

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, in the Hugh Speer Board Room at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams
Mildred McMillon
Mary Douglass Brown
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Scott Hill
Mandy Specht
Linda Holloway
Bill Wagnon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore indicated that item 12. o concerning a contract with Kansas State University should be pulled from the consent agenda. Mrs. Holloway asked that item 12 m. concerning development of a model career awareness curriculum be pulled from the consent agenda. Mrs. Brown asked that items 12 c., concerning charter school petitions, 12 e., funding for Educate America Act, and 12 p., concerning a contract with Terra International Advisors, Inc., be pulled. There being no further changes, Mrs. Specht moved approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gilmore asked if all Board members had seen substitute page 12 of the September 9, 1997 minutes that had been submitted by the Board secretary. Mrs. McMillon moved approval of the minutes as corrected; seconded by Mrs. Specht. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ken Gentry, Team Leader, Consolidated and Supplemental Programs, presented an update on recent federal legislative activities related to education and summarized pending legislation. Mr. Gentry described the differences in the Senate and House FY 1998 education appropriations that will need to be resolved in the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations conference committee. Though provided with similar funding increases by both chambers, an increase of \$2.7 billion over FY 1997 in the House and \$2.8 billion in the Senate, funding priorities in the House and Senate proposals are significantly different. Major program differences include Goals 2000; Title I for which the House included \$200 million for the comprehensive school reform initiative which was absent from Senate recommendations; IDEA; Title VI; Charter Schools; School Infrastructure, ESEA; and Vocational Education. Two major policy issues were also noted as still unresolved: voluntary national testing and the Senate-passed Gorton amendment which would block grant most elementary and secondary programs directly to local education agencies. IDEA and vocational education were reported as two major programs not affected by the Gorton amendment. Discussion followed.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Communication Arts and Mathematics Standards Writers Committees

Dr. Freden, Assistant Commissioner for Learning Services, provided the Board with lists of the membership of the newly-formed Communication Arts and Mathematics Standards Writers Committees. She indicated revisions to the standards would be mailed to schools in January, 1998.

Dr. Freden then reviewed the charge to the two new committees as approved by the Board at the August, 1997 meeting. Work in rewriting the standards would include: greater clarity and specificity regarding what teachers should teach and students should learn at the various grade levels; review of the current curricular standards; prioritization of the standards to be assessed by the state assessments; and advice regarding the types and content of items contained within the Board directed assessment methodology. Board discussion followed. Dr. Freden also provided the Board with the timeline the standards writers committees would be following and indicated that a list of potential external reviewers would be available at the November, 1998 Board meeting.

National Tests

Dr. Freden reviewed with Board members progress at the federal level in the development of voluntary national tests in reading and mathematics. Since the tests are not scheduled to occur until 1999 and because many issues remain unresolved at the federal level, Dr. Freden indicated staff recommended the Board continue to monitor developments and determine later if Kansas wishes to participate.

The Chairman called for a short break at 11:00 a.m.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

The Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m. and Chairman Gilmore opened the Forum. One person addressed the Board:

Mary Ann Krattli, a parent from USD 229 Blue Valley

Chairman Gilmore closed the forum at 11:20 a.m.

ASSESSMENTS (CONT.)

National Assessment of Education Progress

Dr. Freden indicated that the staff recommendation to the Board regarding the National Assessment of Education Progress had included an overview of the requirements for Kansas' participation in 1998. The materials also included grade levels to be tested, testing and administrative time involved for local districts, subjects to be tested, and how the Kansas students to be tested would be selected. Dr. Freden indicated the deadline was imminent for a decision about Kansas' participation this year. Mr. Hill moved that Kansas participate in the 1998 National Assessment of Education Progress state-to-state comparison assessment. Mrs. Morrison seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried on a 9-1 vote with Dr. Abrams voting "no."

Aggregation of Results of Tests Already Given in Kansas

The Board asked questions of Dr. Freden and discussed the merits and mechanics of aggregating test results of those tests already given in Kansas schools. It was reported that the Department would purchase the results of norm-referenced tests already given in the state from testing contractors and that funds had been set aside this year within the current assessment contract to aggregate the data from those tests. Mr. Hill moved that the State Board of Education direct staff to work with the state assessment contractor to aggregate results from norm-referenced tests already given in Kansas and to report the findings to the State Board of Education. Mrs. Morrison seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m. Board members and staff joined a group of officers and board members of Johnson County Community College for lunch on campus. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Proposed 1998 Kansas Education Legislation:

Special Education Legislation

Department of Education General Counsel, Rod Bieker, reviewed proposed Kansas statutory changes necessary and answered Board questions regarding changes in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Mr. Bieker indicated a side-by-side comparison of the federal law and Kansas law would be available to Board members in two weeks. Because there is no mention of the federal law in the Kansas statutes, Mr. Bieker suggested that a statement should be included in the Kansas law assuring Kansas' compliance with the federal law. With this compliance addressed by statute, many of the necessary changes could be addressed in revisions to rules and regulations. Deputy Director Dennis provided Board members with a Kansas Legislative Research Department memorandum on state aid for special education from 1974 to 1996.

Proprietary School Act

Mr. Bieker reviewed the history and content of HB 2004 (1997) dealing with changes in the Proprietary Schools Act. Major components of the bill include the provision of adequate protection for students of such schools if they close for any reason by creating a state student tuition protection fund; a student record maintenance provision in the case of a school closure; a revised fee schedule; and editorial changes in the language of the law.

Charter Schools

Mr. Hill presented a recommendation for legislation which would increase the number of charter schools in Kansas from 15 to 25 provided that 10 of the charter schools would be other than alternative schools. Additionally, the proposal included a mechanism for a charter to school to appeal to the State Board of Education if the charter has been denied by the local board. Discussion followed.

Transportation Mileage Limitation

Dr. Wagon presented a recommendation for legislation that would lower the transportation mileage limitation for students eligible for transportation state aid. The current law requires that a student must live 2.5 miles from the attendance center to be eligible for transportation state aid. Dr. Wagon pointed out Kansas has one of the highest transportation mileage limitations and that many school districts are currently using instructional dollars to transport students who live less than 2.5 miles from school. Dr. Wagon's proposal included a provision to lessen the fiscal impact by phasing in the program over three years.

Deputy Director Dennis handed out a draft of the *1998 State Board of Education Legislative Recommendations* reflecting Kansas Department of Education programs and budget recommendations for FY 1999.

State General Fund

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reported that state general fund receipts for 1998 were predicted to be \$147 million over original estimates. Included in that amount are a \$41 million increase over estimates for FY 1997; \$56.5 million increase above first quarter FY 1998 estimates; and the \$50 million balance of a windfall corporate income tax payment from a Western Resources stock sale.

Mr. Dennis also provided Board members with a copy of legislative recommendations from the Interim Legislative Committee on Governance.

The Chairman called for a short recess at 3:05 p.m. and the Board reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

NEW PROGRAMS IN KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Ms. Merlyne Hines-Starr, Team Leader, Community Colleges/Technical Education, presented three new community college programs for Board approval. Ms. Hines-Starr also gave a brief overview of the criteria followed by staff in reviewing and recommending for approval new academic and vocational programs. Mrs. Morrison moved with a second by Mrs. Specht that the recommended programs, Telecommunications and Visual Communications at Hutchinson County Community College and Early Childhood Education at Johnson County Community College, be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REDESIGN OF LICENSURE OF KANSAS EDUCATORS PROJECT

Dr. Karen Gallagher, Chair of the Professional Standards Advisory Board, and Lowell Alexander, Chair of the Regulations Committee, were present for the discussion of teacher licensure redesign. The discussion questions for the session were: 1) Should the study of journalism continue to be integrated into language arts or be separated into its own endorsement and establish a separate set of standards? 2) What concerns exist regarding non-categorical special education versus the current categorical special education preparation? 3) What concerns exist regarding the adoption of more generalized endorsements? 4) What concerns exist regarding the four levels of licensure?

Board members were given a copy of the proposed endorsements for use in their discussion. Discussion included how the proposed number of endorsements were developed; how the special education training would be integrated into teacher training programs and the effort to keep special education from existing as a separate system; and the change from categorical to non-categorical special education preparation. It was agreed the discussion of the issues from the session should continue at a later date.

VISITING SCHOLAR CERTIFICATION

Mr. Ken Bungert , Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, and Susan Helbert, Certification Specialist, were available for Board discussion of visiting scholar certification. Information provided for review included background information, certificate approval criteria, position statements supporting the

issuance of such certificate, the visiting scholar certificate application and the regulation (91-1-27d.) governing the program. It was the consensus of the Board that an additional position statement addressing the possession by the applicant of special and unique skills as justification for approval and renewal of the visiting scholar application was needed. It was also suggested that inconsistencies be eliminated in language found on the certificate application and in other program documentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Gilmore asked if Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Brown had obtained the information they were seeking regarding the items pulled from the consent agenda at the beginning of the day. Mrs. Holloway indicated her concerns regarding item 12 m. were still unresolved and asked that the item be tabled. Mrs. Brown indicated the items of concern to her could be reinstated for consideration with the rest of the consent items. Mr. Hill moved approval of the consent agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Brown. The motion carried 9-1.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved school construction plans for Ft. Leavenworth USD 207, Maize USD 266, Newton USD 373, Waconda USD 272, Renwick USD 267, Erie/St. Paul USD 101 and Wichita USD 259.
- Approved Charter School Petitions for the 1998-99 school year for USD 348 Baldwin, USD 435 Abilene and USD 443 Dodge City

Approved funding for 1997-98 Educate America Act year two, three, and four local reform subgrants in the amount of \$6,000 each for USD 230 Springhill, USD 268 Cheney, Fort Hays Education Development Center 633 (year three), USD 493 Columbus, USD 363 Holcomb, USD 326 Logan, USD 405 Lyons, USD 456 Marais des Cygnes Valley - Melvern, USD 219 Minneola, USD 269 Palco, USD 270 Plainville, USD 217 Rolla, USD 302 Smoky Hill-Ransom, USD 271 Stockton, USD 408 Marion, USD 461 Neodesha, USD 311 Pretty Prairie, USD 432 Victoria, USD 320 Wamego, USD 213 West Solomon Valley, USD 486 Elwood, USD 403 Otis Bison, USD 289 Wellsville, USD 292 Wheatland, USD 216 Deerfield, USD 324 Eastern Heights-Agra, USD 507 Satanta, Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center 602-Oakley, USD 441 Sabetha, USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools, USD 226 Meade, USD 315 Colby; year two, three, and four local reform subgrants for USD 500 Kansas City Kansas (\$64,197), USD 480 Liberal (\$13,074), USD 383 Manhattan (\$18,819), South Central Kansas Education Service Center 628-Clearwater (\$109,074), USD 313 Buhler (\$6,867), USD 490 El Dorado (\$6,777), Fort Hays Education Development Center 633 (year four - \$17,559), USD 457 Garden City (\$22,026), USD 428 Great Bend (\$10,128), USD 373 Newton (\$10,857), USD 261 Haysville (\$12,699), USD 345 Seaman (\$10,431), USD 475 Geary County Schools - Junction City (\$19,539), USD 497 Lawrence Public Schools (\$30,135), USD 453 Leavenworth Public Schools (\$13,299), USD 233

Olathe (\$55,155), Education Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas 622 (year two - \$29,475 and year three - \$11,364), USD 418 McPherson (\$8,493); preservice teacher education/ professional development subgrants in the amount of \$25,000 for USD 430 Horton, USD 490 El Dorado, Ft. Hays Educational Development Center, USD 500 Kansas City, USD 270 Plainville, USD 480 Liberal Public Schools, Education Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas-622, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center 626-Sublette, USD 230 Spring Hill, USD 475 Junction City - Geary County Schools, Finney County Educational Consortium-USD 457 Garden City, USD 261 Haysville, USD 406 Wathena/USD 486 Elwood; and preservice teacher education/ professional development subgrants for USD 419 Canton-Galva (\$20,264), USD 260 Derby (\$18,357), USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools (\$19,100), USD 512 Shawnee Mission Public Schools (\$24,765).

- Approved the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee of the Teaching and School Administration Professional Standards Advisory Board for accreditation and program approval as follows:

Fourteen teacher education programs at Southwestern College were recommended as “*Approved with Stipulation*”: Elementary (U, K-9); English (U, 7-12); Foreign Language-French (U, 7-12); Foreign Language-Spanish (U, 7-12); Music (U, K-12); Physical Education (U, K-12); General Science (U, 7-12); Biology (U, 7-12); Chemistry (U, 7-12); Physics (U, 7-12); U.S. History, U.S. Government, and World History, (U, 7-12); Speech Communication (U, 7-12); Drama, (U, 7-12); and Psychology (U, 7-12).

Two new teacher education programs at Emporia State University were recommended as “*Approved with Stipulation*”: Distributive Education and Middle-Level Science.

- Approved accredited status for: USD 339 Jefferson County North - Jefferson County North High, Jefferson County North Elem/Middle School; USD 229 Blue Valley - Blue Valley Middle, Harmony Middle; USD 512 Shawnee Mission Public Schools - John Diemer Elem, Rhein Benninghoven Elem, Rosehill Elem; USD 497 Lawrence - Deerfield Elem; USD 345 Seaman - Logan Jr. High; USD 254 Barber County North - Medicine Lodge Primary Elem, Medicine Lodge High; USD 308 Hutchinson Public Schools - McCandless Elem; and USD 282 West Elk - Moline Elem.
- Approved the Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request to utilize the services of a teacher to teach adaptive physical education at McPherson County Special Education Cooperative.
- Received the minutes of the September 9, 1997 meeting of the State Advisory Council for Special Education.
- Approved \$5000 Parents as Teachers grant awards to USD 333 Concordia - Learning

Cooperative of North Central Kansas and USD 505 Chetopa.

- Certificates of Approval under the Kansas Proprietary School Act were issued to: H & R Block Training School, Overland Park, KS; Nashville Auto Diesel College, Nashville, TN; and J.W. Productions, Wichita, KS.
- Approved the Motor Vehicle Accident Prevention Course submitted by the National Responsible Driver Course for a three-year period.
- Issued orders to USD 261 Haysville, Sedgwick County, USD 462 Central, Cowley County, and USD 434, Santa Fe Trail, Osage County, granting them authority to hold elections on the question of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved:

- The Deputy Commissioner of Education was authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Terra International Advisors, Inc. to develop and present "HEARTPOWER!" workshops for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) staff with the contract amount not to exceed \$4,400.
- The Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind was authorized to enter into a contract with Heather Doll for the purpose of providing Orientation and Mobility services to students who are blind or visually impaired at a rate of \$55.00 per hour, with services to be provided for not more than 180 hours and the contract amount not to exceed \$10,000 during the 1997-98 school year.

RECESS

At 4:50 p.m., having completed the agenda for the day, Chairman Gilmore called for a recess until Wednesday morning, October 8, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. Board members and Kansas Department of Education staff were invited to a reception at the Doubletree Hotel hosted by the Johnson County school districts.

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October 8, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, in the Hugh Speer Board Room at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams
Mildred McMillon
Mary Douglass Brown
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Scott Hill
Mandy Specht
Linda Holloway
Bill Wagnon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Abrams moved approval of the agenda. Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and the agenda was approved as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

Vocational Student Award Winners

Ms. Merlyne Hines-Starr presented eleven Kansas vocational students who were gold medal winners in national skills contests. Chairman Gilmore presented each with a certificate commending them for their outstanding achievement.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America - VICA

VICA winners were Wade Furenheide, Jared Wiedmer, JoAnn Mueller, Jesse Budd and Ben Thorne, Flint Hills Technical College, gold medal Total Quality Management Team winners. Also recognized were VICA national officers: Austin Graves, Cowley County Community College, elected Postsecondary President, and Kristi Garber, Labette County High School, elected Secondary Secretary. Vivian McCormick, VICA sponsor, introduced other teachers and school representatives who had accompanied the students.

Health Occupational Students Association - HOSA

HOSA winners were: Betsy Snow, Wichita Area Technical College, gold medal winner in Dental Terminology; and Heather Giltner, Carrie Hunt and Pam Broers, Kansas City AVTS, gold medal winners in the HOSA Bowl. Pam Peters, gold medal winner in Medical Math and the HOSA Bowl was unable to be present. Sponsors and school representatives accompanying them were Sandi Wallace, KCKS AVTS sponsor and Paul Jackson, Wichita AVTS sponsor.

Presentation by Johnson County Superintendents

Special guests at the Board meeting were the six Johnson County superintendents who gave a joint presentation on the current status of education in Johnson County. Dr. Ron Wimmer, USD 233 Olathe, gave an overview of Johnson County statistics which included current and projected population growth in the County, local workforce needs and educational attainment, financial indicators about Johnson County, and demographics on the estimated 110,000 children and adolescents residing in the county. Dr. David Benson, USD 229 Blue Valley, discussed the implications of the population growth and its effect on quality education. He indicated that in the last seven years 47% (13,000 students) of the state's public school growth had occurred in Johnson County and described the building programs each of the school districts had undertaken or were anticipating to meet current and projected needs. Dr. Marilyn Layman, USD 232 De Soto, continued with a description of the collaborative efforts the districts have undertaken to address the inservice education needs and requirements for teachers, administrators and staff in the districts and the drain on district resources to provide adequate inservice opportunities. Dr. Barton Goering, USD 230 Spring Hill, reported on the advantages and opportunities available to students and teachers alike from the increased use of technology (video, computer, and telecommunications) in schools. He also noted the challenges in remaining current with hardware, software and staff training and allocating the necessary resources to maintain equipment. Dr. Marjorie Kaplan, USD 512 Shawnee Mission, discussed the reality of conditions faced by young people in Johnson County, the large percentage increase in the numbers of ESOL and special education students, and the rise in teen pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse. She also outlined some of the programs the districts are using to address those problems. Dr. Gary George, USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch, concluded the Johnson County presentation with a description of some of the mechanisms the districts have employed to work collaboratively with one another, area businesses, chambers of commerce, tech-prep consortia, as well as other entities and programs, to provide a quality education for Johnson County students.

After thanking the Johnson County superintendents for their presentation, Chairman Gilmore called a ten minute recess at 10:25 a.m.

REPORTS

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Commissioner Tompkins introduced Mr. Gary Musselman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA), who presented the annual report. He discussed the at-large appointees to the Board of Directors and the contributions made by the State Board of Education members on the KSHSAA Board. He also reviewed the program for youth involvement in KSHSAA. He reported that the issue of private schools which choose not to be accredited by the Kansas State Board of Education had been resolved and that they would be allowed to be members of KSHSAA if they had been accredited by INCAPSA. Mr. Musselman also reported on the interim legislative study of the KSHSAA.

Mr. Hill made a motion with a second by Mrs. McMillon that the Board approve the KSHSAA by-law change before the State Board of Education for approval. Mr. Musselman explained it would allow leagues of six or more member schools to have representation on the KSHSAA Board of Directors. Dr. Wagnon made a motion to table the issue, but the motion died for lack of a second. Chairman Gilmore called for a vote on Mr. Hill's original motion and the motion passed 9-1 with Dr. Wagnon voting "no."

MoKan Kids Network

Commissioner Tompkins reintroduced Dr. Marilyn Layman, Superintendent of USD 232 De Soto, who briefly described the MoKan Kids Network as an instructional telecommunications purchasing cooperative which makes instructional materials available for children and provides professional development opportunities for teachers. She introduced Bill Reed, member of the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council and President and CEO of Kansas City Public Television. Mr. Reed described the partnership between education and public television through KTWU in Topeka, KPTS in Wichita, KCPT in Kansas City, and Smoky Hills Public Television in Bunker Hill, Kansas. He then introduced Mr. Dave Wilson, Smoky Hills Public Television General Manager, who told of public television's commitment to non-violent, non-commercial broadcasting and through the MoKan Network, to providing educational opportunities over an area that covered 37,000 square miles and 52 counties. He reported that through the cooperative purchasing and grant efforts of MoKan Kids, lowered resource material costs are available to schools. Michael Connet, Vice President, MoKan Kids Network, concluded with a description of the online services, video conferencing and instructional television (ITV) resources available.

Kansas School to Careers Update

Ms. Vickie Kelly, Program Consultant, provided an overview of Kansas' School to Careers program, an

initiative to integrate education, workforce development and economic development in Kansas. Ms. Kelly described the rationale behind the three major components of the program - work-based instruction, school-based instruction, and connecting activities - and discussed the elements used to implement each component. In discussion with Board members, Ms. Kelly also reported on program funding; participation requirements for state and local governance; local partnerships; and current and projected participation in the program. Mrs. Holloway provided Board members with selected pages of the program grant application documentation with wording of concern to her underlined.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request list. Mr. Hill noted that the date on the Ag in the Classroom meeting should be corrected to October 29, 1997. Mrs. Brown moved with a second by Mrs. Holloway that the travel requests be approved as corrected; motion carried unanimously with nine Board members voting, Mrs. McMillon having left the meeting before adjournment..

MONTHLY REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Gilmore reported on two questions asked of the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance by the interim Legislative Committee on Community Colleges. The first question was whether the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance should be formalized by state statute. The second question was whether the five consortia formed of community colleges and regents institutions should be required by statute to report to the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance. Chairman Gilmore asked for the opinion of the Board in order to be able to report the response at the Joint Advisory Committee meeting later in the day in Topeka. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that it would not be desirable to formalize either issue by statute.

Report of Board Attorney

Mr. Dan Biles presented a report of his activities for the month of September, 1997. He reported that the Dodge City Special Education Cooperative had appealed the decision of the Shawnee County District Court upholding the State Board's refusal to allow Dodge City to withdraw from its present special education cooperative. Mr. Biles will request a transfer of the case from the Kansas Court of Appeals to the Kansas Supreme Court. Mr. Rundell moved with a second by Mrs. Specht that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for September be paid as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Hill reported he would be attending the next meeting of the interim Legislative Committee on Community Colleges at the end of the week. He asked if there was a Board member willing to substitute for him at the meeting Friday, October 10, 1997. Mrs. Holloway volunteered.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins presented his report to the Board and noted that Steve Adams had been hired as Craig Shove's replacement as Team Leader of the School Improvement and Accreditation Team. He reported that Ken Gentry had been successful in obtaining a waiver under Title I to use some carryover funds to fund development costs of the revised curricular standards and assessments. He indicated his written report contained an update on department goals and an outline of major issues for State Board consideration through January, 1998.

Other Reports

Mrs. Brown reported on her trip to Dallas to attend the Education Reform Round-up and a visit to the W. B. Travis Elementary School while there.

Dr. Abrams reported the Policy Committee was making progress in their review of Board policies. He indicated their timeline provided for copies of recommendations to the Board for review in November and December, discussion in January, and adoption of changes in February.

Mrs. Holloway reported on her attendance at a Kansas Gifted, Talented and Creative meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.