

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes**

September 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the September meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m., September 18, 2012 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. He introduced several individuals attending the meeting.

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ROLL CALL

Members present were:

John Bacon	Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Kathy Martin	Sue Storm
Sally Cauble	David Dennis	Jana Shaver	Ken Willard

Mrs. Waugh was out of town and Walt Chappell arrived at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion carried 8-0, with Waugh and Chappell absent.

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STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dennis read the Board Mission Statement and then called for a moment of silence. The moment of silence was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST MINUTES

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with second by Chairman Dennis, that the August minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried 8-0.

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KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Gary Musselman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Association (KSHSAA), presented the Association's annual report to the Board as required by state statute. He reviewed 2011 activities and current initiatives the association is undertaking. Of particular interest was the *Loss of Instructional Time Survey of Member Schools for the 2011-2012 School Year*; the free online medical and safety courses and resources offered by the National Federation of High School Associations; and a University of Kansas correlation study completed in 2008-2009 between GPA's and graduation rates and involvement in school activities. He indicated that the summary of the report was available online at the KSHSAA website.

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Questions followed, including several about the Heat and Hydration Information sheet provided to schools, and the impact of budget cuts on school activities.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Dennis declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:48 a.m. Those addressing the Board included Harry McDonald, Olathe, President of Kansas Citizens for Science, who reported on the Next Generation Science Standards and supported the adoption of them. Tom Krebs, Topeka, representing the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), who reported on current KASB activities, including the preparation of a report on the 2012 ACT Results and Kansas College Readiness. Tom Wells, Wichita, recently appointed Executive Director of the Kansas School Superintendents Association, discussed the goals of the association and the support it would offer the State Board of Education. The Open Forum closed at 10:59 a.m.

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BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

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Kent Reed, KSDE Education Consultant, provided the Board with information about how Bullying Prevention Awareness Week, October 1-8, 2012, is being promoted to schools and the public through posters and short videos. He introduced Vickie Roper with the Kansas Children Service League (KCSL), to talk about the Bullying Prevention Hotline. She reported how it is being implemented and also provided information about other anti-bullying work being done through KCSL.

OFF-SITE ACTIVITY AND LUNCH

The Board recessed at 11:15 so they could attend a presentation by U.S. DOE Secretary Arne Duncan at the Brown v. Topeka Board of Education Historic Site. At the conclusion of the ceremony, they went to lunch and returned to the Board Room for the afternoon meeting at 2:30 p.m.

OVERVIEW OF EARLY LEARNING IN KANSAS

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Dr. Gayle Stuber, KSDE Early Childhood Coordinator, gave the Board a brief overview of early childhood activities in the state and handed out information on how parents can find programs for their child B-5 years old, and an overview of the kinds of early childhood programs in the state. She also noted the projects and programs the Department is working on that provide state level data and information on school readiness at the state level. Besides working on projects that focus on promoting children's learning through enhancing the skill and knowledge of teachers and families, cross-agency work is being accomplished to provide a uniform, collective voice for early childhood. Dr. Stuber introduced guests from innovative early childhood programs in two school districts.

Ms. Janice Smith, Executive Director, The Opportunity Project (TOP) in Wichita, was first and shared data on 4-year olds transitioning to kindergarten and three-year olds transitioning into pre-school and longitudinal data on performance at the fourth grade level. She also shared the components of the TOP program and the community partnerships that have provided funding.

Mr. Brian Pekarek, USD 257 Superintendent and staff of the Iola "Age to Age" pre-school, presented information about the impact of the intergenerational pre-school. Both pre-school students and the geriatric residents of the Woodville Retirement Center showed positive gains from the social interaction. Creativity and academic gains were also seen with the children.

Questions followed about access to programs and replication of successful and innovative programs in other communities.

BREAK

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The Board took a short break at 3:32 and returned at 3:40 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF 2011 NATIONAL FINALIST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS TEACHING

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The State Board of Education had the opportunity to hear from Angela Miller, a secondary math teacher at Eisenhower Middle Elementary School, USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, one of the two National Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Dennis Burkett, a secondary science teacher at Olathe South High School, USD 233 Olathe, National Finalist in Science Teaching was unable to attend the meeting.

STATE REPORT CARD

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Deputy Commissioner Neuenswander presented the Board with 2012 state assessment results in reading, math, science, and history government. Reported results were disaggregated for all students, students with free or reduced lunch, special education, English Language

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Learners, African-American and Hispanic students. Student performance results saw a slight decline in 2012. The percentage of students in the top three performance levels on the reading assessment (exemplary, exceeds standard and meets standard) dropped 1.9 percentage points from 2011. On the math assessment, students performing in the top three performance levels dropped one percentage point from 2011. Performance levels by grade showed declines in the percentage of students at meets standard and above for all grades in reading. In math, the percentage of students at meets standard or above increased in grades four and five, but decreased in grades three, six, seven, eight and high school.

The percentage of highly qualified teachers teaching core academic subjects, graduation and attendance rates, the AYP state profile, QPA accreditation and the number of schools meeting the standard of Excellence were also reported.

Questions were asked about the attendance rate and if excused absences were included in the number. Staff was asked to report back on the definition of it. Factors contributing to the drop in scores, other than finally reaching a predictable plateau in achievement, were explored. It was proposed by Mrs. Shaver, speaking from her experience as a Title I teacher, that the decline in funding to schools has resulted in fewer support programs such as after school programs and summer school and a drop in the number of paraprofessionals in the classroom, which in the past have helped the students whose scores have declined the most.

Moving to discussion of the achievement gap, Mr. Bacon asked if a cultural bias in society had an influence on the gap and asked about research on the subject. Mr. Willard asked if the same gap exists in the military. Mr. Dennis asked if there was a difference in the graduation rate and the achievement gap for students who participate in JROTC. Mrs. Wims-Campbell said that teachers in the black community concur with Mr. Bacon's comments about cultural bias. She suggested that a break-out session at a KSDE conference with speakers, such as the ones Mr. Neuenswander mentioned he had met at the recent Urban League conference, be invited to present at a breakout session at a KSDE-sponsored meeting.

ACTION ON QPA RECOMMENDATION

After a brief review of the QPA change by Deputy Neuenswander, Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the State Board waived the requirement for schools to submit a plan of improvement to KSDE as a result of 2012 AYP results. The motion carried 8-1, with Chappell voting in opposition.

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The Board took a short break at 2:58 and returned at 3:16 p.m.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

2014 Budgets for the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Deaf Madeline Burkindine, Superintendent for the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) and the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB), presented the schools' FY 2014 budget requests to the State Board. The budgets reflected a mandatory ten percent cut in state general fund dollars and how that reduction would be realized at each school. The School for the Deaf also included enhancements to its budget if funding is available. The request from KSSD, with the ten percent cut was \$8,597,035. With enhancements the KSSD request rose to \$8,764,389. The 2014 request from KSSB which included the ten percent cut was \$5,264,536. State Board members reacted to the budget cuts with concern about the schools being able to fulfill their mission. During the discussion Mr. Bacon asked for information on FTE positions at KSSD and the KSSB.

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After additional questions and discussion, Chairman Dennis moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board approve the FY 2014 budget requests of the Kansas School for Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind, with reluctance because of the significant impact a 10%

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budget cut will have on two of the most vulnerable student groups in the state, as well as its effect on the State's special education maintenance of effort. The motion carried 6-3, with Storm, Campbell and Chappell voting in opposition.

Discussion of Legislative Policy Recommendations and Update on Interim Committees

Deputy Commissioner Dennis handed out copies of lists of the interim committees and their members. Brief discussion of a possible legislative recommendation on the new 2 ½ mile transportation change did not result in any recommendations from the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Mr. Dennis, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried 9-0. In the consent agenda the Board: **MOTION**
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- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Laura Jurgensen to the position of Education Program Consultant on the Special Education Services team effective September 10, 2012 at an annual salary of \$56,118.40.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee to approve in cases 2761, Neomi Gabaldon; 2782, John Branca; 2787, Jessica Ferguson; 2804, Janielle Sorell; 2805, and Lucinda Veal; 2806, Sarah Green and USD 383 Manhattan; and to deny in cases 2744, Shannon Fuller and Doniphan County Education Cooperative #616; 2788, Christina Mason; 2789, Emily McCall; 2790, Alyssa McNeil; and 2792, Micaela Vinson.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education to grant Visiting Scholar licenses for Jaclynn Bivens Moore and Sarah Stewart for the Blue Valley USD 229 - Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program.
- Issued a Calendar Year 2012 license from September 18, 2012 to December 31, 2012 to commercial driver training school, Suburban Driving Academy, Kansas City, KS.
- Approved the in-service education plan for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383.
- Approved the one-year Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request from USD 389 Eureka.
- Issued Orders authorizing USD 109, Republic County, USD 347, Kinsley-Offerle, Edwards County, USD 409, Atchison, Atchison County, USD 450, Shawnee Heights, Shawnee County, and USD 464, Tonganoxie, Leavenworth County, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and:

- enter into a contract with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) for the development cost of additional End-of-Path Assessments, in an amount not to exceed for \$95,000.

There being no further business Chairman Dennis recessed the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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David Dennis, Chairman

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CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

Members present were:

John Bacon	Walt Chappell	David Dennis	Jana Shaver	Ken Willard
Sally Cauble	Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Kathy Martin	Sue Storm	

Mrs. Waugh was out of town.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Dennis stated that an item to recommend nomination of Mr. Willard for the NASBE Central Area Director would be added to Board reports. Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried 9-0.

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PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM COORDINATING COUNCIL

President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, Andy Tompkins, presented a proposal to formalize the working relationship of the Board of Regents and the Kansas Board of Education. He noted that a coordinating council could be a vehicle for sustained cooperation between the two state education boards that will benefit Kansas for years to come and would serve the function of a P-20 Council. The council would consist of two Board of Regents, two State Board members, the Commissioner of Education and the President of the Regents. State Board members expressed enthusiastic support of the proposal.

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Dr. Chappell moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education support the proposal that the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education will establish an Education System Coordinating Council (ESCC) consisting of two Board of Education members, two Board of Regents members, the commissioner of education for KSDE, and the president and CEO of the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will ask the Council to identify and address one to three projects per year that will improve coordination of the education system between preK-12 and higher education. After a brief discussion the motion carried 9-0. It was suggested that the development of a process for appointing the two KSBE representatives on the Council be a future agenda item.

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UPDATE ON THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS (NGSS)

Matt Krehbiel provided an update on the timeline for the next draft of the NGSS. That draft will have had changes from public comments incorporated and will be available in November for state committees to review and comment.

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Virginia Wilkens, a former high school physics teacher and a member of the Kansas NGSS leadership committee, demonstrated a class lesson that illustrated for the Board the difference between how a concept would be addressed in the current standards and the new standards. Discussion followed, with one Board member voicing concern that there was too much process and not enough content.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In addition to updating the Board on the new technology in the Board Room and current status of the search for a new location for the Department, she reported on a task force she was forming to look at and study the increasing achievement gap for the special populations

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(subgroups). She indicated that she would bring together some of the groups that had assisted in the development of the waiver, including the African-American Affairs and Hispanic Affairs Commissions, the Equity Advisory Center, and school district experts in the area of achievement gap. Because local districts will be asked to address the gap at the local level as part of the new accreditation system, she indicated that it needed to also be addressed at the state level.

The Commissioner also updated the Board on the restructuring of the learning services division and addressed the ten percent cut the Department has been asked to make in its FY 2014 operations budget request. The bulk of the \$1,176,150 cut will be reflected in the elimination of \$896,873 that has been set aside in the department for future assessment needs. The Commissioner explained that currently because of involvement in Smarter Balanced money is being saved, but that decisions over the next year or two will create a need for more money for assessments as the state chooses which assessment instruments it will use. The savings had been intended to fund those needs. Additionally, funding will result from staff costs and other areas such as a reduction in planned costs for moving the department.

Discussion followed. One member suggested a reduction in travel costs and the number of meetings sponsored by the department. Chairman Dennis closed the discussion noting that the concern of the Board is about the impact on the support to the field, for the districts, schools, and students as cuts in education continue.

BREAK

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The Board took a short break at 10:07 a.m. and returned at 10:18.

QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION (QPA) WAIVER REQUEST FROM USD 500 KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mrs. Judi Miller, Assistant Director, Title I, reviewed the background of the Kansas City request for an exemption from administering the state science assessment and having it included in their schools' QPA status. They did not administer the Kansas science assessment in 2011-2012. They did administer the state reading and math assessments as required. They also gave the MAP. They are seeking the waiver due to the late decision (March 19th) by the US Department of Education in which the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) was not approved for grades 3-7 in lieu of the Kansas reading, math and science assessments. Last spring the district requested an extension of the state testing window which was granted. In their QPA waiver request, they stated, "*We managed to complete the necessary tasks to administer the reading and math assessments, but even with the extension of the testing window, we did not have sufficient time to administer the Science portion of the Kansas Assessment.*"

In remarks from USD 500 Superintendent, Cindy Lane, she indicated that it was an issue of district capacity to administer all three state assessments before the end of the school year, but that there were district scores from the MAP assessment in science which was aligned with the common core standards.

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Mrs. Martin moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) waiver request to exempt USD 500 Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools from administering the Kansas science assessment in 2011-2012 and having it included in determining QPA status. The motion was seconded by Ms. Storm.

Chairman Dennis indicated that since the district had MAP scores correlated with the state science assessment for all students assessed, he would prefer that those scores be applied to

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the five performance categories for the state assessment and used for QPA purposes. Mrs. Lane had stated that the district would underwrite the cost of having the MAP vendor provide the data. The issues for the department with that approach were explained by Commissioner DeBacker. She indicated the department did not have the data and explained that MAP wasn't one of the department's assessment vendors; the data would have to be authenticated and because of the department's data protocol, it would not be able to use data that hadn't come straight from the vendor. An unforeseen consequence of using the approach suggested was that many school districts across the state use the MAP assessment and it would open the door for them to request the MAP assessment instead of the state assessment. Additionally, the Commissioner noted that the department doesn't have the staff to do the data analysis by hand for a district's MAP assessments. Mrs. Miller reported that it had been estimated that the costs for entering the ACT and Explore data into the KIDS system had cost \$100,000 in staff time.

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The question boiled down to allowing USD 500 to use data obtained from the correlated MAP scores sorted into the five performance levels required in QPA, or granting a one-time waiver because of special circumstances for the district. After further discussion of the question, Chairman Dennis moved to table the motion to allow more time to gather further information. The motion was seconded by Dr. Chappell. After further discussion to table the motion, it failed on a vote of 2-7, with Martin, Willard, Bacon, Wims-Campbell, Storm, Cauble and Shaver voting in opposition.

A vote on the motion to grant the waiver carried 7-1-1, with Chappell voting in opposition and Dennis abstaining.

BOARD REPORTS

NASBE 2013 Public Education Policies

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Mr. Cauble had several issues with the way NASBE had handled the proposed public education policy positions. She reported that none of them had been reviewed by the NASBE directors; one policy recommendation which was noted to have come from the GAC, of which she is a member, was not the recommendation as proposed and had not been sent back to the committee for review before it was sent out to the NASBE membership. She said that after reviewing the other policies, she felt there was too much specificity. Lastly, the policies appeared to come from study groups, which she felt was inappropriate.

Discussion followed that resulted in a motion by Mrs. Martin, with a second from Mr. Dennis, that Mrs. Cauble work with NASBE on the process and content issues before the annual meeting and suggest that NASBE bring them to the area group meeting before brought to the floor. During the discussion, it was pointed out that these were not mandates to states, but were developed as models states could use. The motion carried 9-0.

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Nomination for NASBE Central Area Director

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board forward a letter to NASBE nominating Mr. Willard as the Central Area Director. Mrs. Wims-Campbell seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

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Chairman Dennis reported on the MTSS conference he had attended, as did Dr. Chappell and Mrs. Cauble. Ms. Storm reported that she had attended the LEPC meeting where the committee had reviewed things that had happened in the last year and discussed topics they might want to review in the interim.

**Chairman &
Legislative**

Dr. Chappell reported on a presentation on a model program on school discipline. He also reported on the MTSS conference. He had several questions about the program. The question

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to be addressed as an outcome of the Governor's Obesity Conference he attended was how to get students more physically active during the school day. He also toured the new additions to East High School in Wichita. Teachers he had spoken with asked him to bring to the Board their request that graphic digital art be counted as the arts requirement for graduation from high school.

**Policy Committee
Report**

Mrs. Shaver reported on the Professional Standards Board meeting she had attended.

Mrs. Shaver also reported on a meeting of the Policy Committee and reviewed the recommendations that would be brought back to Board at the October meeting. She indicated the recommendations were minor and were primarily to clean up wording and redundancies.

One possible change would be in the requirement that every two years the Board would be given feedback from the staff and the field in conjunction with the Commissioner's evaluation. Since it hadn't been done since Commissioner Tompkins was with the department, she asked Board members if they wanted to leave the requirement in policy. She indicated that the Policy Committee would look at a change in language and bring it back to the Board for review.

The Board self-assessment was brought up and the instrument to be used. Mrs. Shaver reported she would bring copies of what had been used the previous year and Mrs. Cauble asked that KASB's assessment be considered also.

Lastly, the guidelines for conducting new Board member orientation were looked at and Mrs. Shaver suggested that some changes might need to be made. She reported that the committee would study it further.

Chairman Dennis reported that the Board attorney and the Board secretary would staff the Policy Committee meeting.

**Other Board
member reports**

Board member reports continued with Mrs. Cauble reporting on her attendance at the MTSS conference. She also toured a new school in Garden City. She reported it had been designed to accommodate the career pathways. The Commissioner answered a question from a superintendents meeting in Sublette about school improvement plans. She reported that they would no longer be required, though five year professional development plans were still requested from districts.

Ms. Storm reported on an anti-bullying conference that would be held in Kansas City in November. She also mentioned she had attended the Blue Valley Community Foundation breakfast. Mrs. Wims-Campbell briefly reported on the KSHSAA board meeting she had attended. Mr. Bacon reported that he had heard from a parent about Johnson County being exempt from the new 2 ½ transportation across district lines statute change. There was a complaint because the family lived one mile from a Blue Valley attendance center, but had to attend the one in the Springhill district where they lived which was ten miles away.

Mr. Willard reported on the MC³ meeting he had attended in Oklahoma, reporting that one topic of discussion was the need for consistency within a state in educator evaluations. The need to revise teacher preparation programs to accommodate career pathways and project based learning was discussed with representatives from K-State. He also reported that he had been invited by the Governor to head up a ten-member task force that would study how much of schools' budgets are spent in the classroom. His first meeting would be later in the day.

Mrs. Martin reported attending Southeast of Salina's Patriots' Day ceremony commemorating 9/11. She noted it had been organized by the school's high school leadership team. She also

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reported on the first meeting of the Teaching in Kansas Commission II. There was a very good presentation on the KEEEP pilot projects. She complimented the efforts of the 30 members of the commission who had offered their time without reimbursement.

Dr. Chappell asked that the expert on bullying from Kansas University who spoke at the KU education conference in June be invited to make a presentation to the Board in October since October is Bullying Awareness month. Mrs. Shaver requested a presentation on the KEEP repository.

**Future Agenda
Items**

Ms. Storm's request for further information and discussion on home schooling as a follow-up to the August meeting generated a response from several Board members. It was decided that the Chair and Vice Chair would gather more information before deciding to bring it back as a Board item.

Mr. Bacon repeated his request that Cathy Musick with Ag in the Classroom be given 15 minutes at the October meeting to make a presentation on current developments in the program.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mrs. Shaver asked to add the KASB meeting in Greenbush. Mrs. Cauble asked to add the same meeting in Garden City. Dr. Chappell, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Willard asked to add the same meeting in Valley Center. There being no further changes, Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved with a second by Mr. Dennis that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried 9-0

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

David Dennis, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary