

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 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	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Ken Willard
Kathy Martin	

Mrs. Waugh was not present.

All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried 9-0, with Mrs. Waugh absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the minutes for the May meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Posny reviewed information accompanying her written report which outlined what the Board is doing for K-12 in light of the Board's goal and four objectives. She noted that she had prepared the document to share with the P-20 Council to communicate activities that had been undertaken and progress that has been made. Dr. Posny also explained a document that was in Board members' folders - a status report on the four objectives the strategies and action plans for each.

Dr. Posny had also handed out copies of *Virtual Education Requirements for Kansas*. She noted changes that had been made, including the addition of a section on recruitment and advertising; a section "Counting For Enrollment" added to "Program Requirements, Enrollment and Attendance; and, under "Examples of Virtual Funding for Students", a comparison of a virtual and traditional funding, and a requirement to submit yearly reports on training provided to teachers who teach in virtual schools.. Also included in the document were recommendations for changes to the Virtual School/Program Advisory Council. In addition to the virtual education document, Dr. Posny handed out a summary of the discussions at the May 27th Virtual School meeting from which the recommended changes arose. She indicated that the changes would be brought back to the Board next month for action.

UPDATE ON PROMOTING TEACHING AS A PROFESSION

Karla Denny, Director of Communications & Recognition Programs, provided information on the process used to select the proposal and timeline for production of 30- and 60-second broadcast announcements and a short feature suitable for public presentation promoting teaching as a profession. The short feature would be used on the Career Pipeline. She noted that September was the proposed deadline for the finished products, but hoped to be able to move it forward a month to August. Mrs. Denny indicated the contract was to be voted on Wednesday on the Consent Agenda.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Wagnon opened the Citizen's Open Forum at 10:23 a.m. Those addressing the Board were: John Richard Schrock, Emporia; Charles Thorpe, Manhattan, representing the Kansas World Language Association; and Rachel Willis, Topeka, representing Kids Voting Kansas. With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Wagnon closed the Open Forum at 10:33 a.m.

The Board took a break from 10:33 to 10:43 a.m.

RECEIVE AND ACT ON FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE KANSAS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

The Kansas Educational Leadership Commission (KELC) was created to guide the establishment of a cohesive, research-based system of leadership development for Kansas educators. KELC was to focus on recent research and evidence-based practices that point to the critical role leadership plays in the success of student learning and the achievement of effective student results. Research has shown that leadership is a central ingredient in school and district success when defined by student achievement. Researchers have noted that a specific type of leadership is most effective in high performing schools and school districts. This type of leadership is referred to as 'leadership for learning' and includes the ability of leaders to (a) stay consistently focused on the core elements of learning, teaching, curriculum and assessment; and (b) make all other dimensions of schooling (e.g. management and finance) work in the service of a more robust core technology and improved student learning.

The Commission was charged with studying research and evidence-based practices in the development of educational leaders. To that end, members of the Commission considered the following areas as part of their study: national, state and local standards that leaders must be proficient in to be successful; training opportunities and expectations that educational leaders should experience as components of pre-service training programs; professional development activities which support the growth of educational leaders throughout their professional careers; identification of specific skills to support data driven decisions; flexible use of resources; and accountability for student success.

The KELC met almost monthly over the course of the past year and the recommendations of the Commission were based on the discussions held. Co-chairs of the Leadership Commission, Dr. Mary Devin and Ed O'Malley, reported on the work of the Commission and presented its final report and proposed recommendations for Board consideration. Five areas were addressed by the recommendations, as illustrated below:

Teacher Leadership

- Add a 14th standard to the Kansas Professional Education Standards focusing on teacher leadership beyond the classroom
- Add teacher leadership work at the school or district level to the list of domains for licensure renewal
- Appoint and fund the work of a task force to develop a blueprint for teacher leadership throughout the state
- Establish state policy that directs districts to develop opportunities for teachers to engage in collaborative work to enhance student learning and create centers throughout the state where educators can acquire the necessary skills to become teacher leaders
- Build indicators of teacher leadership quality into existing state accountability measures

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Preparation programs

- Establish and fund a comprehensive review process to direct the overhaul of programs that prepare school leaders
- Create an endorsement for teacher leadership and develop programs to prepare teacher leaders

Leader Evaluation

- Develop and implement a statewide framework for the evaluation of school administrators

Professional Development

- Construct and fund leadership initiatives to provide continuing education programs for school leaders
- Rebuild the induction program for school leaders across the first two years on the job, including crafting policy to support the development of model programs
- Emphasize the importance of coaching to the professional development of school leaders

Conditions of Work

- Develop and fund 12 district-based initiatives to help school leaders to find additional time and/or to more effectively use existing time to engage in instructional-based leadership work

Dr. Devin reported that the Commission would be happy to continue in order to ensure implementation of the recommendations.

In the discussion that followed, funding for implementation of the recommendations was addressed. Commissioner Posny and Mr. O'Malley both mentioned that once a plan was in place and accepted by the Board, foundation funding would be sought. The Wallace Foundation and the Kansas Health Foundation were mentioned as two possible sources. Those foundations, along with the Kansas Department of Education, had funded the Commission's work and final report. Next steps outlined by Dr. Posny included, in addition to seeking funding, the development of two different plans: one composed of things that could be accomplished at little or no cost that the Board could proceed with, and those that would have some cost to implement. Work would be done to estimate what those costs might be. With those considerations in mind, a plan could be developed that could be implemented over time.

Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State Board accept the final report and the twelve recommendations of the Kansas Educational Leadership Commission in the areas of: Teacher Leadership, Preparation Programs, Leader Evaluation, Professional Development and Working Conditions as contained the final report and directed the Council and staff to continue with the development of an action plan and possible timeline for future implementation. After further discussion, Mrs. Cauble called the question. It passed 7-2, with Drs. Wagon and Abrams voting "no". The vote on the motion carried 9-0.

In a statement following the vote, Chairman Wagon spoke about how edifying his experience working with KELC had been. He indicated his belief that the work of the group, as represented in the report and recommendations, provided great capacity to move ahead to change the way educational leadership is understood and carried out in the state.

APPOINTMENTS

Professional Standards Board

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Kansas State Board of Education appoint Lory Mills to represent elementary teachers, Sharon Klose to represent middle level teachers, and Laura

Kaiser to represent Kansas Parent Teacher Association on the Professional Standards Board, each for a three-year term to run from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. The motion carried.

Licensure Review Committee

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Kansas State Board of Education appoint Ruth Goff to serve on the Licensure Review Committee as a representative of middle level teachers for a three-year term to run from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. The motion carried.

Professional Practices Commission

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Kansas State Board of Education appoint Suzanne Bangert to serve on the Professional Practices Commission as a representative of elementary teachers for a three-year term to run from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. The motion carried.

Special Education Advisory Council

Colleen Riley, Director of Special Education Learning Services, explained the need to have a majority of the Special Education Advisory Council be an individual or the parent of an individual with a disability. She indicated that recommendations had been made keeping the majority requirement as well a geographic distribution in mind. It was decided to continue with the appointments after lunch when copies of the list of nominees with the recommendations highlighted could be distributed to Board members for them to work from.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

Special Education Advisory Council (continued)

The following individuals were appointed to the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) for three-year terms running from July 2008 through June 2011:

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board of Education appoint Keith Dise, representing *Adult Corrections*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board of Education appoint Anne Roberts, representing *Foster Care Agencies*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State Board of Education appoint Susan Clayton, representing *Public Charter Schools*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the State Board of Education appoint Karen Kroh, representing *Private Schools*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education appoint Penny Hoffman, representing *Juvenile Justice*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State Board of Education appoint Vicki Sharp, representing *Parent of a Child with Giftedness*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the State Board of Education appoint Larry Meyer, representing *Other State Agencies Involved in the Financing or Delivery of Related Services to Exceptional Children*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the State Board of Education appoint Dale Rawson, representing *Parent of a Child with a Disability*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board of Education appoint SueAnn Wanklyn, representing *Parent of a Child with a Disability*. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board appoint Dr. Anne Elliott, representing *Administrator of Exceptional Programs*, with the caveat that the Board try to fill the next vacancy that arises with an individual from District 10 in order to ensure geographic representation. The motion carried.

Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State Board of Education appoint Luanne Ward, representing *State Officials*. The motion carried.

REVISED KANSAS MODEL CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR WORLD LANGUAGES

Phyllis Farrar, World Language Consultant with the Department of Education, and Carol Swinney, Co-Chair with Dianne DeNoon, of the standards writing committee, reported on the work done to revise the Model Foreign Language Standards that were approved in 2000. The writing committee was formed in the spring of 2007 and was comprised of teachers at the K-12 and post-secondary levels who represented all regions of the state as well as eight languages. The committee also included six members of the 2000 writing committee, including the Co-chairs. They discussed the decision to change the name of the standards from Foreign Language standards to World Language standards, acknowledging the many languages spoken in Kansas and the United States. They summarized the work of the committee and subcommittees that worked on revisions and reported on the workshops held across the state to share proposed changes and solicit feedback from Kansas world language educators. They also shared a summary of proposed changes and enhancements made to the standards.

ROLL-CALL VOTE TO ADOPT AMENDED EDUCATOR LICENSURE REGULATIONS

Susan Helbert, Assistant Director of Teacher Education and Licensure, presented the amended regulations for review. She noted that approval of changes made after the hearing in May had been received from both the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. Mrs. Cauble moved that the State Board of Education adopt amended teacher licensure regulations numbered K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-203, 91-1-204, 91-1-205, 91-1-207, 91-1-209, 91-1-210, 91-1-220, 91-1-221, 91-19-1 and 91-19-6. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote as reflected below.

Steve Abrams	“yes”	Kathy Martin	“yes”	Bill Wagon	“yes”
John Bacon	“yes”	Carol Rupe	“yes”	Ken Willard	“yes”
Sally Cauble	“yes”	Jana Shaver	“yes”	Janet Waugh	“absent”
Sue Gamble	“yes”				

SHIFTING FROM SEAT-BASED TO LEARNING-BASED APPROACHES FOR GRANTING CREDIT

Dr. Tom Foster reviewed with the Board a report on shifting from seat-based approaches to learning-based approaches for granting credit. He reported that moving to a system where learning is the constant and time is a variable involves overcoming multiple barriers, including many local practices. His presentation included information about successful programs using learning-based approaches. He also summarized initiatives in other states to move to an achievement-based approach. In addition to a brief look at an international perspective on the subject, a review of the Kansas regulation allowing local

districts to use achievement in place of time was included. Dr. Foster concluded his presentation with recommendations from two reports, "Laboratories of Reform: Virtual High Schools and Innovation in Public Education" and "Prisoners of Time" which he had included in the materials sent to the Board. As a follow-up request, Dr. Foster was asked for the name of the Houston, Texas school referred to in his presentation.

UPDATE ON THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE INTEGRATION OF ACADEMICS AND CTE

Dr. Foster presented an update of progress on the long-term, wide-ranging initiatives that form the action plan to implement the nine policy objectives for integrating academics into career and technical education. His update on the initiative to develop course codes generated interest and discussion regarding how to use them to refine definitions of specific competencies being taught and how following the subject strands assessed would be helpful in the efforts to integrate academics into career and technical education courses. Also discussed were how specific challenges, such as licensing technical education instructors to teach core academic coursework and the development of business and industry partnerships, would be addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education recess into Executive Session for a period of forty minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel are not violated, and that the open meeting of the Board resume in the Board Room at 4:50 p.m. The motion carried. At 4:33 p.m. the open meeting resumed early.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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June 11, 2008

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, 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	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Gamble were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the agenda be adopted as presented. The motion carried 8-0, with Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Gamble absent.

BOARD REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Wagnon, reported on the NASBE study group on early secondary schools on which he had served. He noted that teacher preparation was a big problem. Dr. Wagnon reported that the P-20 Council would be meeting July 3rd and that he would be attending the ECS National Policy Forum June 30th through July 2nd in Austin, Texas.

NASBE Dues for 2009

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Kansas State Board of Education approve payment of 2009 NASBE membership dues of \$23,871, 2009, NCOSEA dues of \$130, and \$20 for a subscription to the NASBE Standard, for a total of \$24,021. The motion carried.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report. He also reported on a recent federal court preliminary injunction on a new Illinois statute mandating that schools observe a moment of silence. He pointed out that the Illinois statute was similar to the Kansas statute, except that the Kansas law was discretionary, whereas Illinois' was a mandate. Mrs. Martin asked that a copy of the Kansas statute be sent to Board members and that it also be restated Mr. Biles in lay language. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and approve payment for services for May and a portion of April that had not been billed. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Shaver reported that she had attended a training workshop for USD 101 Erie's project-based learning. She indicated that the district is working very hard for the program to be successful. She also reported that she had attended the financial literacy conference and had been disappointed at the low teacher turnout.

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Mr. Willard reported on the recent NASBE meetings he had attended. He had been involved with developing the 5-year strategic plan and indicated that fundraising will begin at the October conference to establish a \$1 million endowment to fund NASBE study groups. He also indicated that a partnership was being established between CCSSO (Council of Chief School Officers) and NASBE. Mr. Willard reported that the October meeting for 2008 will be the 50th Anniversary for NASBE. He also reported that Governor Mark Warner had been selected as the Policy Leader of the Year.

Mr. Willard asked if there was interest in Kansas being a pilot state for a new NASBE-produced on-line newsletter. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Kansas Board participate as a pilot state for the newsletter. The motion carried.

Dr. Abrams reported on the NASBE study group on academic integration with CTE. He indicated that the group had finished its work and will work on the final report over the summer. It will be presented at the October annual meeting and include the study group's recommendations and options. Mrs. Martin, also a member of the study group, reported that the group had run very smoothly and it had proved to be a good opportunity to network and learn from other states.

Mrs. Cauble reported that she had been in Dodge City on June 7th when Deputy Commissioner Dennis was recognized by the Kansas Teacher Hall of Fame.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Martin mentioned she had asked Darrel Lang to develop a presentation for the Board on sex education giving balanced treatment to abstinence-only curricula. Dr. Abrams asked if there would be a presentation by Jeannine Phillips from Wichita on dyslexia in the near future.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAS SCHOOL RECEIVING THE PANASONIC NATIONAL SCHOOL CHANGE AWARD

The Board had the opportunity to hear from Garfield Elementary School, USD 402 Augusta, recipient of a 2008 Panasonic National School Change Award. Annually, only six schools across the country are recognized for having "significantly changed" and the change award is the only one of its kind. The awards are conducted and co-sponsored by the Panasonic Corporation of North America and the Fordham University Graduate School of Education. Nominated schools measure themselves against change in four dimensions. Embedded within the dimensions are criteria to assess systemic change. Principal Kim Christner and other staff members shared the story of the school's change, which began thirty years ago when parents became actively involved in promoting a bond issue to build a new building. A by product of those efforts was the beginning of a culture change for the school and a more positive school climate. Another change along the way came with the implementation of the Quality Performance and North Central accreditation processes and changes in faculty members' mindset about what students at Garfield were capable of accomplishing. Finally, the implementation of Professional Learning Communities allowed common grade level planning time and the acceptance of the responsibility by every teacher for the learning of each Garfield student. Charts illustrating the change in assessment scores gave Board members a visual look at the impact changes have made on student learning. Following the presentation, the Board presented the educators with a certificate honoring their achievement.

The Board took a break from 10:17 to 10:29 a.m.

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KANSAS TEACHING, LEARNING & LEADERSHIP (KANTELL) SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Dr. Eric Hirsch, director of special projects, New Teacher Center at the University of California, Santa Cruz, reviewed the preliminary results of the Kansas Teaching, Learning & Leadership survey with the Board. In January, all Kansas teachers, principals, and licensed school-based educators had the opportunity to privately and anonymously provide input on issues critical to student learning.

The KANTELL Survey included questions about overall working conditions, time, decision-making, professional development and facilities and resources. Dr. Hirsch reported that the next steps to be taken with the survey information would include the release of data to individual schools and districts with a response rate over 40%, work with the Department and stakeholders to ensure data is understood and utilized, and additional work with the Department on assembling data to run models to better examine the connections between achievement, retention and teaching conditions, with a final report available in late Fall.

DISCUSS FY 2010 KSDE BUDGET

Deputy Commissioner Dennis discussed the state law that requires that school funding be increased by no less than a percentage equivalent to the percentage increase in the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index-Urban) during the preceding school year. He noted that the increase does not take into account special education since it is governed by a separate law that provides for 92 percent of excess cost.

With that in mind, and using an estimated CPI-U of 3.53%, Mr. Dennis presented the estimated costs of programs necessary to comply with current law. The difference between what would be available and the estimated costs amounted to approximately \$4.3 million. After a brief discussion, Mr. Dennis was directed to bring back a proposal in July that would apply the additional funds to BSAPP (Base State Aid Per Pupil). Mr. Dennis also reviewed costs for programs included in the State Board's FY 2009 budget recommendation which had not be addressed in the last legislative session.

Mr. Dennis and his staff handed out copies of select House and Senate education summaries; the candidate list for the upcoming primary election; and the schedule for upcoming budget workshops.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board approve consent agenda as presented. The motion carried. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointments of Linda Wagner to the position of Requirements Analyst on the Information Technology team effective April 20, 2008, at an annual salary of \$42,868.80; John Baranski to the position of Applications Developer I on the Information Technology team effective April 21, 2008, at an annual salary of \$40,851.20; and Richard Matteson to the position of Technology Support Technician I on the Information Technology team effective April 21, 2008, at an annual salary of \$27,622.40.
- Approved the following salary adjustments for all eligible unclassified temporary special project positions for FY 2009: a general salary increase of 2.5% effective June 15, 2008 and a longevity bonus at the rate of \$50 per year, up to a maximum of \$1,000, to eligible staff with at least 10 years of state service.
- Approved salary increases for unclassified staff for FY 2009 as proposed.

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- Approved the agreement for the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center #602 as requested.
- Approved school construction plans for USD 458, Basehor-Linwood; USD 345, Seaman; St. Peter and Paul Parish, Seneca; USD 505, Chetopa-St. Paul; Mary Queen of Angels School, Fort Scott; USD 439, Sedgwick Public Schools (2), and Jewell, USD 279.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Continuing Accreditation" for Bethany College and Newman University (Elementary (I, K-6), History/Government (I, 6-12), and Physical Education (I, PreK-12)) through December 31, 2012; and "Continuing Accreditation" for Kansas Wesleyan University and McPherson College through December 31, 2014.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Program Approval" for Bethany College (Speech/Theatre (I, 6-12)), Central Christian College Elementary (I, K-6), History/Government (I, 6-12), and Physical Education (I, PreK-12)); Friends University (Art (I, Birth-Grade 3), Building Leadership (A, PreK-12), Business (I, 6-12), District Leadership (A, PreK-12), Elementary (I, K-6), English (I, 6-12), Foreign Language (Spanish) (I, PreK-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Music Instrumental (I, PreK-12), Music Vocal (I, PreK-12), Psychology (I, 6-12), History/Government (I, 6-12), and Speech/Theatre (I, 6-12)); Midwest Associated Colleges Consortium, (Adaptive (A, K-6, 5-8, 6-12)); Newman University (History/Government (I, 6-12) and Mathematics (I, 6-12)); and The University of Kansas (Innovative Programs (Math/Biology/Chemistry/Physics/Earth & Space) (I, 6-12)).
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adaptive Special Education*: Cynthia Tracy, USD 353, Wellington, and Jennifer Collins, USD 465, Winfield; and *Interrelated*: Kent Schaal, USD 353, Wellington.
- Approved the in-service education plans for Barber County North USD 254, Jefferson West USD 340, Goodland USD 352, Sterling USD 376, Abilene USD 435, Inman USD 448, Arkansas City USD 470, Lewis USD 502, and The Independent School.
- Approved funding for FY 2009 Four-Year-Old At-Risk grants for 183 districts to serve 7,627 children, as recommended.
- Approved FY 2009 Parents as Teachers grant awards totaling \$7,539,500 for continuation of 75 programs and 1 new program, as recommended.
- Approved FY 2009 continuation grant awards to 12 existing Pre-K Pilot sites - Geary County Pre-K Pilot, Johnson County Pre-K Pilot, Reno County Pre-K Pilot, Sedgwick County Pre-K Pilot, Shawnee County Pre-K Pilot, Wyandotte County Pre-K Pilot, The Opportunity Project Learning Centers Pre-K (Wichita area), Douglas County Pre-K Pilot, Crawford County Pre-K Pilot, South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative (Barber, Comanche, Kingman, & Greensburg), Bright Beginnings Pre-K Pilot (Ford County), and Manhattan Community Pre-K Pilot, with no site to receive more than it did for FY 2008.
- Approved the 2008-2009 AmeriCorps*Kansas Competitive subgrantees: Interfaith Ministries - \$132,300, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks - \$472,051, and Wichita Public Schools - \$299,301, as recommended.

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- Approved recommendations for funding the No Child Left Behind 21st Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grants for 2008-2009, with the total not to exceed \$2,629,096, for USD 210 Hugoton, \$186,693; USD 218 Elkhart, \$201,971; USD 257 Iola, \$250,369; USD 434 Santa Fe Trail, \$191,848; USD 435 Abilene, \$89,096; USD 475 Geary County, \$200,667; USD 493 Columbus, \$202,586; USD 497 Lawrence, \$152,809; USD 500 Kansas City, \$248,688; USD 234 Fort Scott, \$80,794; USD 257 Iola, \$85,478; USD 497 Lawrence, \$96,923; USD 500 Kansas City, \$85,121; USD 216 Deerfield, \$98,072; USD 232 De Soto, \$91,424; USD 246 Northeast, \$80,386; USD 290 Ottawa, \$99,988; USD 349 Stafford, \$86,183; and USD 470 Arkansas City, \$100,000.\
- Approved the 2008-2009 AmeriCorps*Kansas Formula subgrantees: Communities in Schools of Wichita/Sedgwick County - \$75,303, Hope Street Youth Development - \$75,299, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved - \$214,162, United Way of Douglas County - \$12,951, United Way of Wyandotte County - \$46,628, Sterling College - \$70,571, and Kauffman Scholars, Inc - \$62,656, as recommended.
- Approved the 2008-2009 Learn and Serve America School-based subgrantees: Burlington USD 244 - \$10,000, Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative - \$10,000, JC Harmon High School USD 500 - \$10,000, Manhattan USD 383 - \$10,000, John Dewey Learning Academy - \$9,993, Ottawa USD 290 - \$10,000, Spring Hill USD 230 - \$10,000, Ulysses USD 214 - \$8,059, and Valley Center USD 262 - \$20,000, as recommended.
- Issued Orders authorizing USD 364, Marysville, Marshall County, and USD 377, Effingham, Atchison County, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.
- Adopted the recommendation for awarding discretionary grants for FY 2009 to Kansas Teacher of the Year and Kansas Horizon Award Programs, \$10,000; Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, \$35,000; Communities in Schools of Kansas, \$35,000; and the Kansas State Historical Society, \$50,000.
- Approved the recommendation of the School Breakfast Program Waiver Review Committee to grant School Breakfast Program waivers to 113 schools for the 2008-2009 school year.

Contracts Approved

The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind* to receive payment for extended year services as follows:

Liberty, Missouri School District: One Student, 2008 Extended School Year, \$900;

Lee's Summit, Missouri School District: One Student, 2008 Extended School Year, \$900;

Park Hill, Missouri School District: Two Students, 2008 Extended School Year, \$1,800; and

Independence, Missouri School District: One Student, 2008 Extended School Year and Extended Day Program, \$1,800.00.

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

- continue a contract with the University of Kansas Research Center in the amount of \$431,437 and Emporia State University Jones Institute in the amount of \$431,437 to provide professional development services to high needs schools with Stage V funding period to run from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009;
- enter into a contract with the University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. for \$485,000 and Emporia State University Jones Institute for \$450,000, with KU to update and perform maintenance on the Reading First online academy and both to work on the formation of two new academies: a 4th grade reading and Migrant/English Language Learners academies.
- continue an assessment development contract with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) in an amount not to exceed \$3,467,000;
- continue a contract with the Kansas Institute for Positive Behavior Support (KIPBS) at the University of Kansas to further develop and enhance MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) implementation through school-wide positive behavior support (PBS) systems in Kansas districts and schools, with contract amount not to exceed \$33,000.00.
- continue to contract with Dr. Richard Whelan and Ms. Diana Durkin for the purpose of investigating special education complaints, with the contract amount not to exceed \$50,000, and with an hourly rate of \$40 per hour plus expenses;
- continue a contract with Families Together, Inc., with the contract amount not to exceed \$152,583;
- continue a contract with TLK Interpreting and Mentoring to provide training and support for educational interpreters who provide services in Western Kansas public schools, with the contract amount not to exceed \$43,554;
- enter into a contract with University of Northern Colorado to provide an Educational Interpreter Certificate Program for Kansas K-12 Interpreters, with the contract amount not to exceed \$63,000;
- continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services to support the Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services, with the contract amount not to exceed \$43,000;
- continue a contract with Kansas Department of Health & Environment for the support of an interagency information/resource service for persons with disabilities to provide toll-free telephone access to information on health, social service and education services and resources available from public supported programs and special grant projects, with the amount not to exceed \$25,000; and
- enter into a contract with Gizmo Picture to provide audio and video production services for the recruitment of prospective teachers, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

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STATE BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Mrs. Shaver asked that the NCLB meeting in Lawrence on June 13th be added to her requests. Mr. Willard requested to add the Salina budget workshop to his. Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary