

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 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	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the minutes for the November and December meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Posny reported on several items not contained in her written report. She noted that because of a shortage of staff and a backlog of requests, the licensure regulations approved by the Board for submittal to the Department of Administration for review in November had not yet been approved by that agency. Department staff is working to move the regulations along in the process. Referring to her report which listed groups with efforts already underway related to the work of the P-Careers Education Council, the Commissioner handed out a revised copy of her report which added names to go with the institutions and organizations named on the steering committee of the Education Council Research Consortium. Also added were John Anderson and Margo Quirconi to the Teaching in Kansas Commission. Dr. Posny indicated that the Governor would be appointing members to the P-Career Education Council within the week. Mrs. Cauble indicated she felt the Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills should have representatives for health care and small business. Dr. Posny said she would pass the comment along. Further discussion revolved around the concern that there may be duplication of effort among the various councils and commissions listed. Chairman Wagnon noted his feeling that the State Board of Education was responsible for restructuring schools and that a commission should be considered to help carry out that function.

The Commissioner updated the Board on the progress with revisions to the licensure regulations for the Kansas Performance Assessment (KPA). Because it was important that careful thought be put into developing a new process, the revisions to the regulations would not be developed until that step had been completed. It could be a lengthy process, consequently, beginning in June, the scoring of the assessment would be no-fault, as it had been during the pilot year. Concern was expressed that a no-fault assessment would undermine the importance of the KPA. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board support the Commissioner's recommendation to have a no-fault KPA for 2008. After further discussion the motion was deemed unnecessary and was withdrawn.

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Dr. Posny noted that Board members had been given copies of the Final Evaluation of the Kansas laboratory for Education Leaders grant. She indicated that the work done under the grant would help inform the activities of the Kansas Education Leaders Council.

Referring to the 2006-2007 Accountability Report she handed out, Dr. Posny noted that plans for next year were to make it more user friendly, with more charts and more bulleted facts and information.

**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Wagon opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:31 a.m. Peg Dunlap, Kansas NEA, Topeka, addressed the Board. Chairman Wagon declared the Forum closed at 10:34 a.m.

**RECOGNITION OF 2007 MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATORS**

The Board heard presentations from the 2007 Milken National Educators, Jamelle Brown, a speech and forensics instructor at Sumner Academy of Arts and Science in Kansas City, USD 500, and Eric Kessler, a science teacher at Blue Valley North High School in Overland Park, USD 229. Ms. Brown shared with members strategies she used to engage her students in their learning in order to help them achieve to high academic standards and realize their fullest potential. Mr. Kessler had a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the types of hands-on activities he uses with his students. He also pointed out inquiry techniques and the use of technology in his classroom to involve his students in science education. At the conclusion of their presentations they were presented with certificates of recognition and stood for pictures with the Chairman and Commissioner.

The Board took a break from 11:05 to 11:10 a.m. Mrs. Cauble returned to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**2006 - 2007 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND-BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS**

Representatives of four of the five 2007 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools spoke to the Board about the factors they have found to be most significant in raising student achievement at their schools. The Board heard from Principal Greg Lumb, Morris Hill Elementary School, USD 475, Geary County, Principal Susan Kamphaus, Eisenhower Elementary School, USD 475, Geary County, Matt Buckingham, Art Teacher at Performing Arts Magnet, USD 259, Wichita, and Principal Richard DeMont, Herington Elementary School, USD 487, Herington. Because of the weather, Principal Alan Charles from Lincoln Elementary School, USD 431, Hoisington, was unable to attend. Common factors cited by all four included a dedicated staff, professional collaboration, high expectations and staff development. Among other factors mentioned was the use of data to address student needs; connectedness to students; and the use of the state's formative assessments. At the conclusion of their presentations they were presented with certificates of recognition and stood for pictures with the Chairman and Commissioner.

The Board took a break from 11:40 to 11:45 a.m.

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

Jan Long, President of the KsPTA, presented to the Board newly revised national PTA Standards. She reported that the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs were last revised in 1997 and endorsed by the State Board in October of 2002. PTA, working with leading experts on parent involvement and school-community partnerships, updated the 1997 standards to reflect recent research and improve parent and community involvement practices. The updated National Standards have shifted the focus from what schools should do to involve parents to what parents, schools, and communities can do together to support student success. To reflect this change, the standards were renamed the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. The six standards are: 1) Welcoming All Families into the

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School Community; 2) Communicating Effectively; 3) Supporting Student Success; 4) Speaking Up for Every Child; 5) Sharing Power; and 6) Collaborating with the Community. Citing the connection between parent involvement and student success, Ms. Long requested the Board's endorsement of the standards. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education endorse the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. The motion carried.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED SPECIAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS**

Chairman Wagnon opened the public hearing on revised special education regulations K.A.R. 91-40-1, 91-40-2, 91-40-3, 91-40-5, 91-40-7, 91-40-8, 91-40-9, 91-40-10, 91-40-11, 91-40-12, 91-40-16, 91-40-17, 91-40-21, 91-40-22, 91-40-26, 91-40-27, 91-40-28, 91-40-29, 91-40-30, 91-40-31, 91-40-33, 91-40-34, 91-40-35, 91-40-38, 91-40-41, 91-40-42, 91-40-43, 91-40-44, 91-40-45, 91-40-46, 91-40-48, 91-40-50, and 91-40-51, the revocation of 91-40-37 and 91-40-39, and new 91-40-42a. at 1:30 p.m. Rod Bieker, appearing for KSDE, was the only person offering comments. Mr. Bieker noted that revisions had been made to bring the Kansas regulations in line with changes in the federal regulations. He updated the Board on changes requested by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations after its review of the regulations. Chairman Wagnon closed the hearing at 1:33 p.m.

The Chair asked what the next steps would be with the regulations. Mr. Bieker indicated that the requested changes would be made to the regulations after which they would again be reviewed by the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. After those reviews, they would be brought back to the Board for action to adopt.

**OVERVIEW OF THE MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)**

Director of Special Education for the State, Colleen Riley, presented information on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) developed as an integrated and systemic approach to ensuring all children, who are struggling to learn, receive support and interventions they need as early as they are needed. She reported that it is being piloted in 12 districts with 42 schools this year. There are plans for more next year. MTSS is structured as a continuum of increasingly intense research-based interventions provided to students which respond to their academic and/or behavioral needs. It includes ongoing monitoring of the effectiveness of the interventions provided. A shift in focus is central to MTSS: from identifying students that need help and having programs and people available to respond; to identifying what each student needs and developing an intentional design/redesign of services as resources. The outcome is to ensure that each Kansas student achieves to high standards. Ms. Riley also updated the Board on grants applied for and how they would be used.

Deb Haltom, Director of Special Education, and Dr. Gillian Chapman, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, USD 512, Shawnee Mission, discussed the use of MTSS in the Shawnee Mission district. Erin Dugan, Director of Special Education for USD 233, Olathe, also addressed the Board on similar activities in the Olathe district.

The Board took a break from 3:25 to 3:32 p.m.

**NATIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS****Presentation by Sandee Crowther**

Interim Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning & Innovation, Dr. Tom Foster, introduced Dr. Sandee Crowthers, who presented the National Staff Development Standards to the Board. The standards support the design and implementation of professional learning and can be utilized to guide the

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development of standards at any of the various levels of application for the critical area of professional development. In discussing the standards, the question was raised about why the Board was being asked to endorse national standards. The point was made that normally national standards, at least in content areas, are usually modified to meet the needs of the state. The involvement by Kansas Department staff was noted and contributions made by them to the work on the national standards were pointed out. Discussion followed about the difference between adopting, approving and endorsing standards. The Board also asked questions about how and when the standards would be used if the Board endorsed them. Commissioner Posny indicated that they would provide support to the design and implementation of professional learning in Kansas schools and districts. The Department will use the standards as part of the overall package of assistance and recommendations they will make to schools that are on improvement. Dr. Abrams wanted to be assured that schools that were performing well would not be asked to change what they were doing and use the national development standards unless it was their decision. The Board voted 9-0-1 to endorse the National Staff Development Standards, with Dr. Abrams abstaining.

**Presentation on a Study to be Conducted on Professional Development in Kansas**

Phyllis Clay, Director of Research and Evaluation, shared with the Board plans for a study of professional development practices in Kansas. It would consist of two parts. The first part would be a review of information about professional development practices of Kansas award winning schools – those receiving the Governor's Award and the Blue Ribbon schools. The second part, to begin later in the month, would be an online survey of Kansas schools and districts regarding current professional development practices. Dr. Clay answered questions about how demographics would be reflected and a statewide response would be guaranteed in the final product.

**ALTERNATIVE TEACHER COMPENSATION**

Interim Deputy Commissioner Foster presented a review of various teacher compensation policies from states across the nation. He reported that the states that have policies to encourage alternate methods of compensating teachers, sometimes called "pay for performance," can be grouped into the following categories:

- increasing student achievement,
- acquiring specific knowledge and skills,
- fulfilling special need (e.g. local labor market), or
- providing leadership.

Dr. Foster reported that comments heard from teachers at the Kansas Teacher Recruitment and Retention Summit in October shared the following concerns: 1) working conditions; 2) training programs; 3) salary and benefits; 4) image and promotion; and 5) regulations and requirements. An outgrowth of the summit was the formation of a Teaching in Kansas Commission to focus on the teacher shortage, including the preparation, recruitment, retention and regulatory aspects of the system in the development of policy recommendations to bring to the Board in April. Dr. Foster shared several ideas that have been forwarded to the commission that had come up at the teacher summit. Dr. Abrams asked how many surrounding states pay for student teachers, one of the recommendations that had been mentioned. The Board asked Dr. Foster to continue the study of such plans and formulate recommendations to bring back to the Board.

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**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Deputy Commissioner Dennis handed out copies of the new Pocket Facts and Board legislative brochures with recommendations for FY 2009.

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendation of the Commission for case number 07-BR-14. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved school construction plans for Queen of the Holy Rosary – Wea , Bucyrus; USD 207, Ft. Leavenworth; USD 229, Blue Valley (2); USD 240, Twin Valley(2); USD 247, Cherokee; USD 337, Royal Valley Public Schools; USD 437, Auburn-Washburn; USD 454, Burlingame Public Schools; USD 480, Liberal; and USD 483, Kismet-Plains.
- Issued an Order describing the boundaries of the unified school districts that were changed in 2007 and certified the Order to the appropriate county officials.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Continuing Accreditation" for Sterling College through December 31, 2012; and "Continuing Accreditation" for The University of Kansas through December 31, 2013.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Program Approval" for Bethany College, Fort Hays State University, Haskell Indian Nations University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and Southwestern College.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2436, 2457, 2460, 2465, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2471, 2472, 2475 and 2476.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adaptive Special Education*: Cody Stucky, USD 418, McPherson; Rachel Braga, USD 453, Leavenworth; Troy Janssen, USD 457, Garden City; Alison Cropp, USD 497, Lawrence; Amanda Berens and Gretchen Arnold, USD 501, Topeka Public Schools; Jill Noel, USD 512, Shawnee Mission Public Schools; and Tina Boley, Clayton Jenkins, Ann Cress, Dru Warren and Julie Balestracci, D0 618, Sedgwick Co Area Educational Services; *Early Childhood Special Education*: Kayla Morrison, D0 611, High Plains Educational Cooperative; *English as a Second Language*: Angela Kahle and LeeAnn Thomas, USD 253, Emporia; Alison Cropp, USD 497, Lawrence; and Lynn Peeples and Jennifer McFadden, D0 618, Sedgwick Co Area Educational Services; *Gifted*: Kyle Corman, USD 495, Ft Larned; Leon Burgardt, D0 636, North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative Interlocal; and Elizabeth Gilbert, D0 637, Southeast Kansas Special Education Interlocal; *Interrelated*: Erica Hufford, Laura Miller, Debra Martini and William Lowe, USD 202, Turner-Kansas City; Sarah Mages, USD 231, Gardner Edgerton; Kevin Rolston and Elizabeth Lamberson, USD 232, De Soto; Jennifer Lair, USD 253, Emporia; Rachel Rausher, Ruth Schott, Rita Suder, Debra Parrish and Sara Wharton, USD 259, Wichita; Randy Weber, USD 260, Derby; Linsey Adams,

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USD 320, Wamego; Kyle Jeffrey, USD 428, Great Bend; Heather Seirer, USD 457, Garden City; Chad Erway, USD 495, Ft Larned; Heather Hansen, D0 602, Northwest KS Educational Service Center; John Doe, Isaac Robinson, D0 603, ANW Special Education Cooperative; Lisa Naab-Bullock and Carrie Foster, D0 613, Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative; and Nicole Glynn, D0 636, North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative Interlocal; *Library Media Specialist*: Rachel Schneeberger, USD 470, Arkansas City; *Math*: Anthony Fulton, USD 259, Wichita; Michelle Hilliard, USD 266, Maize; and Toni Bristow, USD 269, Palco; *Physical Education*: James Stiverson, USD 266, Maize; and *Visual Impaired*: Annalee Crotinger, USD 428, Great Bend; and Jaynann Donker, D0 618, Sedgwick Co Area Educational Services.

- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education regarding a Visiting Scholar license for the Galena School District and Qiaoshuang Xu.
- Approved the in-service education plan for Easton USD 449.
- Received the Carl Perkins 5-Year State Plan.
- Issued FY 2008 licenses from January 9, 2008 through December 31, 2008 for commercial driver training schools: Alef's Riders Edge, Wichita; Motorcycle Rider Education, Wichita; and Northeast Kansas Driving School, LLC, Atchison.
- Issued orders authorizing USD 281, Hill City, and USD 495, Fort Larned, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

***Contracts Approved***

The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and enter into contracts with:

- Rodney Bieker to provide legal services and consultation on an as-needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period February 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008;
- The University of Kansas Center for Research to provide the evaluation process and the deliverables to the Kansas State Department of Education for the Kansas Laboratory of Education Leaders (KLEL), Wallace Foundation Grant, with the contract amount not to exceed \$25,000; and
- ESP Solutions, Inc. to provide expertise, assist in implementation, and offer licensure of the tool to establish common Kansas Course Codes. The contract is for three years and shall not exceed \$100,000 over the three-year period.

The State Board authorized the *KSSD Superintendent* to continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to continue a hearing aid loan bank with the contract amount not to exceed \$48,500

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Martin, moved, with second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Kansas State Board of Education recess into Executive Session for a period of 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel would not be violated, and that the open meeting of the Board resume in the Board room at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried. The open meeting resumed at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the executive session be extended 10 minutes. The motion carried. The open meeting resumed at 5:37 p.m.

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**RECESS**

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

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Bill Wagnon, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

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MEETING MINUTES**

**January 9, 2008**

Chairman Wagon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 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 Wagon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Wagon reported that the Commissioner had been unable to finish her report on Tuesday and asked to be given additional time. He suggested that it be added at the end of his report. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the agenda be adopted as revised. The motion carried.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Chairman**

Chairman Wagon reported that he had attended a legislative forum in Sabetha and that the legislators in attendance and others he had spoken with were very supportive of a fourth year being added to the school funding plan.

***Yearly Meeting Schedule***

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the yearly meeting schedule for February 2008 through January 2009 be approved as presented. The motion carried. A copy of the schedule is attached to these minutes.

***NASBE Delegates***

Because business had not been concluded at the NASBE annual meeting, it was necessary that delegates be appointed for finish business at the NASBE meeting in late January. As the original delegate, Dr. Wagon and alternate, Mrs. Martin, would be attending that meeting, Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the again be appointed by the Board in the same roles. The motion carried.

***Additional Items from the Commissioner's Report***

Commissioner Posny reported that a General Counsel had been hired to replace Mr. Bieker who had retired and would begin work with the Department February 4<sup>th</sup>. She passed out copies of a memo that had been shared with the field on MTSS and a summary of issues and ideas from the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Summit. Dr. Posny also reported that the Tech Fair would be held in Topeka February 8th from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Legislative Coordinator**

Mrs. Gamble reported on details she had heard were proposed for adding a fourth year to the school funding plan. She reported that recommendations were to add an additional \$65 million. The increase would represent a 2.2% cost of living increase as required by the court, but would only increase BSAPP by \$59 – not enough to continue to move forward with increasing teachers' salaries.

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**Board Attorney's Report**

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the Board accept the Mr. Biles' report and approve payment for services for December. The motion carried.

**Communications Committee**

Mrs. Martin handed out copies of the Communications Plan for 2007-2009 that focused on focused on communication with policy makers. She reviewed each recommendation and answered questions or noted recommendations from Board members. During the presentation Mrs. Gamble announced that a 4:00 p.m. meeting had been set up for later in the day with the President of the Kansas Senate, Speaker of the House and the Chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee. She indicated that she would be attending with Chairman Wagnon.

One of the recommendations in the communications plan was to develop alternative means of communicating with constituents. Mrs. Cauble suggested that local board presidents be included. Mrs. Gamble noted that Kansas Association of School Boards had a representative at all State Board of Education meetings and reported on the meetings with their constituents. Mrs. Martin and Mr. Willard felt it would be better to have a Department staff report the State Board's point of view regarding action that has taken place without being filtered through the eyes of other organizations. The Board also discussed plans for editorial board meetings. In her comments, Mrs. Waugh noted the importance of having an agenda established before contacts were made.

**Other Board Member Reports**

Mrs. Cauble reported on a legislative forum she had attended. She indicated that, like Dr. Wagnon, her impression was that legislators were in favor of adding a fourth year to the school funding plan.

Dr. Abrams reported that he had heard about problems with student mobility, particularly migrant students; that there was a problem with the lack of records being transferred and that sometimes students don't use the same name. He asked to know if this was truly a problem and, if so, how it could be addressed. Mrs. Cauble reported that the Interstate Migrant Education Council was coming up with a program to help with the problem. She also mentioned the KIDS database and the impact it might have. She felt it might be appropriate to have a presentation at a future Board meeting on the issue. The Commissioner reported that there had been plan in place for at least 15 years for transferring records of migrant students who are part of the "central stream" that come up from Mexico, through the central states all the way to Minnesota. It was pointed out that the problem wasn't solely with migrant students, but included the mobility of many students. Commissioner Posny agreed that a presentation on the subject would be very helpful.

Mrs. Gamble asked if the number of school days missed because of the weather would affect assessments. She was assured that the testing window would provide whatever flexibility was needed.

**Communications Plan (continued)**

Mrs. Martin asked that action be taken on Board strategy three, the Board Communications Plan focused on policy makers. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the plan be approved as presented. During the discussion of the motion it was reported that the plan had been approved when the Board had approved the KSBE Goal, Objectives, Strategies and Activities in October. The motion was withdrawn. Mrs. Gamble also questioned the task force that had been named in the communications plan. It was pointed out that the group and its membership had been in the Action plan that was approved.

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Members were Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Willard, Dr. Wagnon and staff members Karla Denny and Dale Dennis. Mrs. Gamble suggested that the members of the group meet briefly immediately following the CTSO luncheon. Mrs. Martin was unable to attend. Mrs. Gamble then offered to meet with the legislative leadership's scheduling secretaries to set-up meeting, with the hope members of the task force would be able to attend.

**Other Board Member Reports (continued)**

Mrs. Rupe handed out letters on evolution addressed to specific Board members. They had been sent to her to distribute by biology students from Butler County Community College.

Mr. Willard reported that in meetings with legislators and superintendents over the last few months the issue of licensure has come up, particularly opening the door for teachers coming in from out of state. The feeling is that if those teachers are licensed and are highly qualified teachers, there should be no restrictions on them being able to teach in Kansas classrooms. Mr. Willard indicated he agreed with that point of view, with perhaps adding a performance assessment at some point under the authority of local superintendents. He also reported that many felt that too much control of licensure was in the hands of the Kansas Board of Regents and that it should be returned to the State Board where it could be effectively streamlined. He reported that he had also had input about marketing Kansas public education as an effective strategy to attract teachers. He asked that the Board spend some time discussing the idea and perhaps have staff develop a plan.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items**

In addition to the requests to look at the issues related to the mobility of students and the teacher recruitment and licensure issues mentioned by Mr. Willard, Mr. Willard asked about the status of his request for information on policies regarding teachers who abuse students. Commissioner Posny indicated it was planned for February and couldn't be addressed any sooner because of the items postponed from the December meeting.

**PRESENTATION BY CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Robin Harris, Assistant Director for Academic and Technical Education, handed out a list of the students and Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) present. Also given to Board members were copies of a new document, *A Guide to Career & Technical Education*, listing all the CTSOs in the state, with a description of their purpose and other relevant information. Ms. Harris then introduced CTSO officers who would be giving presentations. Brennen Clouse, state president of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Clint Newton, state president of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); and shared personal experiences with their CTSO, the inter-curricular relationship between the technical education program and the CTSO, and the leadership and skills development opportunities they have received.

The Board took a break from 10:10 to 10:18 a.m. Mrs. Cauble left at 10:20 a.m.

**PRESENTATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY ON ACADEMIC/ VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION**

Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Alexa Posny provided an analysis of the comments generated at the ten State Board forums held earlier in November and December. Participation in the forums was excellent, the representation was diverse, the discussion was open, and the suggestions for change were helpful. Asked how the forum responses would inform Board policies over the next six months, Dr.

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Posny indicated they would be part of the discussion and decision-making regarding career and technical education. Mrs. Gamble reported that she knew of many people who would like to be part of a statewide committee looking at change.

Deputy Commissioner Tom Foster gave a PowerPoint presentation on policy initiatives the Board might want to consider for the promotion of career and technical education. He noted that the State could encourage schools and business to become full partners; establish policies to integrate academic and career/ technical content; and require schools to adopt a comprehensive reform model. He offered and discussed with Board members specific suggestions addressing five areas: 1) improving access to career and technical education (CTE); 2) implementing integration of academics and CTE standards; 3) requiring career planning and awareness; 4) promoting multiple strategies; and 5) supporting funding at the federal, state, and local level.

Within the three areas of 1) partnerships, 2) integrating academics, and 3) requiring the adoption of reform models, Dr. Foster reviewed the specific suggestions he had made by what type of action the Board could take for each. Those actions would be to provide direction, require action, or make recommendations.

Chairman Wagnon applauded the work Dr. Foster had done and asked if there was a sequential plan in place for the Board to follow. Dr. Foster noted that a vision needed to be established of the end product and that transitional actions that need to be made should be identified. He indicated he could develop an action plan and timeline if the Board desired, or he could share the recommendations with various groups for feedback. Mrs. Gamble indicated she would like to see what the next steps should be. Commissioner Posny stated that could be part of the next presentation. Chairman Wagnon asked that the Board take all of Wednesday morning, after Board reports, at the February meeting to hear from Dr. Foster and that the Board should charge him to move forward. It was requested that he provide a copy of the PowerPoint to Board members.

Dr. Foster finished his presentation by quickly reviewing guiding principles the Board might want to consider as it makes decisions.

**STATE BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Willard asked to the Tech Fair on February 8<sup>th</sup> to their requests for travel. Mrs. Waugh requested, also, travel for a Policy Committee meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> be added for herself, Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Shaver. She also asked for salary only for a KSHSAA Executive Board meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried 9-0, with Mrs. Cauble absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

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Bill Wagnon, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary



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## 2008 Calendar of Meetings Kansas State Board of Education

The public is invited to speak at the Citizens' Open Forum which takes place the Tuesday of Board meetings at 10:30 a.m. Agendas are available by calling 785-296-3203. They are also posted, along with meeting materials at [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org) under "Board" a week prior to the meeting. All meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Education Building, 120 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, KS, unless otherwise noted. Conference calls originate in the Commissioner's Office, Education Building, and are open to the public.

Date	Meeting	Location
January 25	Legislative Conference Call - 4:00 p.m.	Topeka
January 8-13	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
February 29	Legislative Conference Call - 4:00 p.m.	Topeka
March 11	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
March 12	Yearly Visit at KSSD & KSSB	Kansas City/Olathe
March 28	Legislative Conference Call - 4:00 p.m.	Topeka
April 7	Pre-meeting activities ( <i>if any</i> )	District 1- Kansas City
April 8-9	Regular Board Meeting	District 1
May 13-14	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
June 10-11	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
July 8-9	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
August 12-13	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
September 9-10	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
October 13	Pre-meeting activities ( <i>if any</i> )	District 9 – Independence
October 14-15	Regular Board Meeting	District 9
November 11*-12	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
December 9-10	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka
<b>2009</b>		
January 13-14	Regular Board Meeting	Topeka