available, including helping to make good economic development decisions. Ms. Harris shared that some high schools are using information from the pipeline to determine which career pathways will be offered at their school. She said work was underway to make further connections to the information from the pipeline. It was asked that the contract with Kuder Inc. be continued for an additional year, with the intent to launch the stand-alone website next year. Mr. Asher indicated that the cost to KSDE for the contract would be \$100,000, with a like amount coming from the Kansas Board of Regents and the remainder of the \$455,000 cost coming from the Department of Commerce.

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**MOTION**  
(02:14:28)

It was moved by Chairman Dennis and seconded by Mr. Willard to authorize the Commissioner to approve a contract for the continued subscription of the Kansas Career Pipeline through Carl D. Perkins Statewide Leadership Grant Activities in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

In the discussion that followed, Chairman Dennis shared that this item had originally been included as a consent item for the August agenda, but it was pulled from the consent agenda to allow for a presentation in September because the Board leadership did not feel there was sufficient information available on where the project was going. Dr. Chappell asked for clarification on how the \$100,000 would be spent and was told that the money would help pay for the Kuder products. Mr. Asher shared that the outside consultant was being paid by the Department of Commerce and there would be no funds from KSDE used to pay those costs.

The motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
(02:14:28)

The board took a break at 3:49 p.m. and returned at 3:56 p.m.

**PRESENTATION ON 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ACCREDITATION INCLUDING A GROWTH MODEL**

(02:27:33)

Mr. Tom Foster, director of Career, Standards and Assessment Services for KSDE, and Deputy Commissioner for Learning Services Brad Neuenswander presented a model for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Accreditation. Mr. Foster shared that the development of the new accreditation model was in response to the Board's direction to explore ways to incorporate a growth model without tying it to NCLB accountability. The new accreditation model encompasses a broad view of growth and is itself a growth model.

After Mr. Foster briefly reviewed the history of accreditation in Kansas which was implemented in 1992 and aligned with the requirements of NCLB in 2005, Mr. Neuenswander reviewed the assumptions used in developing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Accreditation model:

- Kansas needs a new accreditation system that takes a broader approach to what constitutes quality than just meeting AYP.
- The focus will be on the transition to 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- Accreditation will be at the district level rather than the building level.
- Accreditation designations will include accredited and non accredited and perhaps accredited through growth or accredited with distinction.

It was explained that the process for accreditation would involve awarding points for implementation of 21<sup>st</sup> century practices, and rather than simply relying on a minimum checklist for determining eligibility, points will be awarded within an identified range. Scoring of standards will be determined through pilots with districts. Responsibility for accreditation and technical assistance within KSDE will be divided among existing teams, with each team directing those activities within its area of responsibility.

Mr. Foster reviewed the framework for the accreditation model. He shared that the scoring matrix would be organized within the 21<sup>st</sup> century themes of relationships, relevance, responsive culture, results and rigor. In each area, there would be no more than five categories in which districts could be scored. For each category, there are three stages of recognition: implementing, transitioning and modeling. Mr. Foster walked through the scoring categories in each theme, noting that districts would be rewarded for pursuing innovation. The scoring model would recognize districts for achieving a set target for performance or for achieving a certain level of growth.

Mr. Neuenswander reviewed the timeline for developing and implementing the new accreditation model. He shared that work to review the assumptions associated with the model would continue through November 2011. Once the NCLB waiver rules are released, KSDE will have about 60 days to

develop a waiver request. Throughout 2012-13, definitions will be refined, as will roles and responsibilities. By Sept. 2012, the model will be ready to pilot with a number of school districts and by 2013-14 the model will be ready to implement, test and revise.

The Board discussion included whether the staff would be able to take on the considerable work involved in developing the model and the feasibility of determining accreditation at the district level as opposed to the building level. Concerns were expressed about being able to account for the disparity in district size when awarding points in the system and in making accreditation decisions. Mr. Neuenswander indicated that experience with the Kansas Learning Network demonstrated the value of a district wide, systemic approach to change. He said the model could work within any district and begin to drive change from the district level.

Mrs. Cauble asked that staff think carefully about the accreditation designations and be sure that they are positive in nature and have meaning. Mr. Willard expressed his desire that there be nothing in the model that would hinder growth in school choice, such as charter schools and magnet schools, and Dr. Chappell expressed concern that the model takes the focus off students.

The board took a break at 5:06 p.m. and returned at 5:12 p.m.

**BREAK**  
(03:35:29)

**YEAR-END REPORT FROM THE KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND APPROVAL OF FY 2013 BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE SCHOOLS**

Superintendent Madeline Burkindine provided year-end reports for the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind. She briefly covered a number of accomplishments for each school. (3:42:28)

***KSSB FY 2013 Budget***

Superintendent Burkindine presented the FY 2013 budget for the reduced resources target and the enhancement budget. She also reviewed the FY 2013 State Institutional Building Fund request. The reduced resource target budget reflected a 5 percent reduction and included three staff reductions and a reduction in extracurricular activities. After discussing the budget, Mrs. Martin moved, with a second from Mrs. Waugh, that the KSSB budget be approved as submitted. The motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
(04:09:55)

***KSSD FY 2013 Budget***

Superintendent Burkindine presented the FY 2013 budget for the reduced resources target, the enhancement budget and the FY 2013 State Institutional Building Fund Request. The reduced resource target budget includes the reduction of five staff members, a reduction in substitute teachers and a reduction in extracurricular activities. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second from Mrs. Storm, that the KSSD budget be approved as submitted. The motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
(04:18:20)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried 8-1 with Dr. Chappell voting in opposition. In the consent agenda the Board: (04:19:11)

**MOTION**

- Received the monthly Personnel Report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Tamara Brown to the position of administrative assistant (part-time) on the Career, Standards and Assessments team effective Sept. 6, 2011 at an annual salary of \$20,550.40.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Program Approval" for Haskell Indian Nations University.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2648, Dina Massoud; 2714 Misty Overstreet; 2715 Jacob Bruster; 2718, Lizette Burks; and 2720, Staci Garriott.

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- Accepted the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education to renew the Visiting Scholar license for the 2011-12 school year for Khalil Mekkaoui.
- Approved the one-year Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver requests for USD 237 Smith Center, USD 258 Humboldt, USD 288 Central Heights; USD 420 Osage City and USD 453 Leavenworth.
- Approved a contract with the University of Kansas Research Center to provide professional development services to Migrant Family Literacy Providers in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- Approved funding the 2011-2012 1003(a) School Improvement Grants in the amount of \$100,000 each for Moscow Elementary, USD 209 Moscow; Marshall Middle School and Mead Middle School, USD 259 Wichita; Perry-Lecompton Middle School, USD 343 Perry-Lecompton; Atchison Elementary, USD 409 Atchison; Community Elementary, USD 445 Coffeyville; Tecumseh North Elementary, USD 450 Shawnee Heights; Bernadine Sitts Intermediate, USD 457 Garden City; Lansing Elementary, USD 469 Lansing; New Stanley Elementary and Rosedale Middle School, USD 500 Kansas City; Highland Park Central Elementary, Quincy Elementary, State Street Elementary and Eisenhower Middle School, USD 501 Topeka; and Shawanoe Elementary, USD 512 Shawnee Mission, for a total of \$1,600,000.

*Contracts approved:*

The State Board authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and:

- enter into contracts with Emporia State University Jones Institute in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 and the University of Kansas Research Center in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to provide professional development to Migrant/ELL teachers from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012;
- enter into a contract to purchase proprietary training materials including curriculum for Certified Parent Educators and Supervisors for Parents as Teachers Program from the Parents as Teachers National Office, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000;
- enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a three-year period with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to assist with activities to complete the Kansas Fitness Information Tracking (K-FIT) project;
- 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 \$159,000 for one year;
- purchase services from Gizmo Pictures, Inc. under existing State of Kansas contracts in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the purpose of developing videos and supporting materials encouraging healthful eating and physical activity;
- 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;
- enter into a contract with Altec to sponsor four training event for Technology Rich Classrooms ALTEC to support professional learning opportunities for the Tech Rich Classrooms with the contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Chairman**  
(04:19:32)

Chairman Dennis reviewed those Board members who had confirmed reservations for the Kansas Teacher of the Year Regional banquets for the upcoming weekend and asked that Board members verify those reservations.

Chairman Dennis also noted that he attended the MTSS Conference the previous week and said he had received nothing but good feedback. He said approximately 1,100 people attended the conference and the planning and execution to accommodate a crowd that size was commendable.

Chairman Dennis also directed Board members' attention to their Board materials, which included copies of the NASBE public policy positions. He indicated the document would be voted on at the NASBE annual meeting and asked that the Board vote to give Mr. Willard the authority to vote to

accept the document at the meeting. Mrs. Storm moved with a second by Mrs. Cauble to give Mr. Willard the authority to vote in favor of the NASBE public policy positions on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Education.

**MOTION**  
(04:32:31)

In the discussion that followed, concerns were expressed with regard to some of the positions in the document and whether accepting the document would obligate the State Board to act on the positions put forth. It was explained that the document was simply NASBE's attempt to layout those items considered important to educational efforts by a broad spectrum of individuals and to recommend items states could look at to craft their own positions or policies. It would be up to individual state boards to determine whether or not to act on any of the positions. The motion carried 9-0.

Board Attorney Ferguson indicated notification had been received that oral arguments in the Petrella case would take place before the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals Nov. 16 in Denver. He and KSDE General Counsel Cheryl Whelan planned to attend. Dr. Chappell questioned a billing item and asked how requests for the Board Attorney's time were initiated. Mr. Ferguson indicated it was rare for a Board member to contact him outside of a Board meeting unless it related to policy or ongoing litigation. He said the majority of his time for the Board was spent in Board meetings or dealing with ongoing legal matters.

**Attorney**

Mrs. Storm indicated she would be attending the LEPC meeting Sept. 22. She also shared that she expected the issue of whether the Legislature should regulate the use of social media between teachers and students to be taken up in the next legislative session. She indicated the Missouri Legislature had that discussion in their last session.

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Mrs. Storm also explained that the reason the executive session had been removed from the Board's September agenda was because in the negotiations with the Kansas State School for the Deaf, the management team and legal counsel had made recommendations regarding legal issues they had identified and sent those changes to the KNEA team. The KNEA team wanted to meet regarding those recommendations and that meeting was scheduled for Friday of the current week. She stressed that the teachers at the Kansas State School for the Deaf were continuing on last year's contract and salary and when the new contract is ratified they will receive any increase in salary retroactively.

Mr. Willard reported that he would be attending the LEPC meeting on Sept. 22. He added that he thought the Board needed to discuss where they stood with regard to the use of social media as he also believes it would become an issue in the Legislature at some point.

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Legislative  
Coordinator**

Mrs. Martin shared information about Citizen Link, a newsletter that is a resource for parents and offers access to TrueTolerance.org, a website with information for parents to help them access information regarding their parental rights and the rights of their children. She also shared that Sept. 28 is the annual Global Day of Student Prayer, better known as "See You at the Pole." She indicated information about activities and materials is available at syatp.org. She also shared an additional resource for parents and teachers – Gateway to a Better Education. It is a nonprofit organization founded to help public schools teach about the important contributions of the Bible and Christianity make to the world so students can graduate with their faith and values intact. She there was currently an opportunity for teachers to pilot the materials of the organization said information and materials were available at gtbe.org.

**Other  
Board  
Member  
Reports**

Mrs. Waugh reported that she attended a town hall meeting on student leadership at the Kansas School for the Deaf. She said the panel was very good and included the president of Gallaudet University, the chairman of the Board of Trustees for Gallaudet University and Congressman Kevin Yoder. She said she was excited to learn that Congressman Yoder had been named to the Board of Directors for Gallaudet University. She also reported that she attended the Confidence in Kansas

Public Education meeting and shared with Board members that the Challenge Awards dinner would be Nov. 9 at Junction City Middle School and that the Governor's Scholars Awards would be May 6 at Washburn University.

Mrs. Waugh also asked that the status of the teaching of penmanship in Kansas schools be added as a future agenda item or be addressed in one of the Commissioner's Friday letters.

Mr. Willard reported that he had filled in for Chairman Dennis at a leadership Kansas meeting in Wichita, serving on a panel with House Speaker O'Neal. He said others that were to have served on the panel, including some local superintendents, did not show up. The topic of discussion was school finance and Mr. Willard indicated he did the best job he could to represent the Board and the Board's position and was careful to note when he was expressing his own opinion rather than that of the Board.

Mrs. Wims-Campbell reported that she attended the MTSS Symposium and said she received a lot of feedback from educators indicating they appreciated the work sessions

Mrs. Cauble asked to delete the NASBE annual meeting from her travel request.

Mrs. Shaver reported that she attended the KACTE meeting and that the group was trying to promote statewide articulation agreements in some areas. She also referenced examples of some end of pathway assessments that were being developed and held a lot of promise.

Mrs. Shaver also shared a draft of changes the Policy Committee is recommending to the Board policies. She apologized to Dr. Chappell for not being able to provide him an advance copy of the recommendations. Mrs. Shaver briefly reviewed the changes being suggested which included recommendations for how the Board could evaluate progress on the Board's strategic plan and toward meeting Board goals and objectives. The recommendations also included a method for evaluating individual board members. The committee is also proposing some additions to the policy document. Mrs. Shaver asked that Board members review the recommendations and be prepared to vote on them at the October meeting. Mrs. Shaver indicated that the Policy Committee was recommending waiting until after completing the Commissioner's evaluation this year before looking at suggested changes to the process.

Dr. Chappell reported that he attended the MTSS Symposium and thought the speakers there were excellent. He expressed a concern that it wasn't clear how MTSS would help with Special Education students. He also indicated that he had had discussions with members of the Wichita community who were concerned about the number of suspensions and expulsions in the Wichita schools. He said that about 10 percent of students in the Wichita school district were suspended last year and that 129 students were expelled, with African American students being twice as likely as White students to be suspended or expelled. He indicated that a group in Wichita was working to determine how many of the students who are suspended or expelled are able to get back into the school system and that he would like to have the item placed on a future Board agenda.

Chairman Dennis reported that there would be a parade Oct. 8 in Wichita celebrating Kansas' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that he, Mr. Willard, Mrs. Cauble and Mrs. Shaver were planning to participate in the parade. He invited other interested Board members to participate, as well.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Martin asked that a discussion about using multiple models of accreditation be included on a future agenda. She also asked for a status update regarding the NCLB waiver requests being sought by the Clifton-Clyde and Kansas City school districts. Commissioner DeBacker indicated that KSDE had submitted its letter in support of the request to the Kansas City school district and that work was underway on a similar letter for Clifton-Clyde. Dr. Chappell asked that a discussion of policies that might minimize the risk of sports injuries during school athletic activities be added to a future agenda.

**ACT ON BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL REQUESTS**

It was moved by Mrs. Storm with a second by Mrs. Shaver to approve the Board travel requests. In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Waugh asked for clarification of the Board's previous vote to lower the travel amounts for Board members and whether that reduction was included in the travel requests presented. She also wanted to clarify whether, if Board members went over their travel allowance, they were liable for the additional costs. It was agreed that Board members would be liable for any amounts that exceeded their travel allowance. There was also discussion as to whether the allowances indicated in the Board travel report represented six-month or one-year figures. It was agreed the figures represented the one-year allowance.

**MOTION**  
(05:01:13)

The motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Cauble voting in opposition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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David Dennis, Chairman

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Kathy Toelkes, Substituting for the Secretary