

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 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

Harold Voth

Val DeFever

Bill Wagnon

Sue Gamble

Janet Waugh

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Bruce Wyatt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the agenda. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the minutes of the January meeting. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Mr. Lanny Gaston, Director of Personnel, introduced new Kansas Department of Education staff Beverly Jo Akins and Beverly A. Smith, both in Secretary I positions, School Improvement and Accreditation; Jennifer Garrett, Accountant II, School Finance; LaNetra Guess, Education Program Consultant, Consolidated and Supplemental Programs; Shannon K. Hall and Kelly Spurgeon, both Education Program Consultants, Certification and Teacher Education; Melanie McKay-Cody, Education Program Consultant, Student Support Services; Sheila Wallis, Research Analyst II, School Finance. Unable to be present, but mentioned by Mr. Gaston were Donna Matthis and Rose Roldan, both in Secretary I positions in School Improvement and Accreditation.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2001 KANSAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Dr. David Benson, Superintendent of the Blue Valley Schools, USD 229, who was recently named Kansas Superintendent of the Year, shared suggestions for improving education in the state. Dr. Benson also discussed the core values and themes of the Blue Valley district that included respect, responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, courage, honesty and perseverance. His suggestions for improving education addressed the teacher shortage issue and the need for alternative methods for bringing people into the teaching profession, as well as addressing the need for better teacher pay; early childhood education, including all-day kindergarten and the Parents as Teachers program; district growth and decline issues; developing alternatives to seat-time accountability; the QPA focus on student learning and the use of multiple assessment measures; the need for a

fiber optic technology backbone across the state; and school safety. At the conclusion of his presentation he was presented with a certificate of recognition and stood for pictures with the Chairman and the Commissioner.

CITIZENS? OPEN FORUM

Chairman Rundell opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:26 a.m. Each presenter was asked to limit remarks to three minutes because of the number wishing to speak. When the forty-five minutes allotted for the Open Forum had concluded, several individuals had not yet had an opportunity to speak. It was the consensus of the Board that the time be extended to accommodate all who wished to appear. Those addressing the Board were: Stephanie Kirmer, Topeka; Lee Allison, Lawrence, representing the Kansas Geological Survey; Kristin Brumm, Lawrence; John Richard Schrock, Emporia; Jack Krebs, Robert Hagan and Adrian Melott, Lawrence, and Burt Humburg, Wichita, representing Kansas Citizens for Science; Gordon Elliot, Overland Park, who read a short letter from Professor Keith Miller; Teresa Daze, Wichita; Peter Gegenheimer, Lawrence; Pat Wakeman, Tonganoxie; Sherri Hayden, Wichita; Rev. Douglas Phenix, Topeka; Rick Howard, Wichita; Beth Bebermeyer, Abilene, representing the Chapman school district; Thair Witmer, Topeka; John Calvert, Lake Quivera, and Jody Sjogren, Kansas City, representing the Intelligent Design Network; Cathie Best, Topeka, accompanied by Benjamin Hanke; Caleb May, Auburn, accompanied by April May; Greg Burg, Lawrence; Kenneth B. Armitage, Lawrence, representing Kansas University Biology; Stan Thomas, Abilene, representing USD 473 Committee to Transfer; Christy Levings, Topeka, representing Kansas NEA; Vearl Bacon, McPherson; Lisa Volland, Topeka; Marsha Strahm, Sabetha, representing Concerned Women for America of Kansas; Tom Cravens, Lawrence; Tony Kostusik, Leawood; Hume Feldman, Lawrence; Tim Miller, Lawrence; and Rebecca Messall, Overland Park. Chairman Rundell declared the open forum closed at 11:46 a.m. The Board took a break until 12:00 noon.

STATE OF THE ARTS IN KANSAS

Beginning with two songs sung by the Topeka High School Madrigal Singers under the direction of Steve Eubanks, the Board heard a presentation coordinated by Dr. Dee Hansen, on arts education in the state. They heard from Jana Fallin, Wayne Daugherty and Jeannette Raynes on the Kansas Arts Education Survey sent to all public schools in the state. Robin Liston shared the results of a literature review which examined the differences between education in the arts and education through the arts and the impact on academic success. Connie Burkett briefly reviewed current research and the NELS: 88 Study. State arts organization updates were presented by Dr. John Taylor, President of the Kansas Music Educators Association; Ellen Taylor, President-elect of the Kansas Art Education Association; Dave Wilson, Executive Director of the Kansas Arts Commission; and representatives of the Wichita Arts Partners program, Don Smith and Liz Kennedy. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Rundell introduced Kathleen White, former Chairman of the State Board of Education and member of the Accessible Arts, Inc., board of directors.

ACCESSIBLE ARTS, INC. LUNCHEON AND PRESENTATION

At 1:05 p.m. the Board moved to the Department's Satellite Room for a luncheon and presentation by Accessible Arts, Inc. Martin English, Executive Director, and Tina Blatter, Program Director, introduced staff who were present to share updates on programs undertaken over the past year and several programs still in the planning stages. The Board heard updates on the Oregon Trail follow-up program and the Arts Center project. They also heard presentations on upcoming events, including a fundraising event by the Heart of America Wind Symphony; the In Touch with Art event; and the 99 Drums Weekend.

The Board returned to the Board Room at 1:45 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CONDITIONALLY ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

Stacy Lierz-Zielger, Education Program Consultant, introduced representatives of Harper Elementary School, Anthony-Harper USD 261, who gave updates on the implementation of the school's corrective action plan which addressed reading comprehension and mathematics reasoning skills. Staff development was discussed as well as curriculum-based measurements and alignment of the curriculum with state standards.

Jeanette Nobo, Education Coordinator, introduced staff representatives from St. John's Military Middle and High Schools, Salina, who reported on their school improvement plan which included their plan of action calendar, school improvement committee updates and data being disaggregated to assist in student improvement, and particular problems in gathering longitudinal data because of high student turnover.

Board members asked questions of the representatives of all three schools.

QUARTERLY REPORTS AND BUDGET APPEAL UPDATES

Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD)

Superintendent Robert Maille reported residential services highlights, including a new program to reward students for acts of kindness, assistance or good work. He also reported on efforts to keep the elementary and middle school dormitories closed on weekends that had been complicated by several snowstorms. Dr. Maille also gave an update on the school's FY 2001 and FY 2002 budget appeal and the impact of the steep rise in natural gas prices on the school's budget.

Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB)

Superintendent Bill Daugherty reviewed activities at the Kansas State School for the Blind, including Braille literacy awards won by two students; progress on issues regarding equal access on state assessments; an Oregon Trail project reunion; a new program focusing on the jazz history of Kansas City; the outreach program; implementation of a mentoring program for the work experience transition program and expansion of the program year-round; and work with Babies Count for early childhood intervention and planning. Mr. Daugherty also gave an update on the school's FY 2001 and FY 2002 budget appeal and the impact of high energy costs.

KSSD and KSSB Class Size/Caseload Policies

Mrs. Waugh, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, moved that the class size/ caseload policies for KSSD and KSSB be approved and submitted as required with their FY 2001 Local Education Agency Applications for IDEA. The motion carried.

The board took a ten-minute break from 3:15 p.m. until 3:25 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

KSDE FY 2001 and FY 2002 Budget

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis passed out updates on the FY 2002 budget and reviewed the Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee and the House Appropriations Committee adjustments to the Governor's recommendations. He particularly noted the Senate subcommittee's request for an audit of individualized education programs for students with exceptionalities and the time that would be required to conduct it. Mr. Dennis also discussed with the Board the constitutionality of the House subcommittee's recommendation for an oversight committee over department activities to ensure accomplishment of basic skills in reading, writing and math by children in K-3. He also discussed with the Board issues being discussed regarding teacher certification. Mr. Dennis suggested that the Board needed to help members of the legislative committees gain a better

understanding of the issues. Mr. Dennis reviewed state general fund receipts and a proposal for an increase in the sales tax to fund education.

Review of President Bush's Education Proposal

Ken Gentry, Team Leader, Consolidated and Supplemental Programs, handed out a summary and reviewed key issues addressed in President Bush's education plan. Board discussion followed about how Board members felt about specific proposals contained in the plan and what action, if any, the Board should take in response. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the Board direct staff to develop a position paper that would address President Bush's education plan, making a comparison to what Kansas is already doing and that the paper should be available for Board review prior to the legislative conference call February 23rd so the Board could have the opportunity to discuss it and possibly take action to adopt it during the call. The motion carried. Further discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the amount of the contract for which Board approval was sought on the consent agenda by the Kansas State School be increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000 as requested by Superintendent Daughterty. The motion carried. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the consent agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved school construction plans for Bishop Miege High School, Shawnee Mission; Maize, USD 266 (2 projects); Valley Heights, USD 498; Neosho County Community College; Olathe, USD 233 (2 projects); Valley Center Public Schools, USD 262; Kingman-Norwich, USD 331; Eureka, USD 389; Labette County Community College; and Pratt, USD 382.
- Approved termination of the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative Agreement and approved the North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative Interlocal Agreement.
- Approved Cycle 1 accredited status for USD 259 Wichita, Harry Street Elementary School.
- Approved a QPA waiver request from Parsons High School, USD 503, to extend their Cycle II accreditation process by one year in order to align with the middle school in the district, with their accreditation visit to take place June 30, 2003.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts and service centers, cooperatives and interlocals as follow: *Business Education*: Susan Lofts, USD 246; *Chemistry*: Laura Wollard, USD 205; Terrance Nech, USD 238; and Tonya Allen, USD 443; *English*: Jennifer Hansen, USD 371; *Keyboarding*: Billie Collier, USD 610; *Mathematics*: Thomas Forshee, USD 333; *Music*: Becky Saddler, USD 238; *Physics*: Tim Bumgarner, USD 462; *Physical Science & Biology*: Heather Daerr, USD 264; *Social Studies*: Christy Bolton, USD 394; *Spanish & French*: Elizabeth Rivas, USD 210; *Behavior Disorders*: Maxwell Craft, USD 259; *Early Childhood Special Education*: Stephanie Dowell, USD 282; Amy Beth Carman, USD 457; Kenda Belknap, USD 490; and Melissa Leffler, USD 613; *Gifted Education*: Linda Parker, USD 259; Becky Hargett, USD 614; and Skye Clements, USD 620; *Hearing Impaired*: Suthaharan Ramanathan, USD 610; *Interrelated Special Education*: Cecilia Robinson, USD 202; Michael Linehan, USD 232; Susan Wirsig, USD 243; Sarah Kimber, Mindie Klotz, and Kip Nixon, USD 259; Charlotte Dirks, USD 260; Amy McCoy, USD 315; Pamela Davis, USD 368; Joann Entz, USD 373; Sally Bullard and Tammy Sturn, USD 428; Christine Bertrand, USD 435; John Kelly and Brian Lemke, USD 465; Robert Land, USD 490; Darin Cain and Teri Chaney, USD 610; Adelia Brown,

USD 611; Fayrene Bostelmann, Sandra Kerr, Teresa Payne, William Smith, and Greta Suttle, USD 613; *Learning Disabilities*: Krista Lefmann, USD 231; and Sharon Bechtel, USD 253; *Library Media Specialist*: Julie Fox, USD 233; Amber Hardacre, USD 238; and Amy Brown Lee, USD 376; and *School Psychologist*: Lisa Pierce, USD 442. Denied requests for a waiver for *Social Studies*: Ryan Becker, USD 317.

- Approved Visiting Scholar Certificates as follows: valid from September 5, 2000 to June 30, for Tina Vice-Murano to teach secondary art full-time at Northeast and Southeast High Schools, USD 259; and one valid from November 6, 2000 to June 30, 2001 for Edith Paredes to teach secondary Spanish full-time at Mill Valley High School, USD 232.
- Approved the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee as follows:
 - Bethel College: *Initial Accreditation* through December 31, 2005.
 - Friends University: *Approved* status for 10 programs- Art (I, K-12); Business Education (Bookkeeping, Data Processing, Typing, Office Practice, Business Economics, Comprehensive) (I, 7-12); Computer Studies (I, 7-12); Drama (I, 7-12); Elementary Education (I, K-9); English (I, 7-12); Foreign Language, Spanish (I, 7-12); Mathematics (I, 7-12); Music (I, K-12); Physical Education (I, K-12); *Approved with stipulation*: Psychology (I, 7-12); Health (I, K-12); Social Studies (American History, US Government, Economics, Sociology, Geography, World History, Anthropology, Comprehensive) (I, 7-12); and *Not Approved* for Early Childhood Education (I, EC); General Science (I, 7-12); Biology (I, 7-12); and Chemistry (I, 7-12).
 - Kansas State University: *Approved with Stipulation* - Bilingual/ Multicultural Education (B/A, K-9, 7-12, K-12).
 - Saint Mary College: *Approved* status for 9 programs - Elementary Education (I, K-9); English (I, 7-12); Mathematics (I, 7-12); General Mathematics (I, 7-12); General Science (I, 7-12); Biology (I, 7-12); Chemistry (I, 7-12); US History, World History, US Government (I, 7-12); and Drama (I, 7-12); and *Approved with Stipulation* ? Journalism (I, 7-12).
 - Wichita State University: *Approved with Stipulation* - Psychology (I, 7-12); and Comprehensive Social Studies (I, 7-12).
- Approved recommendations for funding two new 2000-2001 Kansas Character Education Program subgrants in the amount of \$2,650 for USD 202 Turner and USD 322 Onaga
- Approved the appointments to the Kansas Special Education Advisory Council for unexpired terms through June 2002: Bert Moore as Administrator of Exceptional Programs, and Doug Bowman, as Parent of a Child with Giftedness.
- Approved a Carl Perkins Statewide Leadership grant in the amount of \$66,000 for Barton County Community College for a Vocational Technical Education Program Review Initiative.
- Issued orders for Spring Hill USD 230, Cheney USD 268, Coffeyville USD 445 and Kansas City USD 500 granting them authority to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved:

The State Board authorized the

Commissioner of Education

- to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Center for Research and Learning, University of Kansas, to pilot and implement a statewide professional development plan utilizing an electronic learning format for both general and special educators, with the contract amount not to exceed \$54,792;
- to negotiate and enter into a contract with Northwest Kansas Education Service Center to develop an online accessible special education student tracking system with the contract amount not to exceed

\$31,320; and

- to continue a contract with the Kansas State Department of Health and Environment, to complete on-site inspections of meal preparation and service sites, with the contract amount not to exceed \$11,550; and

Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB)

- to negotiate and enter into a contract with Environ and Karen Halsey to provide outreach services to Kansas students who are blind; with the contract amount not to exceed \$12,000.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Rundell recessed the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

I.B. Rundell, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, 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

Harold Voth

Val DeFever

Bill Wagnon

Sue Gamble

Janet Waugh

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Bruce Wyatt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rundell asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Gamble asked that an item concerning displays of art from Board member districts be added to the agenda. Chairman Rundell indicated it would be added after approval of board travel. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

KDH&E SSCHOOL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, State Epidemiologist and Bureau Director of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDH&E), updated the Board on aspects of the immunization

and health program for Kansas school children. He noted that the school immunization program was effective because schools, including the Head Start Program and kindergarten round-ups, provide a checkpoint to review and update a child's immunization history and take necessary action when gaps in childhood immunizations are discovered. He also noted the connection between children's health and their academic achievement. Dr. Pezzino reviewed the occurrence rate of several communicable and preventable diseases in the state and answered Board questions about the reasons behind public resistance to recommended childhood immunizations. He indicated that non-vaccinated children are twenty-five percent more at risk than immunized children, but pose a sixty percent greater risk to the community. Dr. Pezzino also reported on the Hepatitis B vaccine and a grant program which had made funds available for providing 30,000 doses of the vaccine for high school students in the state in the current year. He indicated that support of the program by the State Board and the Board's encouragement of local school boards for participation by their districts would be helpful. Dr. Pezzino answered additional questions from the Board, including what risks were associated with immunizations and how to achieve an adequate immunization rate in the state. Dr. Pezzino was asked about pockets of infection that exceeded acceptable rates and if disaggregated data showing where those areas were could be provided. He indicated he would be happy to help the Board with any information it needed. Commissioner Tompkins was asked if it would be appropriate to have staff draft a letter in support of the Hepatitis B vaccination program to send to local boards.

ACTION ON REVISED KANSAS SCIENCE EDUCATION STANDARDS

Dr. John Staver, Co-Chair of the Science Education Standards Writing Committee, introduced members of the committee who were present and reviewed committee activities since the January Board meeting. He indicated that the committee had reviewed Dr. Abram's and Mr. Bacon's concerns and had made changes in the standards where noted in the copy given to the Board, and had provided an explanation regarding those concerns where no change in the standards had been made. He also indicated that the committee's responses to many of the issues presented during Board meeting citizen open forums over the past year and a half were included in the Board material, as well as a response to issues raised in a letter from the Intelligent Design Network. Mrs. Gamble moved, with seconds by Carol Rupe and Mr. Wyatt, that the State Board of Education adopt the science standards recommended by the Kansas Science Education Standards Writing Committee as set forth in draft 6.1. Dr. Abrams expressed his appreciation to Dr. Staver for the work of the committee to clarify and respond to issues he had raised, but he stated he would have to emphatically disagree that the standards now before the Board for consideration were better than those which had already been adopted and that he would be remiss if he did not make an amendment to the motion. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the science education standards presented in draft 6.1 be amended to include the recommendations of the Intelligent Design Network as contained in its letter to the Board.

In the discussion that followed, several Board members expressed their views regarding public perception of the controversial issues associated with the standards. It was pointed out by Mrs. Waugh that, though the question debated by Board members was what constituted good science, to the public it had become a question of whether creationism should be taught in the science classroom. Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Wyatt expressed the view that the standards, as contained in draft 6.1, reflected the way science was taught and accepted around the world and that Kansas should be proud of their high quality. Dr. Abrams and Mr. Bacon raised the issue about whether draft 6.1 endorsed censorship of discussion regarding theories that questioned evolution. Mr. Bacon stated that the Board was responsible for K-12 education for both public and private schools. He added that the teaching of evolution was not prohibited in the standards already in place, and, as members of a governing body, Board members had the responsibility to consider the views of their constituents. He stated that he, personally, was not ready to accept the idea that nature was solely responsible for the origin of life and, further, that polls across the state indicated that most people believed both creationism and evolution should be taught. Because he felt that to adopt the standards as contained in draft 6.1 would do damage to public schools and that the Board should pay attention to

local boards and not impose only one view, he would not be able to vote for the standards before them. A vote on the amendment failed on a vote of 3-7, with Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Gamble, Dr. Wagnon, Mr. Rundell, Mr. Wyatt, Carol Rupe, and Mrs. DeFever voting "no". Mr. Wyatt moved the original question, which carried on a vote of 7-3, with Mr. Bacon, Mr. Voth and Dr. Abrams voting "no". Board members thanked the science education standards writing committee for the work reflected in the standards. Mrs. DeFever indicated that the social studies classroom was an appropriate venue for the study of comparative religions and belief systems about the origins of life.

The Board took a break from 9:55 a.m. and the meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m. Dr. Abrams and Mr. Wyatt returned shortly thereafter.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

Dr. Martha Gage, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, reviewed the current institutional accreditation system used by the Department when initially accrediting or renewing the accreditation of teacher preparation institutions in the state. She also reviewed the current folio review process for unit accreditation and renewal of approved programs. Board discussion and questions followed and included concern expressed by Dr. Wagnon about what institutions can do now to prepare for unit accreditation and renewal of programs when the emphasis of the approval system moves from syllabi-based to how knowledge of content is assessed. Dr. Gage indicated that the Board will adopt standards and approve content assessments and that it would be important for institutions to have faith in the credibility of the assessments adopted. She also indicated that technical assistance would be provided to institutions to help them with the transition to the new system. Other questions included whether knowledge of the QPA process was a required component of teacher preparation programs; if teacher shortage issues were being addressed in the new standards; and the benefits of professional development schools and five-year versus four-year programs. Board consensus was to have an expanded study session opportunity on teacher preparation issues during the March meeting.

REVIEW OF BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION

Commissioner Tompkins reviewed a copy of the vision and mission statements the Board had discussed at its January retreat. He also presented two possible formats for the Board to use in development and approval of strategies for implementing the three main goals the Board had adopted. Concern was expressed about whether the strategies were too prescriptive and would prohibit flexibility at the local level and how to communicate to local districts Board expectations in the areas addressed. How a goals document would be used was also discussed. Dr. Tompkins indicated that it would be useful in driving Department activity and would provide a broader vision for the whole state, challenging local districts and the legislature to come to common agreement regarding important educational issues. Whether the goals would assist in defining a "suitable" education was also discussed, as was the need to have strategies that would produce measurable results. Board consensus was to have Dr. Tompkins continue work on the Board goals and that the topic be discussed further at the March meeting.

DESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND KSSD AND KSSB GRADUATIONS

After brief discussion it was decided that Mrs. Gamble, with Mr. Bacon as a back up, would represent the Board at graduation ceremonies at Kansas State School for the Deaf, Wednesday, May 23rd, at 6 p.m. in the Foltz Gymnasium. It was decided that Mr. Wyatt, with Mrs. DeFever as a back up, would be the Board representative at graduation ceremonies at the Kansas State School for the Blind, Friday, May 25th at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Building Gymnasium.

NOMINATIONS FOR NASBE 2002 OFFICERS

Mr. Wyatt, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, moved that the Board forward the name of Betty Preston for nomination as National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) 2002 President. The motion carried. Chairman Rundell indicated that Mrs. Preston should be contacted to see if she was interested in serving in the position.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Attorney

Mr. Biles gave a brief update on activity in the state school finance lawsuit, the Chapman land transfer case, the Kansas State School for the Deaf Marsh appeal, and a workers' compensation hearing at the Kansas State School for the Blind. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for January be paid as presented. The motion carried.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. DeFever reported on legislative activity and answered Board member questions. In response to a question about the school district boundary line study, she indicated that a joint House and Senate committee was meeting every Monday evening on the study. Mrs. DeFever pointed out the need to educate new House and Senate Education Committee members prior to the beginning of a legislative session. Mr. Wyatt stated that the Board needs to take the initiative for a legislative vision and to develop a good relationship with the legislature. Mrs. Gamble suggested that it might be worthwhile to meet with the chairs of the legislative education committees at a time other than a Board meeting.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins reviewed his written report which included a progress report on Board goals. He handed out Board member directories and updated the Board on the Department's Gates Leadership grant application. He also provided an update on the Assistant Commissioner search.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. DeFever reported on attendance at a NASBE Governmental Affairs Committee meeting she had attended in January and discussed a proposal for federal education block grants. Mrs. Gamble reported on her attendance at the NASBE E-Learning study group meeting in January.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Wagon asked that a letter be drafted to be sent to schools regarding the school Hepatitis B immunization program as requested by Dr. Pezzino. There was Board consensus to Dr. Wagon's request that the Board respond to recommendations in the boundary line study and that adequate time be provided for the Board to discuss the study and related issues. Additionally, it was agreed that time should be provided for the Board to discuss recommendations from a legislative subcommittee on K-3 education. Mr. Wyatt moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that staff be directed to develop a response to the House Education subcommittee report on K-3 education and that the position statement should be available for Board review prior to the legislative conference call February 23rd so the Board could have the opportunity to discuss it and possibly take action to adopt it during the call. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Dr. Wagon asked that the date of Byrd scholarship meeting in March be checked. Mrs. Waugh asked to add reimbursement for salary for a District 1 superintendents' meeting

on February 7th. Mrs. DeFever asked that dates for the NASBE meeting be changed to March 8th through the 11th and that Read Across America be added for March 2nd. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Art Acquisition and Display Proposal

Sue Gamble asked that time be allowed on the agenda to explore the idea of developing a permanent collection of educator and student art for the Board to display in the Board Room and the Department. It was suggested that the issue be added as a future agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the Board recess into executive session for a period of fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters affecting non-elected personnel, so that the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel would not be violated, and that the open meeting should resume at 1 p.m. The motion carried. The open meeting resumed at 1.00 p.m. and Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board recess into executive session for further discussion of the issue for an additional five minutes and that the open meeting should resume at 1:05 p.m. The motion carried. The open meeting resumed at 1.05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Rundell adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

I.B. Rundell, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JOINT MEETING WITH THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

February 14, 2001

The Board was invited to meet with the Kansas Board of Regents at 4:00 p.m. in the Wheat Room of the Maner Conference Center at the Kansas Expocentre, Topeka, Kansas. Board members present were:

John Bacon
Val DeFever
Sue Gamble

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Bill Wagnon
Bruce Wyatt

Dr. Clay Blair, Board of Regents Chair, welcomed the Board and spoke about four trends affecting both boards: 1) teacher education; 2) teacher recruitment and retention; 3) global technology; and 4) having a seamless education system. Board members commented on several of the issues and carried on their informal discussion during a reception and dinner. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

I.B. Rundell, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary