

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes****February 14, 2012****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the February meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:01 a.m., February 14, 2012 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

Dr. Chappell arrived shortly after the beginning of the meeting.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION
(00:02:56)

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY MINUTES

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the December and January minutes be approved and the motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Until Senator Anthony Hensley and Representative Paul Davis arrived for their presentation on school finance, Commissioner DeBacker began her report. Included was information about visit from the National Center for Teacher Quality who would be meeting with Deputy Commissioner Neuenswander, Director of TEAL, Pam Coleman and her for a conversation about the Kansas Educator Evaluation Protocol (KEEP) currently being piloted in several Kansas districts. She also updated the Board on the Breakfast Challenge being done in partnership with the Midwest Dairy Council, the National Football League and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The goal is to increase school breakfasts by 20%.

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PRESENTATION BY LEGISLATIVE MINORITY LEADERSHIP'S SCHOOL FINANCE PROPOSAL

Senator Anthony Hensley and Representative Paul Davis reported on the Democratic leadership's plan for school finance that has been introduced into the 2012 legislature. Senator Hensley told Board members that SB 350 represents a multi-year school finance plan that would maintain the current school finance formula, but increase the base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) on an incremental basis each of the next two years. Thereafter, the bill stipulates that 50 percent of the state's increased General Fund revenues would be designated for K-12 education. Sen. Hensley said he did not believe the current school funding formula was broken and that the weightings that exist in the current formula for such things as at-risk students, transportation, low enrollment, etc. had served districts well. He said the problem with the current formula was lack of funding. Increasing the BSAPP each year would benefit all school districts in the state, regardless of size or location, he said.

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As a companion to the school finance bill, SB 351, would address the issue of property taxes, which Sen. Hensley noted have increased significantly in recent years. The legislation he is proposing would reduce local property taxes by renewing the state's commitment to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund. The fund is used for local property tax relief for all

municipalities except school districts. The funds are distributed to all 105 counties on the basis of population and assessed tangible valuation. There have been no distributions from the fund to local units of government since 2004. SB 351 would provide \$45 million for property tax reduction.

It was noted by Rep. Davis that the public would like the legislature to restore funding to schools that has been lost over the last two years and is concerned about equity in funding to schools. He also reported that districts would like a multi-year funding plan to help them plan better.

Board member interest in the presentation and reflected in their questions concerned what type of compromise funding proposal would likely pass the Senate and the House; whether there was a need to address the current weightings; state bond and interest payments; the Limited Option Budget (LOB) cap; and funding equity between poorer and richer districts.

BREAK
(00:51:45)

The Board took a break from 10:49 until 11:00 a.m.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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MOTION

Because no one was present desiring to address the Board, Mrs. Storm made a motion to move up the item on a proposed amendment to a teacher licensure regulation which had been scheduled for the afternoon. Chairman Dennis seconded the motion which carried 8-0, with Wims-Campbell and Chappell temporarily out of the room.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TEACHER LICENSURE REGULATION

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Director of TEAL, Pam Coleman, explained the proposed change to remove the sunset date from Regulation 91-1-209 Additional Endorsements, subsection (e)(2). The regulation currently allows a teacher to add a new teaching endorsement to an existing license by successfully passing the appropriate endorsement content assessment. Removing the sunset date of June 30, 2012 will allow teachers to continue to utilize this option for adding new teaching endorsements.

MOTION

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Mrs. Martin moved that the Board approve sending the proposed amendment, (K.A.R.) 91-1-209 Additional Endorsements, subsection (e)(2), to the Attorney General and the Department of Administration for review.

A discussion followed regarding whether a content test was sufficient for granting an endorsement for ESOL. Dr. Coleman assured Board members that several efforts are underway to support the teaching of ESOL, including extra professional development opportunities.

The motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

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Commissioner DeBacker finished her description of the Breakfast Challenged which would begin in August. Dr. DeBacker also reported that she had been named a Kansas State University (KSU) Alumni Fellow for the College of Education. She noted that she would be involved in activities connected to the honor at KSU during the coming week.

The balance of Dr. DeBacker's report concerned an update on the Board's goals. Much of the discussion centered on MTSS, with Commissioner DeBacker offering to provide a map that would illustrate where schools using MTSS are located. Mr. Willard asked of the 185 school districts that had received MTSS training how many were implementing it. Dr. Chappell also asked what evidence was available to show that MTSS was effective. The Commissioner reminded the Board of the WestED contract to conduct an evaluation of it over a period four years and that it was currently in its second year. Also discussed were issues related to helping

schools learn more about counting credits based on proficiency and performance versus seat time; the growth model included in the ESEA waiver and the use of other measures of growth and achievement beyond the state assessment. As a follow-up item, Mrs. Martin asked that the Board be informed on the outcome of waiver requests from Kansas City KS and Clifton/Clyde school districts when they are announced.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:59 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH**2011 WORLD LANGUAGE ENROLLMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Phyllis Farrar, program consultant for world languages at KSDE, shared with Board members a report on enrollment in foreign language courses in Kansas schools. A survey of Kansas schools to determine students enrolled in world language classes was conducted for the first time in 2011. Responses were returned by 79 percent of the state's public school districts, representing about 90 percent of all Kansas K-12 students. The survey included the languages in which students were enrolled. She also shared statistics about where Kansas ranked compared to other states and the national average. Discussion included the need to see gains in Kansas in learning other world languages.

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2012 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

The Board had the opportunity to hear from the eight members of the 2012 Kansas Teacher of the Year team: 2012 Kansas Teacher of the Year - Tiffany Richard, a biology, chemistry, and Advancement via Individual Determination instructor (AVID) at Olathe East High School, and the 2012 Kansas Regional Teachers of the Year - Amelia Adams, Spanish and teen leadership teacher at West Middle School, Liberal USD 480; Christopher Christian, a fifth-grade teacher at Pray-Woodman Elementary School, Maize USD 266; Emily Fleming, a kindergarten teacher at Hazel Grove Elementary School, Kansas City USD 500; Carla Goertzen, a fourth-grade teacher at Buhler Grade School, Buhler USD 313; Sherry Helus, a third-grade teacher at West Elementary School, Wamego USD 320; Michael Pickman, a tenth-grade language arts teacher at Prairie View High School, Prairie View USD 362; and Elizabeth Roberts, a language arts, Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID), and Future Educators teacher at Wichita North High School, Wichita USD 259.

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After each spoke about issues they believed were important to their classrooms, they were asked by Chairman Dennis what the Board could do to make their jobs easier. Training and time and funds for professional development and collaboration topped their list.

The Board took a short break at 3:10 and returned at 3:25 p.m.

Break
(01:40:26)

UPDATE ON NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS

Matt Krehbiel, science education consultant with KSDE, provided the Board with an update on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). He shared the timeline and read a letter of support from Kansas BIO. He also took questions and comments from the Board, with Mrs. Cauble noting that the Kansas committee had a great deal of respect. Another question was about the writers of the standards – a team consisting of primarily educators and scientists from across the country.

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REVIEW EDUCATION LEGISLATION AND GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KSDE

Deputy Commissioner Dennis shared two maps of the state illustrating different redistricting plans. He reminded the Board that when the decision is made in the legislature, Board members will have the opportunity to comment on the four senate districts they will represent. Mr. Dennis reviewed bills of educational interest. He was asked if the Board could get maps that would be better at illustrating re-districting proposals so that the senate district boundaries in the Topeka, Kansas City/Johnson County area, and Wichita are more readable.

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CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the Board approve the
(02:40:19)) Consent Agenda. The motion passed 9-1, with Chappell voting in opposition. In the consent agenda the Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the Unclassified Special Project Appointment of Brandon Reddell as IT Coordinator on the Information Technology team effective January 23, 2012, at an annual salary of \$61,838.40. Also confirmed the appointment of Scott Myers to the unclassified position of Director of the Title Programs and Services team, effective June 1, 2012, at an annual salary of \$92,000.
- Issued orders authorizing USD 102, Cimarron-Ensign, USD 420, Osage City, and USD 449 Easton, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.
- Issued an Order describing the boundaries of the unified school districts that were changed in 2011 and certified the Order to the appropriate county officials.
- Issued Calendar Year 2012 commercial driver training schools licenses effective from February 14, 2012 to December 31, 2012 to : Buggin' and Cruisin' Driving School, LLC, Leawood and Horizon's Driving Academy, Salina.
- Accepted the recommendations for licensure waivers for: *Adaptive Special Education*: Bruce Schmidt, USD 305; Angela Murray-Brent, USD 345; Amanda Wilkinson, Dawn Tatum and Layla Witthuhn, USD 457; Kam Traugh, USD 480; Janet Brown, Charles Gladfelter and Danielle Wagner, USD 490; Danita Comfort and Megan Baalman, D0 602; Amy Deason, Brian Axtell, Kristin Torres, Lisa Myers, Marc Milner, Mary Livingston, Paula Leidel and Rebecca Segenhagen, D0 608; Nichole Mullins, D0 609; Karen Brock, D0 611; Angela Ashlock, Benjamin Wilkens, Deborah Stanley and Timothy Miles, D0 613; Marcy Fergola and Veronica Blair, D0 614; and Shannon Nickel, D0 637; *Early Childhood Special Education*: Macie Frey, USD 383; Jessica Cunningham, USD 457; Elizabeth Terry and Krickit Ketterl, D0 602; Delenia Hamlin, D0 607; *Early Childhood/Pre-School*: Melissa Peak, USD 503; Elizabeth Terry and Krickit Ketterl, D0 602; Ashley Weixelman, Z0031; *English as a Second Language*: Justin Gale, USD 457; *Functional Special: Education*: Kristen Holsapple, USD 229; Nicole Rabinowitz, D0 614; and *Gifted*: Annette McMullen, USD 345; and Denise Siemens, D0 608.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2723, Lara Caldwell-approve; 2730, Yolanda Oliver-deny; 2731, Tammey Shimon-approve; 2732, Stephanie Ray-Oyler-deny; 2733, Heather Crouch-deny; 2734, Michael Garrett-deny; 2736, Rachel Murphy-deny; 2737, Stacie Kallsen-deny; 2738, Nick Hart-approve; 2740, Edward Johnson-deny; 2741, Maura Clark- deny; 2743, Brooke Santa-deny; 2745, Criss
- Received FY 2012 2nd quarter reports from Kansas State School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind.
- Approved a \$448,065 subgrant to Keystone Education Service Center for a statewide tertiary behavior support team with the Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) to run from March 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
- Approved a \$413,233 subgrant with the Keystone Education Service Center from February 28, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to establish co-teaching cadres with the Technical Assistance System Network (TASN).
- Approved the recommendations of the Mathematics Partnership Review Committee for new funding for the Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants for 2012-2013 for Kansas State University in the amount of \$150,000 in partnership with: USD 475, USD 500, USD 320, USD 383, and USD 379; Emporia State University in the amount of \$150,000 in partnership with: USD 253; and Newman University in the amount \$110,000 in partnership with: USD 259, Diocese of Catholic Schools, and USD 261.

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and:

- enter into a contract with service center coaches for technical assistance for the Safe & Supportive Schools grantees, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, with the contract to run from March 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014; and
- amend the contract with the Goffin Strategy Group, Inc. by adding an additional \$6,400 to the original contract amount of \$60,200, for a contract total not to exceed \$66,600 to provide facilitation and strategic consultation and support around the work of developing a comprehensive early childhood data system that is linked with the K-12 longitudinal data system; and
- enter into an amendment of the 2010-2011 contract with MetaMetrics for 2011-2012 Lexile Scores linked to the Kansas Assessment in Reading in an amount not to exceed \$144,000.00.

RECESS

There being no further business Chairman Dennis recessed the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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Chairman Dennis called the second day of the February meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m., February 15, 2012 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

Walt Chappell was absent and Mr. Willard was attending another meeting and would be late. He arrived at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION
 (00:00:23)

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the Board approve the agenda. The motion carried 8-0, with Willard and Chappell absent.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON ESEA FLEXIBILITY (WAIVERS)

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Board members received an update on the ESEA flexibility waiver request. Briefly reviewed were elements in the state's latest draft. Judi Miller, assistant director for Title Programs and Services, who has been leading the state's effort to draft the flexibility request, told Board members that the current draft would change even further prior to final submission, which must happen by February 28th. One of the changes will be inclusion of an additional waiver request related to Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) that the USDOE just announced last week. The additional waiver would allow states to forego Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measures. In Kansas' original draft of the flexibility request, it changed the way the state would measure whether a school or district had met AYP, but still included AYP determinations. The new guidance from USDOE would mean the states would no longer have to make an AYP determination, however would still have to establish annual measurable objectives for schools and districts to be used for accountability purposes. A request to seek the additional waiver related to AYP would be added to the state's draft prior to submission later this month.

Mrs. Miller reported how the state would approach accountability measures if its waiver was approved. Under the state plan, schools would no longer be required to demonstrate that all students were proficient in reading and math by 2014, as indicated in the current legislation. Instead, the state would look at multiple measures to determine school performance. Those measures include student achievement on state reading and math assessments, growth over time in student achievement on state assessments and the ability of schools and districts to reduce achievement gaps. She also reviewed elements that would address how the state would identify and reward high-performing schools, as well as how it would identify and provide technical assistance to low-performing schools. The state's flexibility request also addresses teacher evaluation, as required by the USDOE. Kansas is currently piloting a model for teacher and principal evaluation and work is still underway to determine how student achievement measures will be tied to the evaluation process, as required in the waiver criteria. The state must have that plan completed and implemented by the 2014-15 school year.

After Mrs. Miller, along with Director Colleen Riley and Deputy Commissioner Neuenswander answered Board member's questions, clarifying particular items in the waiver, and noting

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additional areas of emphasis Board members would like to see, Chairman Dennis moved that the Kansas State Board of Education endorse the Kansas Department of Education's submittal of a waiver seeking relief from the U.S. Department of Education's requirements under ESEA. Further, the Department was directed to keep Board members informed of any changes before the waiver request was submitted at the end of February, as well as any changes required during the peer review process. Mrs. Cauble seconded the motion.

MOTION
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In discussion of the motion, Mr. Bacon wanted assurance that if he voted in favor of the motion, it would not trump his previous vote against the common core standards, since their adoption was included as part of the waiver request. Chairman Dennis stated his vote against the common core standards was on record and that the current motion was only to endorse the submittal of the waiver request, not a vote once again on the standards. Also discussed was how complicated the waiver document was and not very helpful to the field and hard it would be for the field to transition to the change in focus.

The motion carried 9-0, with Chappell absent.

Board members took a break from 10:25 to 10:35 a.m.

BREAK
(01:21:38)

BOARD REPORTS

Chairman Dennis discussed the Board members' travel allotments, pointing out that Mr. Willard didn't have enough remaining in his to cover the activities on his current request. He noted the activities in which Mr. Willard was involved and the loss to the Board if he were unable to complete his duties. In the discussion that followed several remedies were recommended, including that the allotment system be revisited before next July and Board committee assignments and travel distances taken into consideration. Mr. Bacon offered some of his travel allotment if necessary. Mrs. Waugh moved that \$2,500 be moved from Mr. Bacon's travel allotment to Mr. Willard's. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bacon and carried on a vote of 9-0-1, with Chappell absent.

BOARD ISSUES
(01:33:27)

MOTION
(01:43:03)

Dr. Chappell arrived at 10:51 a.m.

Issues Relating to the Kansas School for the Deaf and the Kansas School for the Blind

KSD/NEA Negotiating Team

Board Attorney Ferguson reported on the negotiating plan that would be used in the KSD/NEA negotiations, as well as the timeline that would be followed. From the discussion that followed three questions arose for Board determination. Whether the Board Attorney should be included on the negotiation team; whether any Board members should participate; and, if so, who. Discussion of the price of the Board attorney proved to be the main topic of discussion.

Chairman Dennis moved, with a second by Mr. Willard that Mark Ferguson, Board Attorney, be named to represent the Board, along with the administrative team at the Kansas State School for Deaf, in KSD/NEA salary negotiations. The motion carried 8-2, with Martin and Chappell voting on opposition.

MOTION
(02:32:32)

Mrs. Shaver moved that the Board have one member on the negotiation team. The motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
(02:31:52)

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Dr. Chappell, that Ms. Storm be named as the Board member represented on the negotiation team. The motion carried 9-1, with Bacon voting in opposition.

MOTION
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MOTION
(02:34:16)

The Role of the Kansas State Board of Education as the local board for the two state schools
After a brief introduction of the issue, Chairman Dennis moved that a workgroup be established composed of the State Board Attorney, a member of the Kansas State Department of Education, two members of the Kansas State Board of Education and a representative from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and one from the Kansas State School for the Blind to review the relationship of the State Board of Education and its role regarding the two State Schools, with the work group to bring its findings to the Board at the conclusion of its review. Ms. Storm seconded the motion. Questions of whether the issue should be studied by the whole board and whether it should be addressed at a Board meeting or a special work session constituted the majority of the discussion. The motion carried 7-2-1, with Chappell and Bacon in opposition and Willard abstaining.

MOTION*Board Members to Serve on the workgroup*

Next came a discussion about which Board members would serve on the workgroup. Dr. Chappell moved that Ms. Storm and Mr. Bacon be appointed. The motion died for the lack of a second. Mrs. Wims-Campbell, with a second by Jana Shaver moved that the Board appoint Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Waugh. The motion carried 8-2, with Willard and Chappell voting in opposition.

MOTION
(02:49:08)**BREAK**

The Board took a break from 11:54 until 12:02 p.m.

MOTION
(03:00:41)*2012 Board visit to the Schools for the Deaf and for the Blind*

Mr. Dennis moved, with a second by Mr. Willard that the Board make its annual visits to the two schools on April 18th, the second day of the April Board meeting. The motion carried 10-0.

Board Member Reports

Chairman Dennis reported on the most recent NASBE Board of Directors meeting. He also reported on his participation with the Kansas Teacher Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He indicated that he had been asked to represent NASBE and the Board on the National Teacher Hall of Fame committee, as well.

Legislative Report

Ms. Storm noted that she had kept Board members updated on legislative activities by e-mail and had nothing to add. Mr. Willard reported that he had been asked to serve on the Governor's CTE Task Force and to join the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. He also reported that he had attended the Big Rural Brainstorm, which was also attended by 200 leaders of small communities from across Kansas. He noted that he had been contacted by the Governor of Georgia who he had met at the NASBE Annual meeting. The Governor had asked to tour the Walton 21st Century Rural Life Elementary Charter School. Mr. Willard indicated that he would also take them to Stafford to visit its entrepreneurial program. Suggestions were made about representation on the CTE Task Force and Mr. Willard asked that names be emailed to him.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Ferguson reported that in the Doug Wright case he had until February 19th to file an appeal with the Kansas Supreme Court; the Vick hearing before the Professional Practices Commission is scheduled for March 5th, after which it will come to the Board. He noted that there would be a great deal of material for the Board to review. He noted that because of a conflict Steve Smith would attend in his place in March.

Mr. Chappell reported on the Education Summit he had attended in Wichita; Ms. Shaver reported on the yearly Great Expectations Assembly she had attended in Chetopa. Mrs. Cauble reported on the NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee meeting she had attended in January. She noted she was still serving on the NASBE Rural Task Force and was concerned

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the effect both of those activities would have on her travel allocation. She was so concerned that she reported she had decided not to attend the NASBE legislative conference and was, instead, traveling with the Southwest Kansas Chambers of Commerce to visit with the Kansas Congressional Delegation, spending her campaign funds for the expense.

Mrs. Wims-Campbell reported that she had attended Communities in Schools meeting and the KSHSAA January Executive Board meeting. Mrs. Waugh indicated that she had attended several local board meetings and all those districts are looking forward to the ESEA waiver that is being prepared by the state. She also reported on attending a Kansas Association of Environmental Education (KACCEE) meeting and reported that the KACEE Awards Celebration was scheduled for April 13th. Mr. Bacon attended a meeting of the Foundation for Ag in the Classroom which was not funded by the legislature last year. He encouraged Board members visiting with their legislators about what an important program it is. Mrs. Waugh echoed his sentiments about KACEE are urged members to include them in their conversations with legislators. Mrs. Martin reported that the next KAKE Education Summit would be in Salina.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Willard that Board travel be approved. Mr. Willard (03:50:14) asked that his registration for the Big Rural Brainstorm be paid. Mrs. Waugh asked to add miscellaneous expenses for her travel to the Deeper Learning Focus group she had been invited to attend. She also requested salary, mileage and registration for the KACEE awards April 13th. Mrs. Wims-Campbell asked to add registration for the KACEE celebration. She reported she would also be attending the KEEN conference recognition events February 23rd and 24th. The motion, with the additions, carried 10-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Interest was expressed in how assessments questions were asked and what they were and Dr. (03:53:46) Chappell asked for information on effective practice for teaching ELL students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m. (03:58:19)

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary