

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 12, 1999**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1999, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present were:

Steve Abrams

Linda Holloway

John Bacon

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Mary Douglass Brown

Harold Voth

Val DeFever

Bill Wagnon

Scott Hill

Janet Waugh

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Mrs. Brown nominated Mrs. Holloway for the position of Chairman for 1999 and as Vice Chairman for 2000. Mr. Bacon nominated Mr. Voth for Vice Chairman for 1999 and Chairman for 2000. Dr. Abrams, with a

second by Mrs. DeFever, moved that the nominations cease and that the candidates be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Holloway assumed the Chair and asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Hill asked that consideration of membership to the Education Leaders Council be added to the agenda. Mr. Bacon asked that the Board be given a short presentation on items 16 g. and h., concerning accreditation for the Ingalls Edison Academy, Wichita, and a request from the school for an accreditation waiver. Dr. Tompkins indicated that 16 r., action on an appointment to the Kansas Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools, should be moved to the February agenda. Mrs. Brown asked that 16 o., the Summary Report of the 1997-98 Education Excellence Grant Program, be pulled. There being no further changes, Mr. Hill, with a second by Dr. Abrams, moved that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairman Holloway asked for approval of the minutes of the December meeting. Mr. Hill moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Rundell seconded the motion and the motion carried on a vote of 9-0 with Mr. Bacon abstaining.

## **ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR AND ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR**

Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mrs. Brown, nominated Mr. Hill to serve as Legislative Coordinator and that the nominations cease and Mr. Hill be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried. Mr. Hill, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, moved that Mrs. DeFever be nominated for Assistant Legislative Coordinator. Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mr. Bacon, offered as an amendment to the original motion, that nominations cease and Mrs. DeFever be elected by unanimous acclamation. The proposers of the original motion accepted the incorporation of the amendment into their motion and the motion carried.

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## **APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY AND BOARD SECRETARY**

Mr. Rundell, with a second by Dr. Abrams, moved that Mr. Dan Biles, be reappointed as Board Attorney from February 1999 through January 2001. The motion carried. Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mr. Hill, moved that Mrs. Penny Plamann be reappointed as Board Secretary. The motion carried.

## **OTHER BOARD ELECTED POSITIONS**

## **Education Commission of the States**

Commissioner Tompkins gave a brief description of the Commission and briefly reviewed the responsibilities of the Board's representative. Mr. Hill, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, moved that Mr. Rundell be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried.

## **Joint Advisory Committee on Governance**

Commissioner Tompkins gave a brief description of the Committee, noting that the Board Chairman, and three other Board members are traditionally elected to serve as the Board's representatives. Mr. Rundell, with a second by Mr. Bacon, moved that Dr. Abrams, Dr. Wagon, Chairman Holloway, and Vice Chairman Harold Voth be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried.

## **Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA)**

Mr. Hill, Board representative on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the KSHSAA, gave a brief description of the Association. Mr. Hill, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, moved that Mr. Voth be elected by unanimous acclamation to serve as Board representative to the KSHSAA Board of Directors at the end of Mrs. Brown's term, July, 1999. The motion carried.

## **State Board Policy Committee**

Dr. Abrams, current Chairman of the Policy Committee, gave a brief description of the committee's responsibilities. Mr. Rundell, with a second by Mr. Hill, moved that Mrs. Waugh, Dr. Abrams and Dr. Wagon be elected by unanimous acclamation. The motion carried.

## **Committee Appointments by the Board Chairman**

Chairman Holloway announced that appointments to other Committees would be made during the Wednesday meeting and asked that Board members return to her the list of committees contained in the agenda materials as soon as possible, with their preferences indicated. Brief discussion followed.

## **MEMBERSHIP IN THE EDUCATION LEADERS COUNCIL**

Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Kansas Board join the Education Leaders Council, an organization dedicated to aggressive education reform, and that Mrs. Brown be designated as the Kansas Board representative. Discussion followed about the cost of membership, thought to be \$5,000 per year. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1999 THROUGH JANUARY 2000**

Mr. Rundell moved that the Board meeting schedule be adopted as presented with the exception that the October meeting date be moved to the second week of the month, October 12-13, 1999. Dr. Wagon

seconded the motion. Mrs. Brown moved that the motion be amended to move the date of the December meeting to December 7-8, 1999. Dr. Abrams seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried on a vote of 8-2. The amended meeting scheduled was adopted unanimously. Discussion followed about meeting locations outside of Topeka for the April and October meetings. Also discussed was the procedure used for legislative conference calls and possible dates for the Board's strategic planning retreat. Commissioner Tompkins indicated he would contact Brenda Welburn, Executive Director of NASBE, on dates when she would be available to facilitate the planning sessions. The retreat was later set for February 4-5, 1999. It was also noted that new member orientation meetings were scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Holloway opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:36 a.m. Christy Levings, KNEA, Topeka, reminded Board members of "Read Across America Day", March 2, 1999, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. She passed out pledge cards to Board members if they were interested in signing up to read in classrooms on that date. Max Heim, Turner School District, Kansas City, spoke briefly about the fine addition to the State Board Mrs. Waugh would be and that the school district was sorry to lose her a their school board president. He congratulated the new Board and handed out candy bars to all present. Chairman Holloway declared the open forum closed at 10:41 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF THE YEAR-LONG AGENDA**

Dr. Abrams moved that the year-long agenda be adopted as submitted with the understanding that it was subject to change based on the outcome of the Board's strategic planning effort. Mr. Voth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Holloway called for a short break from 10:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

### **RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY KANSAS EDUCATORS**

Deputy Commissioner Dennis introduced five Kansas educators, who had recently been received prestigious awards, to make brief remarks. Mrs. Carol Strickland, English and communication teacher at Emporia High School and recently recognized as the 1999 Kansas Teacher of the Year, spoke first. Mrs. Strickland noted that the public recognition accompanying the award gave her credibility with the public when acting as an ambassador for education and an advocate for kids. She stated that because when she teaches she touches lives, and therefor touches the future – that successful students mean successful communities. She also recounted some of her personal experiences with affecting students' lives. Board questions followed.

Mr. Alvin Camblin, Principal at Jay Schideler Elementary School in Topeka, had recently received the 1998

Kansas Distinguished Elementary Principal award. Mr. Camblin stated that he recognized every child who came into his office as his child and that it was important that he never lose sight of his roots as a teacher and his responsibility to the student. He noted that listening was the most important thing he could do to help his students and his teachers. Mr. Camblin also briefly reported on the success of the inclusion process in the elementary school and noted that many other schools had shown interest in incorporating similar practices in their schools as well.

Mrs. Lola Lowen, Principal at Ell-Saline Middle School and Ell-Saline High School in Brookville, was recently recognized as the 1998 Kansas Middle School Principal of the Year. Mrs. Lowen spoke briefly of the need to be flexible, have a sense of humor, and to deal with mistakes by recognizing them and moving on.

Mr. Ron Keller, Principal at Meade High School had recently been recognized as the 1998 Kanas MetLife Secondary Principal of the Year. He noted the importance of his role as an advocate for kids. He also spoke briefly about the positive impact the school improvement process had made on schools in Kansas. Mr. Keller also spoke about some of the things he was able to accomplish in the area of technology because of the small size of the school and noted the obligation to help students accomplish all they want academically. Board comments followed.

Dr. Mary Devin, Superintendent of Geary County Public Schools was recently recognized as the 1999 Kansas Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Devin noted that being recognized with the award was affirmation that she was accomplishing the things in her district that the public wanted to see done. She

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also spoke about the qualities necessary in a superintendent: to understand the basic principles that guide one's actions; to put students first; to have the desire and ability to learn from others; the necessity of emphasizing staff development at all levels; and that to be a leader requires being a facilitator to bring the appropriate people and resources together to address the issues.

Commission Tompkins asked the educators what advice they wished to share with the Board and questions and discussion followed with the guest educators emphasizing professional development at all levels; the need for earlier intervention and more emphasis on early childhood; the need for longitudinal test data for schools to use in assessing effectiveness; the need to support teachers with peer coaching and mentoring; the need for adequate funding to recruit good teachers and to give an incentive to those considering entering the field; the importance of teacher qualifications; and the need to think and plan beyond the traditional education experience with more integration of technology into the classroom and more assistance to students for exploring and understanding their options when planning for the future beyond school. At the conclusion of the discussion, Commissioner Tompkins and Chairman Holloway handed out certificates of recognition and thanked the guests for coming.

Chairman Holloway recessed the Board for lunch from 12:05 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Upon reconvening, Chairman Holloway noted that Board members had been invited to a Vocational Student Organizations reception at the Governor's Row House in the evening, immediately following Governor Graves' State of the State Address. Mr. Hill and Mrs. DeFever were not present, but arrived at 1:38 p.m. and 1:40 p.m., respectively.

## **EDUCATOR LICENSURE REDESIGN**

Commission Tompkins reviewed a proposal for a Board subcommittee to work on details of the remaining issues to be addressed in the proposed revisions to educator licensure regulations and policies. He briefly reviewed the areas requiring attention and proposed that the subcommittee meet every two weeks until the work is completed and then bring the results back to the Board. Mrs. Brown indicated she would like to have a discussion by the whole Board. Mr. Hill suggested some of the general concerns should be ironed out prior to presentation of a proposal to the Board. The Commissioner indicated that staff would prepare an outline of substantial differences in the existing and proposed regulations and policy for the Board to review. Board discussion followed regarding the membership of the subcommittee. Mrs. Waugh moved that the educator redesign subcommittee be composed of Mrs. DeFever, Mr. Voth, Mr. Hill and Chairman Holloway. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **1997-1998 KSBE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

Dr. Freden, Assistant Commissioner, Learning Services, reviewed the history of the KSBE Accountability Report and noted that the 1997-1998 report would be the fifth such report published. Dr. Freden also indicated that the data found in the report summarized information available in other sources, primarily the Building Report Card. Dr. Freden invited board questions and comments. Mr. Hill noted the widening performance gap between students eligible for free and reduced lunch and all others. Dr. Tompkins responded to the need to continue efforts underway in addition to others being examined to focus on closing the gap. Dr. Wagnon reminded Dr. Freden of the Board's desire to have policy recommendations based on issues highlighted in the accountability report. He reiterated the desire to know what the Department is currently doing to narrow the gap and strategies the Department would propose be undertaken and that the Board might endorse. Board discussion followed, including questions about the change in the formula used to determine graduation rates; the low mathematics score on the state assessment at the 10<sup>th</sup> grade level; and wording in the Executive Summary regarding Kansas ranking when compared to other states. Dr. Abrams asked that the report on current practice and recommendations for further action be available at the next meeting. Commissioner Tompkins indicated the information would also be available each time the report comes out in the future.

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## **REPORTS ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS**

## **Kansas Science Education Standards**

Dr. Loren Lutes and Dr. John Staver, Co-Chairmen of the Kansas Science Education Standards Writing Committee, presented a status report on the committee's progress to date. Dr. Lutes indicated the committee had good participation with an average attendance of 20 of the 27 committee members at each working session. Dr. Lutes reported that the second draft of the standards, which Board members had been given for review, contained major revisions based on comments received in December after the first draft had been circulated. Dr. Staver reported that the committee had identified several major themes in the comments received, including the need for consistency in the standards and the assessments; the need for a glossary, which is currently included in a preliminary form; concern about how the theory of evolution was addressed; and how the standards had been improved by the number of examples given. He noted nine public meetings were scheduled for the months of January and February to receive public comment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft. Dr. Ken Bingman and Ms. Janeen Brown, other members of the committee present, participated with Drs. Lutes and Staver in the Board discussion which followed. Comments focused on how the theory of evolution was addressed; the need for professional development; and the whether grade-by-grade standards were needed, particularly for the lower grades. Mr. Bacon indicated he would like to see some examples of content-rich, grade-by-grade standards from other states or local districts. Dr. Freden indicated staff would research the request and provide some examples to the Board. Chairman Holloway noted it had been commented that the current document represented committee consensus. She indicated that anyone who wished to present a minority report would be welcome to do so.

Chairman Holloway called for a short break at 3:35 p.m., with the Board to return at 3:45 p.m.

## **Kansas Curricular Standards for Civics-Government, Economics, Geography and History**

Dr. Freden noted that the schedule for the nine public hearings on curricular standards was included in the draft of the social studies standards. Ms. Jennie Chinn and Mr. Stuart Phipps, Co-Chairmen of the committee, were present to update the Board on the committee's activity. Mrs. Chinn reported the committee had spent a great deal of time considering the written input received in December. She noted two more drafts would follow, with a final draft that would include grade-by-grade standards for grades 2-4, 6 and 11, and by discipline. In addition, a document containing the program scope and essential concepts for grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12, which were addressed in the proposed standards, was passed out to the Board. Mrs. Chinn reported that as the program was developed the committee wanted to see if the standards were aligned with general trends in the state. One area in world history would be revised because what the committee had proposed was not aligned with general practices. Mrs. Chinn reported that written comments were generally positive and she asked Board members to submit their comments by February 12<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> draft. The Board response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft was very positive and Chairman Holloway thanked the committee for its work.

## **Adoption of Revisions to the Curriculum Standards for Writing**

Dr. Freden reported on the need to make revision to the writing standards in order to provide sufficient direction to the assessment contractor for development of the assessments. Dr. Freden indicated the changes

included:

- Changing Standard 2, Benchmark 2, Indicator 2, for 11<sup>th</sup> grade to a recommendation for local rather than state assessment;
- Adding new indicator statements at grades 5, 8 and 11 for Standard 2, Benchmark 9, with all the new statements identified for state assessment; and
- The addition of the terms *high fantasy* and *idioms* to the glossary.

Mr. Hill, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, moved that the Board adopt the revisions to the curriculum standards for writing and the proposed additions to the glossary as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Steve Adams provided information as requested by Mr. Bacon on items 16 g. and h., concerning accreditation for the Ingalls Edison Academy, Wichita, and a request from the school for an accreditation waiver. Dr. Adams indicated that an accreditation visit had been made and the accreditation team had been favorably impressed by the work underway at the school. Dr. Adams noted the increase in test scores already experienced even though the school had only been in existence for 1½ years. He reported an emphasis in the school on reading, writing and mathematics and that much of the school's success could be attributed to staff commitment, use of research-based programs, staff development, reading diagnostic assessments in use at the primary grades and staff buy-in to the programs offered to students. Dr. Adams further noted that the school needed to improve its communication with the district and, if for some reason hoped for results are not achieved, to work with the district. Mrs. Brown indicated she had visited the school and was pleased with the availability of computers and the enthusiasm of the teachers and students. Mrs. Brown introduced representatives of the school who were present. Dr. Adams also reported on the school's QPA waiver request for extension of its Candidate Status for Cycle I for the period of July 1, 1998 to January 13, 1999. He indicated the extension would allow certified staff to count the school sessions within the period as accredited experience for gaining inservice points and recertification. Dr. Abrams noted he was pleased to learn that the reason the school had had such a turnover in students and staff was because, essentially, the school had been closed prior to restarting as Ingalls Edison and, therefore was a different population than it had been previously. He also noted the confidence exhibited by the staff, because so many had followed the principal to the school upon her appointment.

Mrs. Brown indicated her question about the source of funds for the Education Excellence grants being reported on in item 16 o. had been answered. Mrs. Brown asked if a requirement for enrollment in some school-related activity be added to the summer school food service guidelines contained in item 16 t. Dr. Tompkins indicated he would ask Mrs. Hamman, Team Leader of Nutrition Services, to provide the Board

with a brief report on federal grant requirements. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the unclassified special project appointment of Jonathan Loppnow as an Office Assistant IV on the Computer Information and Communication Services Team at a bi-weekly salary of \$836, effective 12/7/98, with funding provided for the position from the Technology Literacy Challenge Grant fund
- Approved school construction plans for Leavenworth, USD 453; and Hutchinson, USD 308.
- Approved modifications to the Shawnee County Special Education Cooperative Agreement and the the Interlocal Agreement for the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative as proposed.
- Issued an Order describing 1998 school district boundaries that had changed and required certification of the Order to the appropriate county officials.
- Approved Cycle I accredited status for USD 290 Ottawa: Lincoln Elementary; USD 421 Lyndon: Lyndon High School; USD 501 Topeka Public Schools: McEachron Elementary; USD 400 Smoky Valley: Smoky Valley High School; USD 259 Wichita: Ingalls Edison Academy; USD 387 Altoona-Midway: Altoona Elementary, Altoona-Midway Middle School and Midway Elementary; and USD 260 Derby: Derby Middle School.

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- Approved requests for waiver of state QPA regulations from: USD 215 Lakin to allow HaThi Chau Doan as an emergency substitute for an additional 80 days for the second semester of the 1998-1999 school year; USD 223 Linn High School and Linn Elementary School to allow them to extend its Cycle II timeline to enable them to gather more data for school improvement for students and to align them with the timelines for other schools in the district; and from Ingalls Edison USD 259 to extend their Candidate Status for Cycle I for the period of July 1, 1998 to January 13, 1999.
- Approved the inservice education plans for USD 293 Quinter, USD 339 Jefferson County North, USD 411 Goessel, USD 430 South Brown County and the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center #626.
- Received a summary of the September 21, 1998 meeting of the Quality Performance Advisory Council.
- Approved the recommendation of the Evaluation Review Committee for McPherson College to grant *approved* status for 18 programs: Business Education (U, 7-12); English (U, 7-12); English as a Second Language (U, K-9, 7-12); Foreign Language (U, German 7-12); Health (U, K-12); General Industrial Technology (U, 7-12); Electricity/Electronics (U, 7-12); Woods (U, 7-12); Metals (U, 7-12); Drafting (U, 7-12); Graphic Arts (U, 7-12); Visual Communications (U, 7-12); Mathematics (U, 7-

12); Music (U, K-12); Social Studies (U, 7-12), American History, US Government, Sociology, World History; Speech Communication (U, 7-12); Psychology (U, 7-12); and Computer Studies (U, 7-12); *approved status with cited weaknesses* for three programs Art (U, K-12); Foreign Language (U, Spanish 7-12); and Elementary Education (U, K-9); *approved with stipulation* for three programs: General Science (U, 7-12); Biology (U, 7-12); and Chemistry (U, 7-12); and approved the recommendation to deny program approval for two programs at Southwestern College: Subjects and Field of Specialization-General Standards and Mathematics.

- Accepted the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee in case 1672, 1673, 1678, 1683-86, 1689-93, and 1695-97.
- Appointed Carla Ridener to fill an unexpired term on the Professional Standards Board as a representative of the membership of a parent-teacher association who has never served on or been employed by a board of education with a term of office to run through June 30, 1999.
- Approved Parents as Teachers grant awards to USD 222, Washington/Twin Lakes Cooperative in the amount of \$61,003; USD 233, Olathe in the amount of \$46,160; USD 305, Salina in the amount of \$28,850; and USD 501, Topeka, in the amount of \$40,390.
- Received the summary report of the 1997-1998 Educational Excellence Grant Program
- Certificates of Approval under the Kansas Proprietary School Act were issued to Colorado Aero Tech, Broomfield, Co; Hook Up Drivers Training Center, Joplin, MO; Bethany Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology, Kansas City, KS; The Creative Center, Omaha, NE; Kansas College of Chinese Medicine, Wichita, KS; New Horizons Computer Learning Center, Wichita, KS; Lunaria Bodywork Institute, Lawrence, KS; United State Truck Driving School, Inc., Edwardsville, KS; and Electronics Institute, Kansas City, MO.
- Approved an FY 1999 Teachers Internship and Project grant for: Corrina Haresnape at Jewell Implement and North Central Kansas Technical College.
- Issued an order to USD 246, Northeast (Arma), Crawford County, granting them authority to hold an election on the question of the districts' general bond debt limitation.
- Approved the FY 1999 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) state plan.

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- Approved Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Generation WHY Student Leadership grants in the amount of \$25,000 each to USD 284 Clearwater, USD 461 Neodesha, USD 323 Rock Creek, and USD 230 Spring Hill; in the amount of \$50,000 to USD 629 Smoky Hill ESC; and for \$53,000 each for USD 622 ESSDACK, USD 633 Fort Hays Education Development Center, USD 457 Garden City, USD 621 North Central Kansas ESC, and USD 609 Southeast Kansas ESC; Technology Integration grants in the amount of \$30,000 each to USD 295 Prairie Heights and USD 334 Southern Cloud; \$31,800 each to USD 339 Jefferson County North; \$50,000 each to USD 437 Auburn Washburn, USD 504 Oswego, USD 629 Smoky Hill ESC, USD 632 TEEN, and USD 320 Wamego; \$53,000 each to USD 436 Abilene, USD 260 Derby, USD 388 Ellis, and USD 633 Fort Hays Educational Development Center; \$70,000 each to USD 313 Buhler, USD 490 El Dorado, USD 338 Holton, USD 298 Lincoln, USD 461 Neodesha, USD 230 Spring Hill, and USD 287 West Franklin; and for \$74,200

each to USD 361 Anthony-Harper, USD 413 Chanute; USD 622 ESSDACKI USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden; USD 512 Shawnee Mission and USD 501 Topeka. Technology Professional Development grants in the amount of \$50,000 each to USD 425 Highland, USD 336 Holton, USD 323 Rock Creek, USD 230 Spring Hill, USD 320 Wamego, and USD 287 Weset Franklin; and the amount of \$53,000 each to USD 413 Chanute, USD 260 Derby, USD 622 ESSDACK, and USD 609 Southeast Kansas Service Center.

## **RECESS**

There being no further business, Chairman Holloway recessed the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Linda Holloway, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were:

Steve Abrams

Linda Holloway

John Bacon

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Mary Douglass Brown

Harold Voth

Val DeFever

Bill Wagnon

Scott Hill

Janet Waugh

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Holloway asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried.

## **POSTSECONDARY ISSUES**

### **Discussion of the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education Structure for Excellence**

Dr. Joe Birmingham, Assistant Commissioner for Lifelong Learning, reviewed a summary of the draft recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education Structure for Excellence. He explained the creation and responsibilities of a proposed Kansas Higher Education Coordinating Council, and Kansas Board of Trustees, noting that State Board supervisory authority for the postsecondary institutions for which it is currently responsible would be transferred to the new Board of Trustees. Dr. Birmingham also noted that the only significant change in the Board of Regents would be that its membership would consist of two appointments from each congressional district within the state. Dr. Birmingham also indicated there were many issues yet unresolved. Board discussion followed and included questions and concerns regarding the fiscal impact on specific institutions and the overall financial implications for the proposal as a whole – who would stand to benefit and who would lose; the prohibition contained in the report on public school board governance of area vocational technical schools (AVTS); and the related issue of how those schools having a majority of secondary students would be handled, particularly when the buildings and resources are owned by local school boards. Deputy Commissioner Dennis was asked about the funding relationships between AVTS and school districts for secondary students. Dr. Wagnon, a member of the Task Force, asked representatives of postsecondary institutions who were present what they wanted for their institutions.

Mrs. Sheila Frahm, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT), indicated areas of foremost concern for the community colleges were coordination, dispute resolution and strong advocacy to provide funding and the courses business and industry and students need. Mrs. Frahm noted there was a great deal of interest in the proposal among legislators and the community colleges didn't want to be left out of the discussion and decisions to be made. Mr. Ken Clouse, President of the Kansas Association of Area Vocational Technical Schools and Technical Colleges noted that Department staff was excellent and that current Assistant Commissioner Birmingham had a very thorough understanding of the whole postsecondary picture. He also indicated that the AVTSs had not totally endorsed the recommendations of the Task Force. The area of primary concern was whether the State Board is able to give equal attention to postsecondary needs and those of K-12 schools. Of utmost interest was the desire to have a dedicated advocate for AVTSs.

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Board discussion continued, concentrating on what steps the Board should take and the need to be able to respond to legislative momentum on the proposal. It was agreed that the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Birmingham would review the Board discussion and reexamine the proposal and develop a draft response for Board members to review as soon as possible so the Board could discuss it during a conference call prior to the next Board meeting.

### **Funding for Non-credit Hour Business and Industry Training Courses**

Dr. Birmingham provided the Board with a brief status report on the draft proposal for a non-credit hour training course approval and funding model which had been presented to the Board at the December Board meeting. He also noted that the guidelines for customized training course approval had been implemented January 1, 1999 and addressed concerns cited in the recent Legislative Post Audit report. Dr. Birmingham stated the proposal would fund all community college employee training on a clock-hour basis and that funding would be equitable between all institutions, with none receiving a disproportionate share. Most notable in the proposal was a 70/30 funding partnership with business. He also indicated that a longer period of study for certificate work would be included in the final draft to the Board. Dr. Birmingham indicated that recommendations on the proposal would be brought to the Board at the February meeting.

The Board took a short break from 10:15 a.m. until 10:25 a.m.

## **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

### **Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000 Budget Recommendation**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reported on the Governor's budget recommendations. Program funding eliminated in the recommendation were \$150,000 in supplemental FY 1999 funds for the Kansas participation in the Third International Math and Science Study-Replication; \$10.7 million in technology grants to school districts; and \$4 million in technology grants for community colleges and Washburn University. Programs for which the Governor recommended funding above the Board's request included Parent Education, an increase of \$277,833; Teaching Excellence Scholarships, an increase of \$23,000; \$300,000 for a new grant program for workforce enhancements; and an increase of \$15,000 for the Governor's At-Risk Academy. The Governor also recommended \$54,101 over Board request for salaries and wages, adding a 1% cost of living increase. Among the programs for which significant funding decreases were recommended was base state aid per pupil and supplemental general state aid, down \$7.7 million; special education recommended at 85% of excess cost instead of 100%, a decrease of \$40.8 million; community college credit hour aid, down \$2.7 million; postsecondary state aid to AVTS, a decrease of \$795,707; capital outlay aid to AVTS, a \$1.5 million decrease; and funding for state assessments, decreased by \$641,500. Various other program requests were decreased with an overall decrease in the Board's request of 2.9%. Deputy Commissioner Dennis also reviewed the Governor's state general fund budget plan, and K-12 program funding, which reflects an overall increase of 3.9% increase over FY 1999.

Mr. Hill left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.

## **Legislative Issues**

Mr. Ramon Powers, Executive Director, and Jennie Chinn, Kansas State Historical Society, made a short presentation on the Kansas History Education Package, a program for which the Historical Society was requesting funding during the 1999 legislative session. Mrs. Chinn reviewed the proposal and answered Board questions. Mrs. Brown moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the State Board support and endorse the State Historical Societies initiative. The motion carried on a vote of 9-0.

Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards, and Dr. Hern, Superintendent, USD 345, made a presentation on a proposal, supported by several educational organizations in the state, for adequate and equitable school funding. They noted that the amount of state aid received by districts since 1992 had not kept up with inflation.

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### **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Mr. Ireland, staff attorney, was available for Board questions on the recommendation from the Professional Practices Commission. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mr. Rundell, that the Board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendation of the Commission in case number 98-BR-12.

### **VOCATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

Representatives from several state student vocational organizations were present and the Board heard presentations from Jessica Dietrich, State President of HERO from Wamego High School, and Becky Zenger, FFA Vice President from Kansas State University. Both spoke of the benefits of membership in vocational organizations and the role such groups played for students. Ms. Dietrich and Ms. Zenger participated with other students present in answering questions.

### **CONFIRMATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Holloway reviewed her recommendations for Board committee appointments. Mr. Voth moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board confirm the appointments as presented. A list of those appointments are included as an attachment to the minutes.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### **Board Attorney**

Mr. Biles provided an overview for members of work in progress on a proposed addition the the Kansas State

High School Activities Association bylaws concerning appointments to the Board of Directors. He noted the final proposal would be brought to the Board for its approval. He also reviewed the increase in the per hour rate for services in his new contract and presented his bill for December, 1998. Mr. Rundell moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for December be paid as presented. The motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL**

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Dr. Abrams asked to add travel to Hutchinson for a meeting at ESSDACK, December 16, 1998, and to Wichita, January 19<sup>th</sup> for a curriculum standards hearing. Mrs. DeFever asked to add her attendance at the legislature on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Holloway adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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Linda Holloway, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary