

## KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MEETING MINUTES

**May 14, 2002**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, 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  
John Bacon  
Val DeFever  
Sue Gamble  
I.B. ?Sonny? Rundell

Carol Rupe  
Harold Voth  
Bill Wagnon  
Janet Waugh  
Bruce Wyatt

The Board stood for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Rundell asked that confirmation of the appointment of Kathy Toelkes as Director, Communications and Recognitions Programs, be added to the consent agenda. Commissioner Tompkins asked, because of a conflict that had arisen for Assistant Commissioner Pochowski, that appointments to the Special Education Advisory Council and the update on educator licensure, scheduled for immediately after lunch, be switched with the Wednesday morning discussion of revisions to the state accreditation system. Dr. Abrams requested that item 13 g., QPA process waiver requests, be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Carol Rupe asked that 13 q., a license for a commercial driver training school, be pulled; and Mr. Wyatt asked that items 13 d., quarterly reports from Kansas

State School for the Deaf (KSSD) and Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB), and 13. j., the FY 2003 certification fee, be pulled. Mr. Wyatt also requested consideration of a resolution requesting legislative action to adopt funding adequate to support an education budget already approved by both the Kansas House of Representatives and the Senate. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mrs. Waugh asked for corrections to her comments in the Board Reports for April under "Other Member Reports". She indicated that she had met with Bill Daugherty, Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB), not solely because of drug activity at Big Eleven Lake, located near the school, but because of problems, "such as drug activity" which may affect the safety of KSSB students. She also asked that it be recorded that she and Mr. Daugherty had scheduled an appointment with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County to discuss the issue. Mrs. DeFever moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

In a review of his written report, Commissioner Tompkins mentioned two openings available for Board member participation in the KALTECH, administrator technology academy, in July. Dr. Tompkins also reported that, with the finalization of the regional forums on education, comments would be compiled and shared with the Board at the June meeting. A study session or time during a regular meeting to discuss how the ideas and issues mentioned might be integrated into the Board's work on redesign of education delivery systems was discussed. Dr. Tompkins mentioned that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Consolidated State Application would be on the June agenda for Board approval. He also briefly reviewed a timeline of major issues and actions to be addressed by the Board over the next year. Dr. Tompkins noted that, as Commission Treasurer, he would need to attend the Education Commission of Page 2

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the States' meeting in July, creating a conflict with the July Board meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to change the July Board meeting to Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Citizens' Open Forum would remain at 10:30 a.m. on July 9<sup>th</sup> as previously scheduled.

## **UPDATE ON RECOGNITION PROGRAMS, GRAPHIC ARTS AND PRINTING TEAM**

Mr. Bob Gast, Team Leader of the Recognition Programs, Graphic Arts and Printing Team, reported on the recognition programs used to develop a network of exemplary educators who are leaders in the improvement of schools, student performance and the teaching profession. He indicated that approximately three hundred educators, drawn from state and national recognition programs, serve as resource people through the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network. He reported on the activities and improvements in those recognition programs, the Kansas Teacher of the Year program, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards, and the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Mr. Gast noted the large number of Kansas teachers recognized at the national level over the past several years, but also pointed out the need to continue to improve the process to personalize the procedure for requesting nominees. He also reported on fundraising efforts to support Kansas teacher recognition programs. Mr. Gast reported on the Teachers of Promise workshop held in November of 2001 for students nominated by Kansas educator training institutions, and a program, currently under development, to recognize exemplary first-year teachers. Student recognition programs reported on by Mr. Gast included the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship program, the Governor's Scholar Awards, the Kansas ACT Scholars program, the two levels of recognition certificates awarded to students for performance on the Kansas assessments, and the annual Technology Fair. At the conclusion of Mr. Gast's presentation, Commissioner Tompkins reported that Mr. Gast would be retiring in June and the Board stood to applaud Mr. Gast's contributions and efforts to elevate the public's perception of the teaching profession.

## **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Rundell opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:36 a.m. Those addressing the Board included Tom Brungardt, Junction City, and Deb Haltom, Overland Park, members of the Professional Standards Board; Peg Dunlap, Kansas NEA, Topeka; John Richard Schrock, Emporia; and Mary DeLucci, Manhattan, representing the Early Childhood Consortium. Ms. Dunlap presented the Board with copies of a guide for policymakers on assessments and accountability developed by several national organizations and a Kansas response. Chairman Rundell declared the open forum closed at 11:00 a.m. The Board took a break until 11:10 a.m.

## **FINALISTS FOR THE 2001 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATH TEACHING**

Fran Ireland, Lee Elementary School, USD 383 Manhattan, Marion Zampa, Trailwood Elementary School, USD 512, Shawnee Mission, and Sue Gibson, Shawnee Mission West High School, USD 512, 2001 finalists for the 2001 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching, made presentations to the Board on improving science and mathematics achievement in the classroom. Issues addressed were the public perception of the teaching profession and the need to encourage more young people to enter the profession; teacher pay; on-going support for teachers, mentors for new teachers, adequate professional and staff development and collaboration; alignment of district standards and curriculum; decreasing class size; continuation of the state science performance assessment; adequate student access to technology; and the importance of early childhood programs and the need to support funding for all-day kindergarten. Also mentioned was continuation of leadership support for writing, publishing and updating the state curriculum standards and continued teacher education in their use. Chairman Rundell and Commissioner Tompkins stood for pictures with the three teachers and presented them each with a certificate of recognition at the conclusion of the presentation.

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### KANSAS CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN

As requested by several Board members, Melly Schmidt, Director, and Darrlyn Johnson, Event Coordinator, of the Kansas Children's Campaign, made a presentation to the Board on the Campaign. Ms. Schmidt reported that the goal of the Kansas effort is to improve the lives of children and families in Kansas. Through developing a series of nonpartisan networks around the state the Campaign is a community empowerment and education project that seeks to ensure voter and candidate attention to children's needs and to keep them in front of legislators and policymakers. Ms. Schmidt described the public polling process used to develop the platform for the current election year. She also reported on the methods that would be used to communicate with the public and the areas and populations that would be targeted this year.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

### DISCUSSION OF STATE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING STATE ASSESSMENT ISSUES

Assistant Commissioner Pochowski asked for additional comments on the framework for the revised QPA system which was presented at the April meeting. Discussion focused on the extent to which programs to support student learning and growth should be identified in the annual assurances of quality recommended as part of the revised accreditation criteria. Whether certain of the assurances should be included in the final accreditation decision was also discussed. Mandating elements to form the basis of a suitable education, other than those related to academic performance, attendance and graduation rates, instead of allowing schools and districts the opportunity to develop their own programs to support student improvement, with state intervention only when adequate yearly progress (AYP) in academics was not maintained, was part of that discussion. In order to keep track of Board recommendations, Commissioner Tompkins noted that suggestions and proposals, such as changes in items to be included in the Assurances of Quality, would be included in italics in successive drafts of the proposed framework. To be included from the Board's discussion for May were: 1) the addition of library and counseling to programs included in the assurances at the elementary level; and 2) development of consequences for the lack of quality assurance elements in a school past a specified length of time. Including a fine arts requirement and a foreign language requirement were also discussed, but no consensus was reached.

Dr. Pochowski reviewed the recommendation for three levels of accreditation. Commissioner Tompkins indicated that a federal definition of AYP was essential before specific recommendations regarding state accreditation status and student performance levels could be discussed. The difficulty of maintaining AYP by schools which met the Standard of Excellence, 90 percent of students scoring at the proficient level or above, was an issue of Board

concern, as was the lack of a federal definition of what constitutes a significant statistical sample for disaggregation of AYP data.

Dr. Pochowski reported on suggestions received from the field on the draft QPA framework. Included were: 1) that a five-year cycle be maintained for those schools not conditionally accredited; 2) allowance of additional local assessments to be used as part of the quality assurances; 3) development of a standard matrix for communicating assessment results to all constituencies; 4) elimination of the social studies and writing assessments because they are not required by ESEA; and 5) follow students longitudinally to look at academic growth over time. Dr. Tompkins reported that between 70 and 80 percent of the comments received about the recommended revisions have been positive. The use of state assessment scores versus triangulation of assessment data to illustrate alignment of local curriculum with state standards was also discussed.

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The projected timeline for the development of the revised QPA regulations, which would integrate feedback on the proposed QPA framework and the proposal for graduation requirements, was outlined by Dr. Pochowski. She indicated that the target for Board approval of the revised regulations was March or April of 2003. She also outlined standards and assessment issues connected to compliance with ESEA. A timeline for the adoption of revised reading, mathematics, and science standards was discussed. Also discussed was the development of a definition for approval at the June meeting, of the work to be performed by the re-formed reading and mathematics standards committees that will be setting grade level expectations for those subjects. Staff was asked to notify the Board of the make-up of the committees. The user-friendliness of the standards was also discussed. Establishment of the baseline for the new assessments was projected for the 2005-2006 school year.

The need to redefine performance levels to provide a correlation with ESEA requirements was also reviewed by Dr. Pochowski and it was proposed that Kansas move from the existing five levels, to four. It was noted that providing a clear, understandable definition of each level would be important, particularly in the area of parental reports. An example of the letters to be sent to parents on the 2001-2002 assessments was shared with the Board. A separate page providing definitions of the five performance levels would be included with each letter. Dr. Tompkins indicated that password protected building reports, broken down by student, indicator and classroom, would be available online for schools to use in interpreting the assessment data. Concern about the desirability of moving to four performance levels was mentioned and further discussion of the issue was requested.

Also included in the discussion of assessment issues was the development of a new English Language Proficiency assessment and a contract with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation at the University of Kansas was recommended. Movement to a computer-based state assessment system; improvement in the design for high school reading, math and science assessments; and the development of state performance assessments were also discussed. A review of the assessment cycles for the next four school years and necessary action required by the Board during the 2002-2003 school year was discussed. Funding issues were discussed, as well as the effect the upcoming State Board of Education elections may have on meeting necessary deadlines.

Chairman Rundell declared a break from 3:05 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

## **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reviewed a state general fund allotment system that had been announced by the Governor as a remedy to address the shortfall for the FY 2003 state budget already approved by the Kansas House and Senate, including its impact on the Department of Education. He also shared a computer printout, which used 2002-03 school year enrollment estimates provided by schools districts, that reflected the effects of a drop in general state aid of \$182 million. He handed out a list of expenditures that some school districts had indicated would be reduced if the base state aid per pupil were reduced. In the discussion that followed, the effect on federal funding available if the state funding effort was not maintained was discussed. Mr. Dennis pointed out that the state could not use federal funds to supplant state funding. He also reviewed the status of the Board's budget proposal, noting those items which would be under consideration in an omnibus bill. Mr. Dennis reviewed the status of 2002 Education legislation. In order to begin development of the Board's 2004 budget recommendation, Mr. Dennis asked for Board direction, indicating that a request that would continue to support the Board's goals outlined in its FY 2003 budget could be followed. Dr. Wagnon asked that totals for programs supporting like goals be presented together, i.e., the total for extended learning opportunities would include the cost of all-day kindergarten, extended day programs, etc.

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### **Resolution Urging Legislative Action in Support of an Increase in Education Funding**

Mr. Wyatt, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, moved that the Board adopt a resolution to provide the necessary funding to support an increase in base state aid per pupil (bsapp) which had been adopted by both the Kansas House and Senate. Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, moved that a statement be added to the resolution

addressing how the failure to adequately fund K-12 public education would result in the loss of federal funding (aid) for Kansas K-12 students. Mr. Wyatt had no objections to Dr. Abrams' amendment. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Wagnon and Mrs. Waugh indicated they would be unable to support the resolution because the increase approved by the Legislature fell far below the amount the Board had recommended to support its goals for K-12 education. Mr. Wyatt noted that the resolution addressed the immediate need for the legislature to take action and that the Board needed to urge the legislature to do so. He also indicated that the resolution was open-ended because it did not specify a dollar-amount increase in the bsapp. The amendment passed on a vote of 8-2, with Dr. Wagnon and Mrs. Gamble voting "no". A copy of the resolution, including the amendment by the Board on May 14<sup>th</sup> is attached to these minutes. In further discussion of the resolution, the wisdom of naming both the House and Senate in calling for action was questioned in light of the fact the Senate had approved a funding plan with tax increases adequate to support the budget approved. After further discussion of the issue, Chairman Rundell suspended action on the resolution until the following morning and appointed Carol Rupe, Dr. Abrams and Mr. Wyatt to a subcommittee to develop alternative language.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wyatt indicated he had pulled from the consent agenda the quarterly reports for the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind because he felt that oral reports quarterly provided the Board with a better opportunity for an on-going dialogue with the schools. Dr. Abrams asked that the request from USD 502, Lewis, to have the QPA regulation requiring it provide foreign language instruction, be pulled from the consent agenda and be voted on as a separate item. Mr. Wyatt indicated that his question regarding the FY 2003 certification fee had been answered and the item could be returned to the consent agenda for action. Commissioner Tompkins was asked what steps were taken to address complaints such as those members had received regarding the request for a license for a commercial driving school. Dr. Tompkins briefly reviewed the requirements such schools had to meet and how the staff had worked over the years to address past concerns expressed by the individual who had contacted Board members regarding the request before them. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the consent agenda be approved, with the request for a QPA waiver from USD 502 addressed as a separate item. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

? Received the monthly personnel report.

? Confirmed the appointment of Ruth Camien to a Senior Administrative Assistant position under the ESEA Consolidated Administrative Pool and Federal Charter School Grant, effective April 22, 2002, at an annualized salary of \$20,508.80.

? Approved school construction plans for Turner, USD 202; Salina, USD 305 (2 projects); Emporia, USD 253 (2 projects); Most Pure Heart of Mary School, Topeka; Girard, USD 248; Macksville, USD 351; Clay Center, USD 379; Dodge City, USD 443; and Piper, USD 203.

? Received written FY 2002 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind.

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? Approved accredited status for USD 103 Cheylin: Cheylin West Junior/Senior High; USD 205 Bluestem: Haverhill Elementary, Leon Elementary, Bluestem Middle and Bluestem High; USD 210 Hugoton: Hugoton Elementary, Hugoton Middle and Hugoton High; USD 227 Jetmore: Jetmore Elementary and Jetmore High; USD 229 Blue Valley: Morse Elementary and Blue River Elementary; USD 230 Spring Hill: Spring Hill Elementary; USD 233 Olathe: Mahaffie Elementary, Pleasant Ridge Elementary, Green Springs Elementary, Tomahawk Elementary, Meadow Lane Elementary, Prairie Center Elementary and Olathe South Senior High; USD 259 Wichita: Gammon Elementary and Heights High; USD 260 Derby: Swaney Elementary; USD 263 Mulvane: Mulvane Grade School; USD 308 Hutchinson: Avenue A Elementary, McCandless Elementary, Faris Elementary and Hutchinson High; USD 311 Pretty Prairie: Pretty Prairie High; USD 329 Mill Creek Valley: Wabaunsee High; USD 336 Holton: Colorado Elementary, Central Elementary, Holton Middle and Holton High; USD 354 Claflin: Claflin Elementary; USD 364 Marysville: Marysville Junior/Senior High; USD 365 Garnett: Anderson County Junior/Senior High; USD 409 Atchison: Atchison Elementary, Atchison Middle and Atchison High; USD 416 Louisburg: Louisburg Elementary; USD 457 Garden City: Charles O. Stones Intermediate; USD 499 Galena: Spring Grove Primary Center, Liberty Elementary, Galena High and Cornerstone High; USD 500 Kansas City: Claude A Huyck Elementary and J.C. Harmon High; USD 511 Attica: Puls Elementary and Attica High; USD 512 Shawnee Mission: Bluejacket-Flint Elementary, Arrowhead Elementary, Highlands Elementary, and Antioch Middle; and SO355: Atchison Juvenile Correctional Facility ? Bert Nash Intermediate.

? Approved a request from USD 422 Greensburg for a waiver of QPA regulation to allow Cycle II accreditation visits for Delmer Day Elementary/Middle School and Greensburg High School to be delayed until November 12, 2002, so that all district schools can be aligned in their entry into the Cycle III accreditation process.

? Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Gifted Education*: Debra Denson, USD 497; *Interrelated Special Education*: Edgar Collins, USD 259, and Paula Custer, IL 605; and *Journalism*: Ann Asbury, USD 268; and denied the requests for: *Learning Disabilities (extend days on an emergency substitute certificate)*: Jayne Hopkins and Joana Scholtz, USD 453; and *Behavior Disorders (extend days on an emergency substitute certificate)*: Karen Indermuehle, Kurtis Kern and Sherrie Scarlet, USD 453;

? Approved the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee in cases 1957, 1959, 1965-1967, and 1969-1970.

? Established the certification fee for FY 2003 at \$24.00, effective July 1, 2002.

? Approved the recommendation of Commissioner Tompkins that a Visiting Scholar Certificate be denied for Peggy House, to Teach Family and Consumer Science at Atchison Middle School and Atchison High School from March 29, 2002 through June 30, 2002.

? Approved the reappointment of Terry Boyd to her first full three-year term and the reappointments of Darrel Harbaugh and Carla Ridener to their second three-year terms on the Professional Standards Board, to run from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005.

? Approved the reappointment of Jane Oeser to her second three-year term on the Professional Practices Commission, to run from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005.

? Approved a continuation of a Carl Perkins Statewide Leadership grant with Washburn University in the amount of \$303,306 for Curriculum Development and Dissemination and to provide resources, guidance and coordination to educators in their competency-based education efforts.

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? Approved a commercial driver training school license for Sunrise Christian Training Academy, Wichita, KS.

? Approved the appointment of Kathy Toelkes, as Director, Communications and Recognitions Programs, at an annual salary of \$67,500, effective June 3, 2002.

***Contracts Approved:***

The State Board authorized the

? *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind* to negotiate and enter into a contract with Accessible Arts, Inc. for services in the arts (drama, movement, dance, visual arts, music) for Kansas individuals with disabilities with the contract amount not to exceed \$150,000; and to exchange with Accessible Arts, Inc. student art services for KSSB facilities use.

? *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and enter into contracts with Jerry Stewart and Dr. Richard Whelan to investigate and prepare written reports on special education parent complaints, with the contract amount not to exceed \$50,000 each.

**QPA WAIVER REQUEST ? USD 502, LEWIS**

USD 502, Lewis had requested a waiver of the QPA regulation K.A.R. 91-31-20 (a), Required Programs, Foreign Language, for the 2002-2003 school year. The district has been a member of the Golden Belt ITV for ten years in order to fulfill K.A.R. 91-31-20 (a); but this form of instruction is becoming cost prohibitive because of decreasing enrollment and resources. USD 502 is a small school district and cannot draw a foreign language teacher, even if there was one available in the state. The burden of trying to fulfill this regulation is becoming more expensive each year. Steve Adams, Team Leader, School Improvement and Accreditation, indicated that in order to continue to participate with Golden Belt ITV, it would be necessary for the district to make a commitment for services for the coming school year. The school was, he noted, being proactive with its request because it did not know if there would be any students who wished to enroll in a foreign language class. The issue raised by Dr. Abrams concerning the waiver request was whether the Board should allow the waiver of a program to support student learning and growth being considered as one of the Quality Assurances in the revised QPA regulations. Dr. Tompkins indicated, in response to a question, that the lack of a foreign language program did not disqualify a student from the Regents

Qualified Admissions program. He also indicated that the lack of a program put them out of compliance with the current regulations but did not, currently, have an effect on the school's accreditation status. After further discussion of possible alternatives, Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that staff be directed to work with USD 502, Lewis, regarding its request and bring it back to the Board for possible action at the June meeting, if necessary. The motion carried 10-0.

Chairman Rundell recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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I.B. Rundell, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

**Resolution for Adoption**

**by the**

**Kansas State Board of Education**

(with amendment of 5/14/02)

WHEREAS, The Kansas House of Representatives and the Kansas Senate have supported an increase in the base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) for the education of Kansas school children grades K-12 for the coming 2002-2003 year; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is one of the top four states in the nation for having the highest SAT and ACT college entrance examination scores; and

WHEREAS, Kansas was only one of two states in the nation to be among the top performers at both grades four and eight in the 2000 National Assessment of Educational Progress mathematics assessment; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is tied for fourth place in the nation for having the highest percentage of students graduate from high school with 92 percent of Kansas student completing high school or its equivalency, and

WHEREAS, Kansas is one of the top ten states in the nation for having a high percentage (62 percent) of its high school graduates continue on to college immediately after high school; and

WHEREAS, an increase in education funding is important to sustain this quality of education for our K-12 students; and

WHEREAS, the failure to adequately fund K-12 public education will result in the loss of federal funding (aid) for Kansas K-12 students.

RESOLVED, that the Kansas State Board of Education urges the House of Representatives and Senate now to adopt a tax base sufficient to provide the financial resources to increase the BSAPP for the coming 2002-2003 year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered as soon as possible to the House of Representatives and Senate with a request that it be read into the records of said House and Senate.

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, 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  
John Bacon  
Val DeFever  
I.B. ?Sonny? Rundell  
Carol Rupe

Harold Voth  
Bill Wagnon  
Janet Waugh  
Bruce Wyatt

Mrs. Gamble arrived after approval of the agenda at 9:05 a.m.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the agenda. Carol Rupe, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, moved that the resolution urging legislative action in support of an increase in education funding be added to the agenda as item 4 a., immediately following. The motion carried. Deputy Commissioner Dennis announced that maps illustrating the school districts in the newly-drawn Board districts were available.

### RESOLUTION URGING LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF AN INCREASE IN EDUCATION

## FUNDING

Mr. Wyatt moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the Board adopt the resolution urging legislative action in support of an increase in education funding as revised by the Board subcommittee. Because the Kansas House of Representatives was struggling to reach consensus on tax measures to fund the FY 2003 budget, Mrs. DeFever suggested that the timing for presenting the resolution was not good and could result in a negative response. Dr. Wagnon repeated his opposition to the resolution because Board approval would be understood as tacit agreement to a budget increase approved by the Legislature that fell far below the amount the Board had recommended to support its goals for K-12 education. Carol Rupe noted that it was important for that the Board be united in urging the legislature to fund what had been approved for FY 2003 with the understanding that a FY 2004 budget would be presented by the Board in August in support of its goals and priorities. Mr. Wyatt also urged the Board to take action. The motion carried 6-4, with Mrs. Waugh, Dr. Wagnon, Mr. Voth and Mrs. Gamble voting "no?". A copy of the resolution as approved by the Board is attached to these minutes.

## BOARD REPORTS

Chairman

### *Board Action on 2002 NASBE Officers*

NASBE member states are allowed one vote per officer for NASBE Board members for 2003. Board members discussed the candidates for Vice President and Central Area Director. Members did not vote for an individual for President, because it was the Board's understanding that Alma Allen would be elected since there were no other nominations for the office. Mrs. DeFever nominated Robert Lazard for Vice President; Mrs. Gamble nominated Herbert Moyer for Central Area Director. Mrs. DeFever moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the nominations cease and that Mr. Lazard and Mr. Moyer be selected by unanimous ballot. The motion carried.

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### **Legislative Coordinator**

Mrs. DeFever reported that the Kansas House of Representatives had approved a congressional map. She also reported that the Legislative Education Planning Committee would be receiving the report from Augenblick and Myers on the study of suitable funding for K-12 education in Kansas. The meeting would be held May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.

m. in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the State Capitol Building. She handed out an article from *Education Week* on recent legislation in Maryland for funding K-12 programs. She noted that Maryland had also had a funding study done by Augenblick and Myers. Mrs. DeFever also handed out a statement in support of Kansas education funding made by Frank Meyer, Kansas of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman and CEO of Custom Metal Fabricators. Dr. Waggon noted that the Board needed to continue to work to make the case for suitable funding for education; to connect programs to costs; and to be more inclusive in the public discussion of the issues. Mrs. Gamble indicated she had urged local districts to share their stories in their communities and with their legislators.

### **Other Board Member Reports**

Mr. Wyatt reported that he had completed his district educational forum and noted several of the common themes heard at them. The needs of smaller districts for assistance with curriculum alignment were discussed. Mrs. DeFever suggested members inquire of the USD's in their districts what problems may exist with aligning curriculum and purchasing textbooks that reflect the alignment. Mrs. Gamble pointed out that service centers are beginning to provide some assistance to districts. She also stressed the importance of continued staff development.

Mrs. Waugh reported that she had finished her forums, as well, and that the response had been so positive that members might want to consider holding similar forums every two years. She also reported that she and KSSB Superintendent Daugherty had met with the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and that increased surveillance at Big Eleven Lake was taking place, with some noticeable improvement of conditions. She reported that the installation of surveillance cameras was being considered.

Mrs. DeFever reported on the strategic planning activities she had participated in as a member of the Workforce Network of Kansas board. She reported that the effort had resulted in a broadening of vision beyond the unemployed to include the needs of all workers. She reported on the need for businesses to be clear on their workforce training and education needs at the community level and that a technical track of some sort in high school is becoming more important.

Dr. Abrams reported that he had done some research on SB 551 which was in a legislative conference committee. He indicated the bill dealt very prescriptively with transfer of school territory guidelines.

Mr. Bacon mentioned that a forum had been held and he had received positive feedback from participants. He also reported on participation in an announcement ceremony for Lisa Vaughn Crooks who will be an inductee into the National Teachers Hall of Fame this summer.

## **Board Attorney**

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report of activities for the month of April and the status of pending cases. He indicated there was the possibility of a decision being handed down by the end of May from the Kansas Supreme Court on the Marsh contract termination appeal. He also answered questions regarding a possible legal remedy for areas where legislative funding for K-12 education falls short of the actual cost. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for April be paid as presented. The motion carried.

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### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Bruce Passman, Team of Student Support Services, introduced Karen Untereker, 2002-2003 Chair of the Kansas Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). He praised the work of the current council and the assistance they have provided to staff. Dr. Passman noted that Board districts 1 and 10 needed more representation on the Council. Mrs. DeFever moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that members currently serving on SEAC willing and eligible for reappointment to positions already held, be reappointed. Discussion followed about whether the reappointments would provide good ethnic and geographic representation. Dr. Abrams and Carol Rupe indicated that the opportunity for other good candidates to serve on SEAC would be overlooked if all reappointments were made and the opportunity was not provided for a vote position by position. Chairman Rundell called for a vote on the motion, which carried and reappointed to three-year terms, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005, were Bert Moore, filling the position of an Administrator of Exceptional Programs; Jim Wheeler, as a representative of Charter Schools; Barbara McGrath, as a representative of Juvenile Justice; Patricia Schremmer, as the Parent of a Child with a Disability; and Doug Bowman, as the parent of a Child of Giftedness.

To fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2004, Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that Kenneth Hund be nominated as a representative of Adult Corrections. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Hund was appointed to his first three-year term to serve from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005.

To fill an unexpired term through June 30, 2004, as the Parent of a Child with a Disability, Carol Rupe nominated

Jeanine Phillips; Mrs. Gamble nominated Juan Perez; and Dr. Wagnon nominated Josie Torres. Discussion followed about adequate geographic distribution of the SEAC. Mrs. DeFever, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, moved that the nominations cease. None of the nominees received a majority vote. The nominating Board members spoke in favor of their nominees and Dr. Passman reviewed the resumes of the three. On a second voice vote, Josie Torres received a majority and was appointed.

The Board took a short break from 10:28 a.m. until 10:36 a.m.

## UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE IMPLEMENTATION

### **Plan for Validation of Content Assessments**

Dr. Martha Gage, Team Leader of Certification and Teacher Education, reviewed for the Board the procedure that had been used in organizing the panels for validating the Education Testing Service (ETS) Praxis Series content assessments for the 56 endorsement areas in the Kansas educator licensure system. Dr. Gage indicated that no tests were available from ETS for the gifted or journalism endorsements. She reported that panel members were currently being recruited and she also reviewed the qualifications members must have. Lastly, she reviewed the timeline that would be followed for the validation studies which would begin July 9th, with completion August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Assessment Issues Regarding Content or Performance Assessments**

Dr. Gage presented to the Board questions that had arisen with content or performance assessments for several endorsement areas and several possible options for resolution. She asked for Board guidance on how it wished to proceed in those areas. The Board discussed the issues created by the requirements for multiple content tests in the five related areas of history, government, sociology, economics, and geography. Concern that combining all the subject areas into one History/Government endorsement would result in a watered down curriculum and elimination of some of the standards was discussed. It was suggested that having to take multiple tests, one for each of the five subject areas, would be too expensive and that, with multiple endorsements, most education students would bypass economics, sociology and geography and pursue endorsements in only history and government because of better employability. In doing so, they would not have the exposure to those subject areas that a comprehensive endorsement would require. The Board postponed a decision and agreed to consider a history/government assessment for a comprehensive 6-12 endorsement, with assurance through institutional

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accreditation and program approval that adequate geography, economics and sociology content were addressed. Dr. Wagnon proposed renaming the endorsement area History/Government. Staff was asked to provide Board members with an example of History/Government standards for a university program that would demonstrate how the other areas would be included.

Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the Board approve a staff recommendation to remove the special education categorical endorsement areas attached to adaptive and functional, leaving only adaptive and functional endorsements; and require only the special education core knowledge and either the adaptive or functional assessments. The motion carried 9-0 with Dr. Abrams abstaining.

The Board also agreed to postpone a decision about the assessments for an early childhood endorsement and directed staff to distribute a draft of early childhood standards for a birth to grade three (B-3<sup>rd</sup>) endorsement to the field for feedback, as well as to Deans of Education for comments about whether they could fund the development and implementation of new B-3<sup>rd</sup> preparation programs.

The Board also agreed that the state would not have an assessment for journalism since one does not exist and the cost for development of one is prohibitive. After discussion of the unavailability of a performance assessment for a leadership license or school specialist license, Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the Board approve a staff recommendation to substitute an extensive supervised field-based one-year practicum in lieu of a performance assessment following the completion of requirements, including successfully passing a content assessment, for a conditional leadership or school specialist license. The motion carried 9-1, with Dr. Abrams voting ?no?.

### **Performance Assessment Plan**

Dr. Gage reviewed the work being done by the Professional Standards Board on the development of a performance assessment that would be part of the ?conditional? license under the new licensure system. She reported that members had traveled to several states that have performance-based systems. She reported that the Professional Standards Board believes the the Teacher Work Sample Project currently in use at Emporia State University could be adapted for state use and that a Professional Standards Board subcommittee is working on a rough draft for presentation to the Professional Standards Board in the fall. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Wyatt suggested that members visit Oregon to investigate a program that Dr. Gage had mentioned.

### **Draft Professional Development School Standards**

Dr. Gage introduced Mr. Kelly Spurgeon, Education Program Consultant, Certification and Teacher Education, who made a presentation to the Board on draft Professional Development School (PDS) standards which had been developed over the past year. Mr. Spurgeon reported that the standards were the work of the Kansas Coalition of

Professional Development Schools which consists of all the Regents institutions in the state and twelve of the independent colleges offering teacher preparation programs. The Coalition based its work on National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) PDS standards and adapted them for use as a guide for Kansas institutions as they begin to initiate programs and collaborate and develop partnerships with K-12 schools. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Gage indicated that Title II grants had been made available to institutions to allow them to begin PDS programs. Asked why the Board should not require all preparation institutions to be PDS programs, Dr. Gage responded that most institutions have a traditional preparation program as well as the PDS and that the cost in time and dollars is too high for many students. The initial costs for developing PDS programs is also high, even with grant funds available. Mr. Bacon asked for a glossary to be included with the standards. The effect of training in a PDS on student performance was discussed and staff was asked to follow up on research projects comparing student academic performance for those taught by traditionally trained teachers and those trained in Professional Development Schools.

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### APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Chairman Rundell reviewed a report comparing salary and travel expenditures by Board district position over the past two fiscal years. Asked about projected Board travel expenditures through the end of the fiscal year, Ron Nitcher, Agency Budgeting and Program Accounting, indicated that if expenditures continued at their current level, the Board would exceed the amount budgeted for salary and travel by \$25,000. He suggested that the Board might want to consider establishing its own travel budget in the future, rather than having staff develop one based on past expenditures. Discussion followed regarding how the Board should react in light of state budget cuts. An emphasis on communicating the Board's goals and priorities across the state during the past year was discussed as a factor contributing to an increase in expenditures. The Board also discussed several ways to reduce expenditures, including the suggestion by Chairman Rundell, that members had options regarding what expenses to claim and each of them could self-monitor their requests for reimbursement. Vice Chairman Waugh suggested that Board members be models to the rest of the state during the current period of budget cuts. Concerning the travel requests for May, Mrs. Gamble, Dr. Wagnon, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Bacon asked that attendance at the Legislative Education Planning Committee meeting, May 30<sup>th</sup> in Topeka, be added to their requests. Dr. Abrams, in an offer to help reduce travel expenditures, asked that his representation of the Board at the Kansas State School for the Deaf's graduation ceremony be cut and that one of the other Board members who had indicated they would be attending, be designated in his place. Mr. Bacon was designated to replace Dr. Abrams. Mrs. DeFever 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 Rundell adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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I.B. Rundell, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

## Resolution

*Adopted by the*

*Kansas State Board of Education*

*May 15, 2002*

**WHEREAS**, The Kansas House of Representatives and the Kansas Senate have supported an increase in the base state aid per pupil (BSAPP) for the education of Kansas school children grades K-12 for the coming 2002-2003 year; and

**WHEREAS**, Kansas is one of the top four states in the nation for having the highest SAT and ACT college entrance examination scores; and

**WHEREAS**, Kansas is one of the top ten states in the nation for having a high percentage (62 percent) of its high school graduates continue on to college immediately after high school; and

**WHEREAS**, An increase in education funding is important to sustain this quality of education for our K-

12 students; and

**WHEREAS**, The failure to adequately fund K-12 public education will result in the loss of federal funding (aid) for Kansas K-12 students.

**RESOLVED**, That the Kansas State Board of Education urges the House of Representatives now to adopt funding sufficient to increase the BSAPP for the coming 2002-2003 year; now, therefore, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be delivered as soon as possible to the House of Representatives and Senate with a request that it be read into the records of said House and Senate.