

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

All present rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the minutes for the October meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 9-0-1, with Mr. Willard abstaining.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Posny spoke about the joint meeting of the State Board and the Kansas Board of Regents. She indicated that a letter had been received from the Governor supporting a P-20 council, with the Board of Education and the Board of Regents working together. She reported on the first board member forum, Mrs. Gamble's, and reviewed the format that will be followed at subsequent ones. Dr. Posny reported that she had also shared the three questions that will be asked at the forums with superintendents. In addition to discussion of the forums, Dr. Posny reported on the 2007 Blue Ribbon schools and the nominees from Kansas for 2008.

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Gary Musselman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, presented the annual report of the Association as required by statute. He gave a recap of activities over the 2006-2007 school year and answered questions. He also reported on his presentation before the LEPC on possible legislation being considered by Senator Brownlee. In addition to handing out copies of an e-mail and KASB information concerning the LEPC issues, he also handed out a copy of the report to KSHSAA from its Public and Private Schools Study Committee and reviewed some of the findings.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Wagnon opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:41 a.m. Sherri Yourdon, Kansas NEA, Topeka, addressed the Board. Chairman Wagnon declared the Forum closed at 10:44 a.m.

The Board took a break from 10:44 until 10:53 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Legislative Policy Recommendations for the 2008 Legislative Session

Rod Bieker, General Counsel for KSDE, brought to the attention of the State Board of Education amendments to state law concerning restrictions on issuing educator licenses due to criminal convictions. He indicated that the Board might want to consider including them with its legislative recommendations. After discussion of the issues involved, Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board approve for addition to the Board's 2008 legislative package recommendations to amend KSA 2006 Supp. 72-1397 to:

- 1) remove a DUI conviction or the entry into a DUI diversion agreement from the offenses listed in subsection (a) that result in a permanent bar to licensure and include a felony DUI conviction in the five-year prohibition in subsection (b);
- 2) add the crime of conspiracy to commit any offense described in subsections (a) and (b); and
- 3) add conviction in another state or by the federal government of an act similar to any act described in subsection (a).
- 4) Additionally, the Board would bring to the attention of the legislative leadership the conflict in KSA 2006 Supp. 72-1397 where subsection (b) imposes a five-year prohibition on issuing a license to a person convicted of the misdemeanor offense of sexual battery if the victim is a minor or student; and due to subsequent amendments, the fact that the misdemeanor offense of sexual battery of a person less than 18 years old is now included in the offenses listed in KSA 2006 Supp. 21-4619(c) which result in a permanent bar to licensure.

After further discussion to clarify what was included in the motion, the motion carried on a vote of 6-0-4, with Dr. Abrams, Mr. Willard, Mrs. Cauble and Mrs. Gamble abstaining.

Other Legislative Issues

Deputy Commissioner. Dennis handed out copies of the 2010 Commission's report and briefly reviewed its recommendations. He reported that the draft recommendations from the Autism Task Force would not be finalized for a year. Mr. Dennis also discussed Legislative Post Audit studies dealing with K-12 education that had been approved and reviewed summaries of their scope of work. Additionally, Mr. Dennis handed out an updated copy of *Kansas Shines*.

Mr. Dennis's legislative report was followed by a tutorial conducted by Brad Neuenswander, Director of School Finance, and Sara Barnes of the School Finance team, on using the web links on the school finance homepage for comparative performance and fiscal system, budget reports, total expenditures, and other related data.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON THE REPORT "POSITIONING KANSAS FOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: ALIGNING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT."

A job supply-demand analysis study in Kansas was completed this past year. Jointly, the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas, Inc., and the Kansas Board of Regents contracted with Corporation for a Skilled Workforce (CSW) to study four industry clusters--advanced manufacturing with an emphasis on aviation, bioscience, health care, and energy--along with secondary education statistics data, existing reports and studies, survey data, and anecdotal information from a client team. Gary Yakimov, Director of Business and Industry Strategies for CSW, made a presentation on CSW's report, including an

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overview of the project work and key findings of their report. Particular emphasis was given to policy findings and recommendations most relevant to the K-12 education system. Among the recommendations were short-term and long-term steps. These included:

Short-term steps:

- Convene key stakeholders and policy makers, e.g. Board of Regents, Board of Education, Workforce Board to align resources and strategies around appropriate solutions.
- Repeat supply-demand analysis at the regional level.
- Implement cost adjustments for high cost technical programs.
- Provide “seed capital” for regional sector/cluster initiatives, and require research into root causes.
- Restrict the use of federal program training monies to certain targeted occupations.
- Set quantified goals for closing specific gaps.
- Put the common core course project back on track and mandate common course numbering and transfer of credits for a core set of courses.
- Develop a message campaign that highlights the importance of postsecondary education and specific skills.

Because effective alignment resolves the disconnects at all levels and among all players to build a learning continuum, *Long-term steps should be:*

- Align postsecondary education with K-12 education.
- Align postsecondary education with workforce development.
- Convene state and regional dialogue that would include 1) Pros and cons of policy lever options; 2) Identification of additional policy options; 3) What it *really* means for postsecondary education to be aligned with the economy; 4) How statistical data should be combined with other data to arrive at more accurate alignment evaluation; and 5) Strengths and challenges of regionally targeted industry strategies.
- Convene a national dialogue on the big questions and position Kansas as the thought leader in the nation around: 1) Should expectations be different for two-year than for four-year institutions? 2) What should be taught at postsecondary level and what at secondary? 3) What is the role of “developmental” and remedial coursework? Where do those programs belong? and 5) What should be the public’s, private sector’s, and individual learner’s responsibility for higher education?

The Board took a break from 2:35 until 2:45 p.m.

REPORT ON THE POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

In 2007, the Kansas Legislature through HB 2556, established the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority. Mr. Joseph Glassman, Chair the Authority, provided information on the duties and goals and make up of the Authority. Particularly, he addressed the need to develop baseline standardization of curriculum using business and industry standards for certification, with licensing to follow. A seamless system through secondary and postsecondary education, aligned with the needs of business and industry needs to be developed, he noted. Among other areas addressed, he also discussed issues that are faced by business and industry in obtaining and retaining a skilled workforce and that workers face in remaining current with skills.

In order to have time to set up for a joint meeting with the Kansas Board of Regents, it was agreed to move the presentation on development and implementation of policy on academic/vocational integration to Wednesday, November 14th.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the State Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 9-0, with Dr. Abrams absent. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved school construction plans for USD 413, Chanute Public Schools; USD 507, Satanta; and Heartland Christian School, Colby.
- Approved the requested Amendment to the Tri-County Interlocal Cooperation Agreement No. 607.
- Received the FY 2008 first quarter reports from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adapted Physical Education*: Lindell Franz, USD 259, Wichita; *Adaptive Special Ed*: Benjamin Sutherlin, USD 229, Blue Valley, Darcie Wooge, USD 230, Spring Hill, Jeaneene Solano, USD 244, Burlington, Philip Bergquist, Jamie Caywood and Rhonda Crabtree, USD 259, Wichita, Priscilla Iverson, Dawne Darling, Amy Riffel, Heather O'Neal, Nanette Brumbaugh, Wendy Ewing and Joy Bircher, USD 305, Salina, Kathy Smith, USD 345, Seaman, Lauralee Stensrud, USD 480, Liberal, Naomi Dinkel, Nicole Cook, Robin Wiebe, Carla Emerson and Jan Nuss, USD 489, Hays, Kevin Ethington, Joyce Akins, Steven Siebuhr, Penny Blanchet and Zelda Tovar, USD 490, El Dorado, Carol Harrell and Amy Curtis, USD 497, Lawrence, Angela Watts, USD 603, ANW Special Education Cooperative, Max Ferguson, USD 605, South Central KS Special Education Cooperative, Heather Maze, Rebecca Shamburg, Jerlyn Sullivan and Christopher Diller, USD 615, Brown County KS Special Education Cooperative, and Traci Nugen, USD 619, Sumner County Educational Services; *At-Risk*: Megan Meile, USD 209, Moscow Public Schools; *Computers - extension on the number of days*: Robin Petersen, USD 297, St Francis Community School, and Barbara Roberts, Z0030, Salina Catholic Diocese; *Early Childhood Special Ed*: Thuthuy Kahler, USD 259, Wichita, Stephanie Swayze, USD 603, ANW Special Education Cooperative, Charisse Hostetler, and Lynann Hageman, USD 605, South Central KS Special Education Cooperative, and Jerri aymaker, USD 607, Tri County Special Education Cooperative; *English as a Second Language*: Tana Ruder, Dianna Griffith and Nicole Perez, USD 259, Wichita, Kathleen Rundell and Daniel Dickinson, USD 260, Derby, Eric Smith, USD 457, Garden City, Kimberly Gray, USD 491, Eudora, and Alison Cropp, USD 497, Lawrence; *Functional Special Ed*: Anne Werner, USD 229, Blue Valley, Dawn Gresham, Martin Engelmann and Dianna Tripoli, USD 259, Wichita, Tamara Divine, Lynn Mowder and Benjamin O'Connor, USD 603, ANW Special Education Cooperative, Debra Cohoon, USD 605, South Central KS Special Education Cooperative, and Carrie Strycker, USD 607, Tri County Special Education Cooperative; *Gifted*: Amanda Witty, USD 229, Blue Valley, Summer Brown, USD 233, Olathe, Manishkumar Raval, Jennifer Sinsel and Lisa Brightup, USD 259, Wichita, Elizabeth Dixon, USD 368, Paola, Carla Histand, USD 373, Newton, and Victoria Reed, USD 475, Geary County Schools; *Interrelated*: Sharon Burnett, Jason Geromette, Raquel Tolentino, Leah Awalt, Tabitha Barker, Janice Barclay, Martha Martin, William Collins, Cynthia Jones, Niki Smith, Corby Milleson, Joseph Kear, Sherry Silveous, Tami Fuchs, Nancy Schartz, Melissa Day, Patricia Chrisman and Jason Mooney, USD 259, Wichita, Elisabeth Dugger and Brenda Martin, USD 263, Mulvane, Jennifer Paxton and Elizabeth Hall, USD 336, Holton, Howard Tush, USD 368, Paola, Mary Hoover, USD 405, Lyons, Travis Wyss, Tracy Lewis, Nichele Gaston, Paula Umscheid and Lori Minnihan, USD 490, El Dorado, Shawn Neill, USD 497, Lawrence, Jeremy Wire, Denise Warhurst, Amy Johnson, Donna Campbell, Karen Stockwell, Linda Lawson and Sharen Vallier, USD 603, ANW Special

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Education Cooperative, Martha Hellar, Gail Ferguson, Kelly Knoblauch and Marci Adams, USD 605, South Central KS Special Education Cooperative, Julie Hucke, USD 607, Tri County Special Education Cooperative, Justin Hoffman, USD 614, East Central KS Cooperative in Education, and Alison Geitz, Robert Mickelson, Heather Gardner Roff, Matthew Parenti, Traci Pearce, Amy Mader, Jennifer Johnson and Kyle Conley, USD 620, Three Lakes Educational Cooperative; *Library Media Specialist*: Karen Katzer, USD 230, Spring Hill; *Math*: Valorie Pfannenstiel, Cheryl Tate, Donna Sanders-Simpson, Anya Barnes and John Loomis, USD 259, Wichita, and Russell McFall, USD 480, Liberal; *Physical Education*: Bradley Couture, USD 109, Republic County, and Myron Flax, USD 208, Wakeeney; *Science*: Nadine Hope, USD 332, Cunningham; *Technology Education*: Jonathan Whisnant, USD 352, Goodland; and *Technology Education - extension on the number of days*: Bradley Matthies, USD 297, St Francis Community Schools.

- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2420, 2448, 2450, 2458, 2459, 2461, 2462, 2463 and 2464.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education regarding a Visiting Scholar license for Baldwin, USD 348 and Dennis Hollinger, Blue Valley, USD 229 and Matthew Roberts, and Stanton County, USD 452 and Dara Floyd.
- Appointed Kimberly Groom to serve on the Professional Practices Commission as a representative of elementary teachers for a 2.5 year term of office that would run through June 30, 2010 to complete a term as a result of a resignation.
- Appointed Diane Roberts to serve on the Professional Standards Board as a representative of area vocational technical school teachers to complete a three-year term as a result of a resignation and to serve through June 30, 2010.
- Supported the submission of an application to the Partnership for 21st Century Skills to become a State Partner.
- Issued orders authorizing USD 406, Wathena, and USD 467, Leoti, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved

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

- the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education Center for Persons with Disabilities Center (TAESE)/Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center (MPRRC) for technical assistance with the Kansas State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) data collection system for Indicator 14, methodology and data analyses, in an amount not to exceed \$123,448;
- J. Marquis/University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc., for consulting assistance, data modeling, and data analysis, in a contract amount not to exceed \$25,000; and
- Dr. Renee' Patrick to complete statistical tasks, written reports, and provide consultation to KSDE staff, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

**Joint Meeting between Kansas Board of Education
and
Kansas Board of Regents
November 13, 2007
4:00 p.m.**

Members of the Kansas Board of Regents met with the State Board of Education at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas. Present were:

Board of Regents:	Christine Downey Schmidt, Chair Richard Hedges William Thornton	Donna Shank, Vice Chair Dan Lykins Reginald Robinson, President and CEO
State Board of Education:	Bill Wagon, Chair Steve Abrams John Bacon Sally Cauble Sue Gamble Alexa Posny, Commissioner	Carol Rupe, Vice Chair Kathy Martin Jana Shaver Janet Waugh Ken Willard

After introducing themselves, the State Board and the Regents heard presentations by Commissioner Posny and President Robinson on the strategic agendas developed by each group. In the discussion that followed, Chairman Wagon raised the idea of a P-20 council. A proposal for such a council had been prepared by Commissioner Posny and President Robinson.

The proposal was that the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas State Board of Education encourage the Governor to establish a Kansas P-20 Education Council. The purpose of the council would be the pursuit of a comprehensive system of education in Kansas that is effectively and meaningfully aligned from pre-school through postsecondary education and provides for seamless movement for students through the education system.

There was discussion about various components of the proposal, including the membership of the council and the name of it. Mrs. Cauble suggested that a broader name, such as P-Careers, be given to the proposed Council in order to incorporate the importance of career preparation and lifelong learning, as well as postsecondary education.

Chairman Wagon asked if there was consensus on the proposal and it was agreed that the proposal would be taken back to each board for ratification.

More information on the Postsecondary Technical Education Council was requested. Chairman Downey-Schmidt indicated that Regents were very pleased with the Council and were looking forward to its recommendation. President Robinson provided some background on the development of the Regents' technical education focus.

After closing comments by Chairman Downey Schmidt, the meeting closed at 5:49 p.m.

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Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagnon proposed that the presentations on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and alternative teacher compensation be moved to December. He proposed that the presentation on career and technical education integration be added after the report from the Special Education Advisory Council. He also proposed that consideration of a proposal for recommendation to the Governor for a P-Careers Council be added before the item dealing with proposed regulations to remove barriers to licensure. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Wagnon reported that he had attended the quarterly steering committee meeting of the Education Commission of the States (ECS). He reported that ECS has a new president, Roger Sampson, a former commissioner of education from Alaska. Because of changes implemented by him, the organization will finish the year on good financial footing. Chairman Wagnon reported on a roundtable discussion about how to bring education issues to the presidential candidates. He noted that Governor Sebelius, the current ECS Chairman was very concerned. Several issues brought up in the roundtable discussion will form the basis a white paper developed by ECS to go to the presidential candidates and their staff about the importance of education.

Chairman Wagnon reported that he would be on the NASBE study group on middle schools. He also noted that Board members had been given evaluation tools for the Commissioner, the Board Attorney and Board Secretary. He asked that they complete the forms and return them to him by December 1st.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble indicated she had nothing new to report.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed issues contained in his written report He indicated he would be communicating by e-mail with Board members in the near future on a personnel issue at the Kansas School for the Deaf. His communication would fall under attorney-client privilege and save the Board from having to go into executive session to be updated on the issue. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and approve payment for services for October. The motion carried.

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Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Waugh, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reviewed the revisions to Board policies and guidelines being recommended by the Committee. The policies proposed for revision were: Policy 1004 - Orientation of New Members; Policy 1010 - Operation of the State Board of Education; Policy 2002 - Monitoring and Evaluating Commissioner Performance; Policies of the State Schools; and Revocation of the Guidelines for Prelicensure Examination. She also reviewed policies and guidelines for which changes had been proposed the previous month: Policy 1007 – Officers, Election, Tenure, and Duties; Policies 1012 and 1013 - Citizen's Open Forum/Public Hearing; and Guidelines for Board Member Travel.

Mrs. Waugh also reviewed a recommendation the Committee had made the previous month about the timing for turning in Board member travel requests and the day those requests would be given to members to review. The recommendation was that Board members turn in their travel requests on the Friday before the Board meeting in order to enable the Board Secretary to compile them prior to the meeting and allow Board members to receive them for their review on Tuesday, the day before requests are approved. Mrs. Waugh indicated the Committee was not at this time recommending it be included in the policies or guidelines, but the hope was that everyone would agree to cooperate. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Abrams and Mrs. Martin indicated it would be helpful to receive an e-mail reminder the day before the travel requests are due. It was agreed the Board Secretary would send the reminders. Mrs. Gamble suggested that unless there were consequences, voluntary agreements were usually not adequate to get the cooperation necessary. She suggested that it be put in policy that if a member's request is not received by Friday, it would have to wait to be acted on at the Board meeting the following month and payment would not be received until that time. A question was raised about the exceptions that arise when meeting notifications or invitations are received right before or at the Board meeting. Chairman Wagnon ruled that if requests were not turned in by Friday, the secretary may or may not be able to work them in. Mr. Bacon, a member of the Policy Committee, felt that the recommendation was not meant to be punitive and felt that exceptions such as those mentioned should be allowable. It was pointed out by Mrs. Shaver that the recommendation had been made to give Board members adequate time to review the requests and ask any questions before having to act on them.

The Policy Committee moved adoption of the Committee's recommendations. Mrs. Waugh answered clarifying questions. Mrs. Gamble indicated she would not be able to vote in favor of the recommendations if the last item in the recommended changes to GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF MEETING ATTENDANCE were included. The change under Discretionary Attendance read, "(b) When approving travel by Board members, the State Board may consider the balance of the allotment available to each Board member under Section D." Mrs. Gamble noted that she had been on the Policy Committee when the allotment under Section D had been added and it had not been the intention that the allotments were to limit individuals if the overall Board travel budget remained adequate. She asked that the motion be separated. The Board voted on the recommended amendments: Policy 1004 - Orientation of New Members; Policy 1007 – Officers, Election, Tenure, and Duties; Policy 1010 - Operation of the State Board of Education; Policies 1012 and 1013 - Citizen's Open Forum/Public Hearing; Policy 2002 - Monitoring and Evaluating Commissioner Performance; Policies of the State Schools; and Revocation of the Guidelines for Prelicensure Examination; and Guidelines for Board Member Travel, Section B. Preapproved Attendance. The motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Bacon voting "no". The Policy Committee moved that the Board approve the recommended revision to Guidelines for Board Member Travel, Section C., Discretionary Attendance, 1. a. and 1. b. The motion carried 8-2, with Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Gamble voting "no".

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Communication Committee Report

Mrs. Martin reported that the Communications Committee had met and planned to meet prior to each upcoming Board meeting. She presented a proposed plan that addressed regular meetings each year with the Governor; meetings with legislative leadership and legislative education committee leaders; and the Kansas Board of Regents. Communication with the Kansas Congressional delegation would be on an as needed basis. Resumption of focus group meetings in each board district and periodic meetings with editorial boards was recommended. It was also recommended that some way be found to improve communication of relevant information with school faculty. Because of limitations in some districts, resumption of pod casts on the KSDE website after each board meeting was an avenue being discussed to make information available for educators to watch when they were able. Chairman Wagnon stressed that it would be important to engage as many Board members as possible in implementing the communications plan and members should not leave it solely to the Communications Committee or the Legislative Liaisons.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Waugh reported on her attendance at the Workforce Policy Summit in Des Moines, Iowa. She shared some things she had heard at the meeting that she felt might be interesting to other members on the Board. Mrs. Shaver reported on the Southeast Kansas legislative dinner she and Dr. Wagnon had attended. She indicated it had been sponsored by the six community colleges in southeast Kansas and the two Regents universities. She was reminded of the important role community colleges play for many students in the state.

Mr. Bacon reported that he was looking forward to hosting the Board in Olathe for the December meeting. He mentioned a concern brought up the previous day about the college credit that high school parents are paying for and whether they are transferable or acceptable by universities, particularly out of state. He was concerned by an article in *Education Week* about an audit of Advanced Placement courses by the College Board and felt that it was an issue the Board should address.

Mrs. Cauble reported on her attendance at the NASBE annual meeting. She had heard an address by Alan November and felt he would be someone to bring to Kansas at some point. Dr. Wagnon indicated he handed out information to the Board regarding a conference Dr. November was putting together in July in Boston and the possibility of a reduced rate if a team went together. Mrs. Cauble reported that the activity she had enjoyed most at the NASBE meeting was a visit to a high school that was using project-based learning. When she returned to Kansas she visited a school in Victoria where they were using project-based learning, as well. She noted that JAZZ, a group of superintendents in the central Kansas area was working on moving their schools toward project-based learning environments. They would be presenting a seminar on it in the near future.

Commissioner Posny handed out information on the Governor's Achievement Award for schools and distributed a list of the schools that will receive it this year. She cautioned that the list was confidential at the request of personnel at the recipient schools to give them an opportunity to plan announcement events. Dr. Posny also handed out a list of the schools receiving Challenge Awards. She reminded members of the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet coming up on November 17th.

Mrs. Martin handed out several items: 1) copies of an e-mail from the Department of Defense about Veterans' Day speakers; 2) pictures she had taken at the NASBE meeting; 3) articles on teacher compensation; and 4) a new book looking at the theory of evolution and an order form for it. She also mentioned she would be serving on a NASBE study group.

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Requests for Future Agenda Items

Besides the presentation on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and the presentation on alternative teacher compensation being postponed until the December meeting, several Board members mentioned items they would like to see on a future agenda. Mrs. Gamble requested a presentation on unified curriculum assessments. Dr. Abrams requested that Joe Glassman, Chairman of the Postsecondary Technical Education Council be invited back to address the Board on a regular basis. Mrs. Martin suggested that after Board members had completed their forums might be a good time. Mrs. Rupe asked for a presentation on dyslexia regarding teachers' ability to diagnose and teach students with dyslexia. Mr. Willard requested information on safeguards regarding licensed personnel to ensure the safety of Kansas students from sexual predators. Mrs. Cauble requested that information be shared from the Kansas Optometric Association related to diagnosing visual problems in children as early as possible.

The Board took a break from 10:10 to 10:18 a.m. Mr. Bacon left before the break.

Information on Public Hearing on Revisions to Special Education Regulations

Mr. Bieker, Department General Counsel, explained the change in the hearing on the revisions to the special education regulations. He reported that the public hearing scheduled for December would still occur in Topeka, but would be before Department staff on behalf of the Board. Notice had been given in the Kansas Register that there would be an additional hearing before the Board at the January, 2008 meeting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEAC) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING BILL OF RIGHTS, AUTISM TASK FORCE, AND DYSLEXIA

SEAC had been asked by the State Board in September to study and make recommendations to the Board regarding issues raised on autism, dyslexia and the Deaf Education and Hard of Hearing (DEHH) Bill of Rights. Colleen Riley, Director of Special Education Learning Services, presented the Council's report. She reported that SEAC had heard from each of the advocacy groups for autism, dyslexia and the DEHH Bill of Rights, and that all three are requesting specific protections for their particular areas that go above and beyond what is required in both the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 and Kansas laws and regulations.

Specifically, advocates for the DEHH Bill of Rights want legislation passed to include 15 features which they promote as "essential to ensure that all deaf and hard of hearing children have appropriate, on-going and fully accessible education opportunities". These 15 features are written in specific language, which if passed, would *require* districts to go beyond the scope of IDEA 2004.

Advocates for the Autism Task Force were interested in having state funds specifically set aside for students who have autism. State funding is currently provided for districts to deliver appropriate supports and services to all students with disabilities. The supports and services currently provided are individualized to meet the student's needs and include communication skills, social development, behavioral and emotional training, cognitive development, sensory and motor development, preacademic and academic development, and parent training and support. Dividing state funding for special education based upon a specific disability was not considered a prudent or beneficial step for the state.

Advocates for dyslexia were requesting legislation be passed that would require all teachers to screen students annually for dyslexia, similar to legislation passed over 20 years ago in Texas. Currently, in Kansas there are a number of ways to provide supports and services to students who struggle in the area of reading, which include students who may be dyslexic. The requirement to provide general education

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interventions has been in Kansas state regulations for over 10 years and require educators to implement strategies when a student begins to experience difficulty. If the interventions do not work, then the process is started to determine if the student has a specific learning disability or some other disability, such as a health impairment.

Ms. Riley reported that SEAC unanimously agreed that there is no single methodology that can be applied to each student or a “magic bullet” solution in meeting the individual and unique needs of students. However, with early intervention, periodic monitoring of student progress, the encouragement of collaborative relationships between parents, educators and other agency representatives, appropriate services can be provided to students in Kansas public schools. In addition, SEAC supports the KSDE Special Education Services Team moving forward to develop *guidelines* to help parents and educators in the areas of autism and deaf education and hard of hearing to be knowledgeable of the needs of children and the supports and services to address those needs. Adequate training for special education teachers for determining specific disabilities was discussed and Ms. Riley explained the training that educators did receive.

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

Deputy Commissioner Tom Foster began a presentation on policy initiatives the Board might want to consider for the promotion of career and technical education. He offered and discussed with Board members suggestions addressing three areas: improving access to career and technical education (CTE); implementing the integration of academics and CTE standards; and requiring schools to provide career planning and awareness. Because of the shortness of time to complete the agenda, the remainder of his presentation was postponed until the December meeting.

PROPOSED REVISED LICENSURE REGULATIONS

At the October meeting the Board received suggestions for removing barriers to teacher licensure. It directed that the proposals be sent to the Professional Standards Board for review and to draft appropriate regulatory changes. The Regulations Committee of the Professional Standards Board met on November 2nd to develop, review and refine the draft regulations. Susan Helbert, Teacher Education and Licensure, briefly reviewed the proposed revisions, most of which addressed access to practice issues. Additionally, several of the revisions addressed other recruitment and retentions issues, such as reducing renewal requirements for a standard substitute license; reinstating the “masters plus experience” renewal option; issuing emergency substitute renewals for two years; changing the of name the “conditional” license to “initial”; and removing the prohibition on compensation during student teaching.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board approve submittal of the proposed revised licensure regulations to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General for review. The motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Bacon absent.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A P-CAREERS COUNCIL

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the State Board recommend to the Governor the creation of a P-Careers council as outlined in the proposal from Reginald Robinson and Commissioner Posny and received by the Board and the Board of Regents at their joint meeting. Dr. Abrams discussed the importance of family in a child’s learning in the first three years and asked that it be addressed at some point in time, though not necessarily with the action proposed by the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

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STATE BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Chairman Wagnon asked Board members' indulgence and approval of his requests for travel that had not been given to the Board Secretary in time to be included on the travel request document before them.

Mrs. Cauble and Mrs. Waugh asked to add the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Summit on November 30th to their requests. Mrs. Waugh also asked that her attendance at the Milken Teacher of the Year announcement on October 30th in Kansas City, Kansas be added. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary