KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2004

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Waugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2004, 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
Sue Gamble
Iris Van Meter
Bill Wagnon
Janet Waugh
Bruce Wyatt

Mr. Willard was unable to attend because of a prior business commitment that conflicted with the change in the Board meeting date. Carol Rupe and Mrs. Morris arrived a few minutes late.

The Board stood for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Chairman Waugh asked for approval of the agenda.?? Mr. Bacon indicated he had questions regarding item 14 k., recommendations from the Licensure Review Committee, and asked that it be pulled from the Consent Agenda.? Mr. Wyatt moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the agenda be approved as amended.? The motion carried 7-0, with Mr. Willard, Mrs. Morris and Carol Rupe absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Chairman Waugh asked for approval of the minutes of the June meeting. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the minutes be approved as submitted.? The motion carried 7-0.

Carol Rupe arrived at 10:04 a.m. and Mrs. Morris arrived at 10:10 a.m.

COMMISSIONER?S REPORT
?Commissioner Tompkins reported that the Department had received notice of approval of it?s IDEA State Improvement grant application. In addition to receiving notice of a significant increase in funds, the Department had been told that the Kansas application was the second best in the nation. Dr. Tompkins also reviewed several items in his written report.? He reported on his recent meeting with representatives of the Kansas Board of Regents about a proposed joint meeting.? He indicated that the first joint discussion would concern the transition from high school to college and that the Regents were very interested in looking at the issue of concurrent enrollment.? Dr. Tompkins also reported that the feeling held by some districts was that the October public release date of assessment information and schools? AYP status was too late for them to analyze the data in a timely manner to inform instruction; but, he noted, the October release was only of statewide data and schools and districts have had their building data since the end of the school year.?

Carol Rupe, remarking on the fact that Commissioner Tompkins? report made note that the Board would be

studying teacher support and compensation systems in October, asked for information on alternative teacher compensation plans prior to the Board finalizing its budget recommendation in August.

PRESENTATION ON TEACHER EDUCATION ACCREDITING COUNCIL (TEAC)

In response to a request at the June meeting, Dr. Martha Gage, Director of Teacher Education and Licensure, provided information on the Teacher Education Accrediting Council, a national teacher education program accrediting organization. She explained the Board?s responsibility to accredit schools of education and their programs and briefly reviewed the process, making a comparison and explaining the differences between KSBE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and TEAC.

In deference to those who had signed up to address the Board during the Citizen?s Open Forum, Chairman Waugh requested that Dr. Gage pause her presentation until after the Open Forum.

CITIZENS? OPEN FORUM

Chairman Waugh opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:33 a.m.? Those addressing the Board included Harry McDonald, Olathe, and Ann Foster, Rossville, representing Kaw Valley CARES.? As a follow-up to Ms. Foster?s comments regarding the methods by which local boards of education are elected, it was requested that Department General Counsel Rod Bieker report to the Board on the issue including how many districts use the various options provided for in statute. Chairman Waugh closed the open forum at 10:48 a.m.?

PRESENTATION ON TEAC (continued)

Dr. Gage finished her presentation on TEAC and answered questions.? Mrs. Van Meter asked if a representative of TEAC could be invited to speak to the Board and provide further information at a future meeting.

The Board took a break at 11:01 and returned at 11:10 a.m.

PLANS FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS ON IMPROVEMENT

Assistant Commissioner Alexa Posny-Posny-Pochowski outlined for the Board the NCLB requirements for technical assistance to schools on improvement and discussed with members plans the Department was implementing to fulfill its responsibilities to schools.? She shared guiding principles and action recommendations developed by the National Governors? Association that the Department had incorporated into its plan. She reported that the various levels of technical assistance would be provided to districts based on identified needs and their improvement status.? Dr. Posny-Posny-Pochowski emphasized that because of the limited number of Department staff available it was necessary that it change its focus from providing assistance to individual schools to a focus on enabling districts to assist their own schools.? Other changes in the Department?s approach would include the use of technical assistance teams that would be composed of representatives and integrate the expertise of the four teams within the Learning Services Division: Student Improvement and Accreditation, Teacher Education and Licensure, State and Federal Programs, and Student Support Services.? The functions of each team would also be incorporated into an collaborative approach for interaction with districts, that would include monitoring for compliance and assisting districts in developing effective practices. Eventually, Dr. Posny-Pochowski noted, the Department will be able to share with schools the things that need to be done from the beginning, with more

emphasis on prevention than corrective action.

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INTEGRATED STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
Dr. Sherrill Martinez, Director of Planning and Research, reported progress on the development of an integrated student record system.? Advantages of an integrated system, she reported, include providing student performance data to teachers so they can modify their instruction; allowing parents to have access to the data to make informed decisions about school and supplemental service choices; allowing districts to make decisions related to school improvement based on easily accessible data; and enabling the state to produce school ratings before the beginning of the school year, as required by NCLB.? Dr. Martinez described the planning necessary to develop the system and reported on Kansas? involvement in consortiums with other states in order to limit the cost of development and implementation.? Several Board members discussed how Kansas would develop random student identifiers and whether they should be generated statewide, regionally, or nationally.?

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Martinez discussed security issues associated with a database of the type being proposed.? She also shared the timeline for implementation of the system, reporting that it will be piloted in the Fall of 2005 and in place in 2006.? She also reported that Kansas was applying for a grant to help with development and implementation that would provide Kansas with $500,000 a year for three years.? In addition, she noted the excellent collaboration as the project has developed with other state educational organizations, such as service centers.? Dr. Wagnon mentioned a system that had been developed by the State of Idaho and suggested that what had been learned could be shared with other states as they develop their own systems.

RESPONSE FROM COMMITTEE TO BOARD MEMBER?S SUGGESTION ON HISTORY/ GOVERNMENT STANDARDS
Jennie Chinn and Linda Carlson, co-chairs of the history/government standards writing committee were present to review the committee?s response to changes suggested by Board members at the June meeting.? Mr. Bacon asked that ?people? be changed to ?parties? in the definition of contracts in the glossary.? Dr. Wagnon asked that the committee further refine the definition of ?nation? in the glossary.? Several Board members expressed their appreciation for the committee?s efforts to respond to the Board?s suggestions concerning the Civics Government, Economics and Geography standards, but indicated their preference for the wording as originally presented because of the compatibility with the benchmarks and indicators. To change the wording, suggested Mr. Wyatt, would water down the philosophy underlying the standards.? When asked how the committee had arrived at the alternative wording, Mrs. Chinn indicated the committee had tried to develop a document that represents a common ground in the ideas presented, and also wanted to honor the Board?s recommendations.? She noted that the wording changes in the standards did not change the fundamental scope and sequence of the standards.? There was also concern expressed that elimination of the words ?other nations?, ?interdependent world? and ?interconnected world? in the three standards in questions would de-emphasize the need for students to understand themselves, Kansas and the United States in relationship to the rest of the world.? Dr. Abrams indicated that his recommendations were to bring clarity to the standards and he asked for the committee for a definition of the ?democratic process? as it was used in the original wording of the Civics Government standard.? Mrs. Morris added

that the United States was not a democracy, but a republic, and that the wording should reflect that.?? Dr. Abrams also defended his idea that it was important for students to have a good foundational understanding of governmental systems in Kansas and the United States, but not to the exclusion of other nations.
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After discussing the wording for the Economics Standards, the Board reached consensus on alternate wording:? ? The student uses a working knowledge and understanding of major economic concepts, issues, and systems, applying decision-making skills as a consumer, producer, saver, investor, and citizen of Kansas and the United States living in an interdependent world?.

Several members were in favor of the alternate language proposed in the committee?s response and Mr. Bacon added that it was important for student to have a good deep foundation in History/Government, which was threatened to be diluted, by adding too much.? Carol Rupe moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that Dr. Abrams and Dr. Wagnon be appointed to work with the History/Government standards writing committee on wording for the Civics/Government and Geography standards.? Mrs. Gamble expressed her concern with a process that interjected Board members into the process of an appointed committee and questioned whether there should be better clarification of how the Board works with committees.? She was concerned that the opinions of one Board member were being allowed to drive the work of a committee, but Mrs. Van Meter indicated that several members agreed with the requested changes.? Chairman Waugh expressed her appreciation for the committee?s hard work and indicated to the Board the need to provide the committee with some direction on how to proceed.? A vote on the motion carried 7-2, with Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Wyatt voting ?no?.

Mrs. Gamble left the room at 3:20 p.m.?

Chairman Waugh asked if the Board would move the next two items on the agenda to the end of the meeting after the Professional Practices Commission item and the Consent agenda.? It was agreed to do so.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
?Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendations of the Commission in cases 04-O-04 and 04-O-06.? The motion carried 8-0, with Mrs. Gamble temporarily? absent from the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Morris asked that item 14 r., Migrant Even Start Family Literacy grants, be voted on separately. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Dr. Wagnon, that the consent agenda be approved as amended.? The motion carried 8-0.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

? Received the Personnel Turnover Report for FY 2004.

? Received the monthly personnel report.

? Confirmed the appointment of Melissa Fahrenbruch-Brooks to the position of Education Program Technician, Child Nutrition and Wellness, effective June 6, 2004, at an annual salary of $45,635.

? Approved school construction plans for USD 105, Rawlins County; USD 233, Olathe (2); USD 239, North Ottawa County; USD 259, Wichita (3); USD 305, Salina; USD 320, Wamego; USD 375, Circle; USD 404,

Riverton; USD 409, Atchison; USD 413, Chanute; USD 512, Shawnee Mission; Faith Lutheran Church School, Sedgwick County; and Queen of the Holy Rosary, Wea, Miami County.

? Approved accredited status for the following schools: USD 229 Overland Trail Elementary and Prairie Star Elementary; USD 247 McCune Elementary; USD 259 Horace Mann Foreign Language Elementary and Marshall Middle; USD 269 Palco High; USD 300 South Central Elementary, South Central Middle, and South Central High; USD 305 Oakdale Elementary; USD 387 Altoona-Midway Primary, Altoona-Midway Intermediate, and Altoona-Midway Middle; USD 401 Chase Elementary and Chase High; USD 497 Hillcrest Elementary; USD 500 Eugene Ware Elementary, John Fiske Elementary, Frances Willard Elementary, New Stanley Elementary, Northwest Middle, Stoney Point South Elementary; USD 503 Garfield Elementary; USD 509 South Haven High; and Rainbow Mental Health Center SO555.

? Approved waiver of K. A. R. 91-31-16(a) and 91-31-24 (e)(1) for Oak Grove Elementary School, USD 202, to allow it to conduct its Cycle III accreditation visit during the spring of 2005.

? Approved waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-24 (e) for Northern Valley Schools, USD 212, which would allow Smoky Hill Service Center staff to serve on the visiting team for the Cycle III first on-site visit, to be conducted before December 30, 2004.

? Approved request for a waiver of K. A. R. 91-31-24(c) from ten USD 259 Wichita schools: Mayberry Middle, Pleasant Valley Middle, Stucky Middle, Benton Elementary, Dodge Elementary, Linwood Elementary, Payne Elementary, Price Elementary, Harris Elementary, and Stanley Elementary to allow them to have visiting on-site team members that are internal to the district for their 2004-2005 school year.

? Approved request for a waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-16(a) from Glenwood Ridge Elementary School (GRES), Basehor-Linwood USD 458, to allow it to shorten its Cycle I to a 4-year accreditation process and to enter Cycle II of QPA/KNCA on July 1, 2004.

? Approved requests for waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-16 through 91-31-30 from the following schools to allow them to be pilot schools for the second year of the Pilot Quality Performance Accreditation System: USD 205, Bluestem: Bluestem High, Bluestem Middle, Bluestem-Haverhill Elementary, and Bluestem-Leon Elementary; USD 229, Blue Valley: Cedar Hills Elementary, Harmony Elementary, Harmony Middle, Lakewood Elementary, Mission Trail Elementary, Overland Trail Elementary, Overland Trail Middle, Prairie Star Elementary, Prairie Star Middle, Stilwell Elementary, and Sunset Ridge Elementary; USD 239, North Ottawa County: Minneapolis Grade School and Minneapolis Jr./Sr. High; USD 253, Emporia: Emporia High, Emporia Middle, Lowther North Intermediate, and Lowther South Intermediate; USD 258, Humboldt High School; USD 259, Wichita: Bryant Core Knowledge Magnet, Earhart Environ Magnet Elementary, Emerson Open Magnet Elementary, Lewis Open Magnet Elementary, McCollom Elementary, McLean Science & Tech Magnet, O K Elementary, Peterson Elementary, and Riverside Cultural Arts/History Magnet; USD 267,? Renwick, Garden Plain High; USD 298, Lincoln Elementary; USD 349, Stafford: Stafford Elementary and Stafford MS/HS; USD 364, Marysville Jr./Sr. High; USD 367, Osawatomie: Osawatomie High, Osawatomie Middle, Swenson Early Childhood Education Center, and Trojan Elementary; USD 373, Newton: Chisholm Middle, Newton Elementary, Newton High, Santa Fe Middle, Slate Creek Elementary, South Breeze Elementary, Sunset Elementary, and Walton Elementary; USD 383, Manhattan/Ogden: Bergman Elementary, Lee Elementary, Marlatt Elementary, Northview Elementary, Ogden Elementary, Theo Roosevelt Elementary, Woodrow Wilson

Elementary, and Amanda Arnold Elementary; USD 385, Andover: Andover Central High; Andover Central Middle, Andover High, Andover Middle, Cottonwood Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary, Robert M Martin Elementary, and Sunflower Elementary; USD 387, Altoona-Midway: Altoona-Midway Elementary and Altoona-Midway Middle; USD 394, Rose Hill: Rose Hill Intermediate and Rose Hill Primary; USD 399, Paradise: Natoma Elementary, Natoma High, and Paradise Jr. High; USD 402, Augusta: Augusta Middle, Lincoln Elementary, and Robinson Elementary; USD 407, Russell County, Ruppenthal Middle School; USD 408, Marion: Marion High, Marion Middle, and Marion Elementary; USD 418, McPherson: McPherson High and McPherson Middle; USD 431, Hoisington: Hoisington Middle, Lincoln Elementary, and Roosevelt Elementary; USD 436, Caney Valley: Caney Valley Jr./Sr. High and Lincoln Memorial Elementary; USD 459, Bucklin: Bucklin Elementary and Bucklin High; USD 497, Lawrence: Langston Hughes Elementary, Lawrence Virtual Charter, South Jr. High, Southwest Jr. High, Sunflower Elementary, and West Jr. High; USD 503, Parsons Middle School; and Brookridge Day School.

? Approved local inservice education plans from USD 208 Wakeeney, USD 245 Leroy-Gridley, USD 259 Wichita Public Schools, USD 281 Hill City, USD 293 Quinter Public Schools, USD 408 Marion-Florence, USD 419 Canton-Galva, USD 421 Lyndon, USD 489 Hays, and USD 494 Syracuse.

? Approved the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2103, 2105, 2110-2111, 2113-2121, 2123-2124, and 2126-2129.

? Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for ?Accreditation with Probation? status for Haskell Indian Nations University through June 30, 2006.

? Accepted the recommendation of Commissioner Tompkins to renew Visiting Scholar certificates valid for the 2004-2005 school year for: Mervat Ibrahim to teach in the Arabic language and culture program, grades 9-12, at the Shawnee Mission Center for International Studies; Takae Izumi, to teach Japanese at Olathe East and Olathe Northwest High Schools, grade 10-12; David Eichler to be employed as a behavior analyst for the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center; Mary Bradshaw, to provide Newton, USD 373, teachers with instructional interventions and to teach in the ESOL program, grades 6-12, at the secondary level; and Dixie McReynolds to teach secondary general science, biology, physical science, and chemistry at Accelerated Schools of Overland Park.

? Approved Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant funds to be awarded as sub-grants to teacher education institutions to prepare program material on content standards and assessments, with the total amount of the each award not to exceed $1500 per approved program.

? Approved IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Continuous Improvement Grants for: USD 202, Turner School District, $35,259.40; USD 229, Blue Valley, $149,666.74; USD 230, Spring Hill School District, $13,015.26; USD 231, Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch School District, $25,182.08; USD 232, De Soto, $28,418.40; USD 233, Olathe School District, $181,085.30; USD 234, Ft Scott, $18,648.21; USD 244, Coffey CO Special Education Cooperative - Burlington, $18,686.80; SEK Interlocal - Pittsburg, $114,049.72; USD 253, Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative - Emporia, $72,283.68; USD 259, Wichita Public Schools, $421,841.37; USD 260, Derby Public Schools, $59,478.34; USD 261, Haysville Public Schools,? $41,083.79; USD 263, Mulvane Special Education, $17,458.64; USD 273, Beloit Special Education Cooperative, $23,733.60; USD 282, West

Elk, $16,299.80; USD 290, Ottawa Public Schools, $21,639.62; USD 305, Central Kansas Cooperative - Salina, $136,511.53; USD 308, Hutchinson Public Schools,? $53,127.80; USD 320, Special Services Cooperative Wamego, $27,825.60; USD 321, Kaw Valley Schools, $10,637; USD 636, NCK Special Education Cooperative - Glade, $43,648; USD 330, Wabaunsee East,? $5,865.20; USD 333, Learning Cooperative North Central $36,555.20; USD 336, Holton Special Education Cooperative,? $34,304.60; USD 345, Seaman Public Schools,? $29,380.55; USD 353, Wellington Public Schools,? $18,277.60; USD 364, Marshall CO Cooperative - Marysville,? $12,535.60; USD 368, East Central KS Special Education Cooperative - Paola, $75,826.14; USD 372, Silver Lake, $6,420.16; USD 373, Harvey CO Special Education Cooperative - Newton,? 46,459.60; USD 379, Twin Lakes Cooperative - Clay Center, $31,077.43; USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden School District, $50,066.77; USD 389, Eureka,? $9,752.60; USD 405, Rice CO Special Services Cooperative - Lyons,? $22,778.80; USD 407, Russell CO, $11,594; USD 409, Atchison Public Schools, $21,210.20; USD 418, McPherson CO Special Education Cooperative - McPherson, $45,046.10; USD 428, Barton CO Special Education Cooperative - Great Bend, $45,640.88; USD 437, Auburn-Washburn, $45,421.20; USD 442, Marshall/Nemaha, $15,779.25; USD 450, Shawnee Heights, $29,590.47; USD 453, Leavenworth Co Special Education Cooperative - Lansing, $108,460.50; USD 457, Garden City,? $68,784.95; USD 465, Cowley CO Special Services Cooperative - Winfield, $59,303.40; USD 475, Junction City/Geary CO, $56,530.66; USD 480, Liberal, $37,445.11; USD 489, Hays West Central KS Special Education Cooperative - Hays, $39,124.50; USD 490, Butler CO Special Education- El Dorado, $117,102.35; USD 495, Tri County Special Services - Larned, $16,181.61; USD 497,

Lawrence,? $94,325; USD 500, Wyandotte CO Special Education Cooperative, $216,553.64; USD 501, Topeka Public Schools, $142,927.40; USD 512, Shawnee Mission, $269,095.75; NW KS Service Center- Oakley, $65,277.48; ANW Cooperative - Humboldt, $71,473.60;? South Central KS Special Education Cooperative - Pratt, $73,419.50; Tri County Special Education Cooperative - Independence,? $83,829.47; NE KS Service Center - Lecompton, $45,650;? Reno CO Cooperative - Hutchinson, $48,730;? High Plains Cooperative - Ulysses, $89,506.15; SW Area Cooperative - Ensign, $90,826.92;? East Central KS Cooperative - Baldwin City, $29,463.50; , Brown CO Special Education - Hiawatha,? $20,937.40; Doniphan CO Special Education Cooperative - Bendena,? $14,790.86; Marion CO Special Education Cooperative - Florence, $28,848.60;? Sedgwick CO - Goddard, $145,940.60; Sumner CO Interlocal - Wellington, $18,683.20;? Three Lakes Cooperative - Lyndon, $37,357.65; Topeka Juvenile Correction Facility, $4,569.40; Beloit Juvenile Correction Facility, $1,773.20; Atchison Juvenile Correction Facility, $2,591.60; Larned State Hospital, $4,092; KS School for the Blind, $3,300; KS School for the Deaf, $10,980.20; Lakemary, $4,092; Department of Corrections, $1,005.88; Rainbow Mental Health, $886.60; KNI, $1,432.20; and Parsons State Hospital, $1,705.

? Approved IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Leading Edge grant awards for FY 2005 for Beloit Special Education Cooperative, $90,000; Leavenworth CO Special Education Cooperative, $89,782; Haysville School District, $80,693; Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative, $88,828; and Turner School District, $90,000.

? Approved funding 2004-2005 Even Start Family Literacy grants for: USD 210, Hugoton Public Schools, $111,390; USD 250, Pittsburg Public Schools, $78,900; USD 259, Wichita Public Schools, $455,130; USD 383, Manhattan Public Schools, $149,150; USD 497, Lawrence Public Schools, $169,100; USD 500, Kansas City Public Schools, $237,241; and Garden City Community College, $146,300.

? Approved recommended 2004-2005 AmeriCorps Kansas grants? for: Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, $482,762; Sterling College, $74,323; Wichita Public Schools, $247,991; Inter-Faith Ministries,

$347,199; Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, $210,759; Fort Hays Education Development Center, $136,378; Partnership for Children, $260,314; and Kansas State University, $10,029.

? Approved 2004-2005 funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants for USD 210 Hugoton, $262,812; USD 218 Elkhart, $295,125; USD 257 Iola, $358,629; USD 434 Carbondale, $290,120; USD 435, Abilene, $149,948; USD 475 Geary County, $286,669; USD 493 Columbus, $307,186; USD 497 Lawrence, $218,298; and USD 500 Kansas City, KS $353,562.

? Issued an order granting the application from USD 464, Tonganoxie, for authority to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds over the school district?s bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved:
The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind* to negotiate and enter into the contracts listed below with the contracts not to exceed the amount indicated:

? Dr. Jarrett Grosdidier for dental services, $7,424;
? Providence Medical Center for occupational and physical therapy, $41,000;
? Dr. Joseph Maino for low vision consultation, $7,918;
? Northeast Kansas Educational Service Center for membership in the Kansas Teaching Service Center Consortium, $1,690; and
? Ron Wilson, LSCSW, for counseling and evaluation services, $13,640.

KSSB was authorized to exchange services with:

? University of MO - KC, Dental Services & Practicum Site
? University of MO ? KC, Preventative/minor dental services for KSSB students at no cost?

KSSB was authorized to receive payment for services from these entities:

? Oak Grove, MO School District, 2004-05 School Year and Extended Day Program, $10,577.50; and
? Lee?s Summit, MO R-VII Missouri School District, 2004-05 School Year, $9,324.70.

The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf* to negotiate and enter into a contract with Ronald L. Lybarger, Ph.D., Shawnee, Kansas, to provide Student Psychological Evaluations for the 2004-05 School Year, in an amount not to exceed $48,000.

KSSD was authorized to receive $11,200 in payment for services from Center School District, Kansas City, MO, for the 2004-2005 School Year.

The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to support the activities of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Development Services (CCECDS) with the contract amount not to exceed $40,000.

Mrs. Gamble returned to the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

MIGRANT EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS
Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Dr. Wagnon, that the Migrant Even Start Family Literacy grants be approved

as recommended. The motion carried on a vote of 8-1, with Mrs. Morris voting ?no?. Grants were approved for: USD 209 Moscow Public Schools, $50,000; USD 214 Ulysses Public Schools, $55,000; USD 216 Deerfield Public Schools, $110,000; USD 218 Elkhart Public Schools, $43,750; USD 250 Pittsburg Public Schools, $79,771; USD 253 Emporia Public Schools, $80,000; USD 259 Wichita Public Schools, $159,900; USD 457 Garden City Public Schools, $113,114; USD 470 Arkansas City Public Schools, $76,500; USD 480 Liberal Public Schools, $83,408; USD 494 Syracuse Public Schools, $75,425; Interlocal 613 SW KS Area Cooperative, $110,000; and Johnson CO Community College, $155,000.

DISCUSSION ON COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION
Dr. Posny-Pochowski shared information from current research and facilitated a discussion of competency-based education, asking the Board to consider three questions:

1. What expectations do we or should we have for all high school graduates?
2. What structures need to be changed to ensure all students graduate from high school with options that include post-secondary education?
3. What policies should the Board pursue in order to realize the changes needed?

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Mr. Wyatt suggested the Board should be discussing the issue within the framework of the Quality Criteria that had been established in the new QPA regulations.? A discussion of the need to define a suitable education followed and several Board members shared their ideas about what a Kansas student should know and be able to do upon graduation from high school.? Dr. Tompkins mentioned that the Department will be doing an alignment study of Kansas academic standards and the Board of Regents placement assessment.?? Board members also discussed how to proceed with its exploration of the issue of a competency-based education. Dr. Tompkins indicated that staff would prepare a draft of recommendations for the Board to consider.? It was decided that the Board would next look at its expectations in context of high school.? Carol Rupe asked for additional information about schools that were providing for a three, four or five year high school option.?

During the discussion, Carol Rupe left the meeting at 4:55 and returned at 5:06 p.m.? Mr. Wyatt left the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SCHOOL ISSUES
The discussion of charter school issues was postponed until Wednesday morning.

Chairman Waugh recessed the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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Janet Waugh, Chairman?? Penny Plamann, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Waugh called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2004, 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
Sue Gamble
Connie Morris
Carol Rupe
Iris Van Meter
Bill Wagnon
Janet Waugh
Bruce Wyatt

Mr. Willard was unable to attend because of a prior business commitment that conflicted with the change in the Board meeting date.? Mr. Bacon was absent as the meeting began, but arrived at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Chairman Waugh asked that discussion of charter school issues be added following Board Reports.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Wagnon, that the agenda be approved as amended.? The motion carried 8-0.

BOARD REPORTS
Board Chairman
Chairman Waugh, who serves as the Board?s representative on the Kansas Volunteer Commission, reported on a meeting she had recently attended and provided statistics about the activities of the Learn and Serve America program and the Ameri*Corps program.

Legislative Coordinator
Mr. Wyatt indicated he had nothing to report.? Mrs. Gamble reported that she had attended the legislative interim committee meeting on school finance.

Board Attorney
Mr. Biles reported on the school finance lawsuit and speculated there would be a decision from the Kansas Supreme Court in November or December.? Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that Mr. Biles? fees for services and expenses for June be paid as presented.? The motion carried 9-0.

Other Board Member Reports
Dr. Wagnon reported that he had attended one of the regional budget workshops and complimented the staff on the way they presented the information to superintendents.? He also reported on the Colloquim on the Brown vs. the Board of Education that had been put on for teachers as part of a Teach America History grant.? He discussed the difficulty in getting teachers to participate and that the Department should be aware of the need to build professional development around the school day and the classroom.? He reported that the meeting was available on the KAN-ED network.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

A report from Ron Bieker on methods of election for local school boards, including how many districts use the various methods provided for in statute, was requested. It was requested that further discussions of issues related to competency-based education continue to be on the Board?s agenda. Carol Rupe requested information about alternative teacher compensation at the August meeting. A presentation by a representative of TEAC was requested.

DISCUSSION OF CHARTER SCHOOL ISSUES

Dr. Posny-Pochowski explained some of the changes that had been made to the rubric used for scoring charter school petitions.? A brief discussion followed about the need for creativity and innovation in all schools, not only charter schools, to ensure that every child in the state learns.? Commissioner Tompkins pointed out that the charter school funding that is available had provided opportunities for local boards to develop alternatives to address student needs in tight financial times and that many schools were employing innovation without charter school status.? Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board request that staff move forward with implementing the revised charter school petition scoring rubric. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2006 Budget

?Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed requirements that an education funding plan must contain, as outlined in District Court Judge Bullock?s final order in the school finance case, and what a funding plan must not contain.? The Board proceeded with discussion of a 2006 budget recommendation and tentatively agreed to an FY 2006 budget recommendation reflecting a $145 million increase.? It would consist of adding $181 to base state aid per pupil (bsapp); increase funding for special education to 90% of excess costs; and provide $10 million for a K-3 reading and mathematics literacy grant program.? After further discussion, the Board also reached consensus on recommending an annual cost of living increase to bsapp beginning in FY 2007.? Dr. Wagnon expressed his dissatisfaction that the Board had not taken the opportunity with its recommendation to guide by policy expectations, because it had not recommended in funding what it had adopted in policy.? He stated that adding $200 to bsapp was not nearly enough to offset program cuts at a time when performance expectations had been raised.?

Mr. Dennis announced the dates of upcoming interim legislative committee meetings.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Carol Rupe asked that salary for a speech to the Wichita School Board on June 14th be added to her request. Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the requests for travel be approved as amended.? The motion carried.? Concern was expressed about one Board member?s individual budget overage.? Chairman Waugh asked if the issue should be referred to the Policy Committee.? Dr. Abrams, Policy Committee Chair, pointed out that the travel budget was established as a guideline the Board tried to adhere to, noting that there was still a balance in the overall budget at the end of the 2004 fiscal year.? He further noted that the Board had approved all members? travel by a minimum of six votes.? Chairman Waugh also indicated that some Board members had indicated that they would like to carry forward unused balances in their personal travel allotments from the first half of the year to the second half.? Dr. Abrams responded that the Policy Committee would consider the question if directed, but the issue was dropped.? Mrs. Morris admitted that she had exceeded her travel allocation and will try not to do it again.? She asked that her allocation for FY 2006 be reduced by the amount of the overage, but the Board took no action on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Waugh adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

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Janet Waugh, Chairman?? Penny Plamann, Secretary

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