

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

Dr. Steve Abrams was unable to attend.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagnon reported that due to a scheduling conflict, Dr. Gage had asked that her presentation, Discussion of Recruitment and Retention Issues and the Licensed Personnel Report, be moved to before lunch. To accommodate her request, he recommended that Discussion of Assessment Targets be moved to 3:00 p.m., Legislative Matters to 3:30 p.m., and that Dr. Gage's presentation to their slots beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Wagnon also noted that three other items were being added to the consent agenda: 1) the FY 2008 salary schedule for the Kansas State School for the Blind; 2) charter school funding for Kinsley-Offler Jr./Sr High; and 3) waiver of minimum school term for Greensburg. Asked if there were other changes to the agenda, Mrs. Martin requested that item 13 o., Model Health Education Standards, be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Mrs. Cauble asked that item 13 l., a request to continue a contract with the University of Kansas and Emporia State University for professional development for Title I teachers, and item 13 n., Model Standards for Visual Arts, be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. There being no further changes, Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Wagnon asked for approval of the March minutes. Mrs. Martin pointed out that the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau had coordinated the tour at Fort Riley, not USD 475 as had been reported in the minutes. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried 8-0-1, with Dr. Abrams absent and Mr. Bacon abstaining.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Dennis mentioned several issues not contained in his written report, including a National Governors' Association grant application that staff had been working on; the pilot of a digital fingerprinting system for licensure applicants that would reduce turnaround time; and an update on Legislative Post Audit's recent education-related audits.

MODEL LIBRARY MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Dr. Jackie Lakin, KSDE education consultant for library media, introduced Dr. Mirah Dow, Chair of the writing committee revising the Library Media Standards, who presented information about the standards. She reported that the standards had been written to meet the needs of Kansas school librarians, teachers, administrators parents and students, by dividing into specific developmental stages the national information literacy standards, and to provide guidelines for the development and expectations for library media programs, including aligned and integrated curriculum and instruction, diverse and appropriate material selection and quality customer service.

In addition, as a result of a requirement of NCLB that would add an 8th grade technology assessment, the standards were revised to provide guidelines for the development and expectations for technology and computer applications programs, including aligned and integrated curriculum and instruction, experiences with diverse and appropriate applications and technologies, and the development of real world skills. To help it with those tasks, the writing committee reviewed the KSDE Guidelines for the 8th Grade Technology Assessment and included them in the preface.

Dr. Dow described the process that was used by the committee to revise the standards and briefly explained how the standards were organized so they could be easily integrated to enhance learning in all content areas. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Dow further explained some of the ways Library Media Specialists were working to ensure that they share with the classroom teacher the responsibility for student learning. She also noted that teacher preparation programs and professional development opportunities have geared up to meet the needs of the new technology role Library Media Specialists are expected to fill.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

There was no one present wishing to address the Board.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ISSUES AND LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT

Dr. Martha Gage, Director of Teacher Education and Licensure, discussed steps necessary for ensuring that there are effective teachers in Kansas who will promote learning for all their students. Regarding recruitment, she discussed the need to determine what kind of teachers are wanted; what is necessary in teacher preparation programs; and the importance of having adequate data about the greatest needs in the shortage areas. She and the Board discussed alternative programs, as well as the Kansas restricted license, waivers and some of the problems associated with them. Dr. Gage and the Board also discussed issues to consider about teacher preparation requirements for undergraduate programs and difficulties associated with the extra hours required to gain an additional endorsement – issues that could be prohibitive in dealing with teacher shortage areas. The need for good leadership programs was discussed, as well. In addition to recruitment issues, Dr. Gage stressed the need for effective research-based retention programs. Discussion then focused on dealing with shortages and if changes in regulations would be helpful. Dr. Gage indicated that she would welcome any suggestions from the board and that perhaps a meeting with some board members and the Professional Standards Board (PSB) would be productive. Mrs. Rupe indicated that she knew several superintendents who had ideas that could be shared with the Board and the PSB. Exploring the Troops to Teachers programs as a resource was also discussed.

Beth Fultz, Teacher Education and Licensure, presented information and answered questions about highlights of the 2006-2007 Licensed Personnel Report. The report reflected data for licensed personnel working in accredited Kansas schools during the 2006-2007 school year. Demographic data was disaggregated by gender, entrance code, race, teaching code, age group, and years of experience. It also included information on retention rates of new teacher from 1996-1997 to 2006-2007; average salaries, by years of experience and teaching category; assignment demographics by age group and total years of experience, and qualification level; NCLB highly qualified data by class; core content area, special education or ESL teachers, and building SES; certified/licensed personnel waivers 1993-2006; and data on the retention rate of those granted waivers. Mrs. Fultz reported that to ensure the data submitted was valid, she had conducted a validity study in March which revealed a validity rate of 99%. The yearly licensed personnel report and associated information can be accessed on the KSDE website.

Mrs. Gamble indicated that through an oversight she had neglected to request that the charter school funding for Kinsley-Offerle Jr./Sr High item be pulled from the consent agenda for a separate vote. She requested that this be allowed. There were no objections.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON READING FIRST

The Board received a presentation on the Reading First Program. The presentation included requirements, activities, and current data for the state of Kansas. Norma Cregan, education program consultant, provided an overview of the program. Jan Voss, assistant superintendent of USD 470, and Mary Ellen Isaac, chief academic officer of USD 259, shared the impact Reading First has had on their districts.

SOUTHWEST PLAINS REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER PRESENTATION ON ELL

The Board received a report on the ESOL programs being implemented in Garden City, Dodge City, Liberal and Ulysses. Jim Barrett from the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, Laura Cano from Liberal and Sandra Bergersen from Garden City presented an overview of ESOL programs. Their PowerPoint presentation was made available for use by board members and other interested parties.

Because of the time, the discussion of assessment targets was postponed until Wednesday.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dennis reviewed the FY 2008 KSDE budget approved by the legislature. He also reviewed several bills of interest that had been passed during the legislative session.

.CONSENT AGENDA

Model Standards for Health Education

Mrs. Martin had asked that the Model Standards for Health Education be voted on separately. Mrs. Martin asked that her comments be included in the record:

"I pulled item 13 o. from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately. I could not vote to approve the consent agenda with this item in it. This is an example of making the State Board into a political entity. The Health Standards were revised in 2005 and approved in 2006. They should not be reconsidered again until at least 2010. In January Dr. Wagnon encouraged us to put aside our personal political agendas and work to develop consensus around board decisions. The Health Standards approved in 2006 were very good and included the encouragement from the State Board that local school districts develop an

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'abstinence until marriage' sex education program. A new Zogby poll has found that parents favor abstinence education over a comprehensive sex ed program. Ninety percent of the parents surveyed want their children to abstain from sexual activity until they are married. Eighty percent of parents want the 'abstinence until marriage' message emphasized. Self control is always superior to birth control when a child's health and future are concerned."

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board of Education approve the Kansas Model Curricular Standards for Health Education. The motion carried 6-3, with Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Martin and Mr. Willard voting "no".

Funding for the Kinsley-Offerle Jr./Sr. High Charter School

Mrs. Gamble had asked that funding for the Kinsley-Offerle Jr./Sr. High Charter School be voted on separately. She indicated that she understood that members of the incoming board of the Kinsley-Offerle school district did not support the charter school; that being the case, she didn't feel she could support the request either. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board approve charter school status and funding for the Kinsley-Offerle Jr./Sr. High Charter School in USD 347, with funding for the school according to the submitted budget not to exceed \$60,000 for the Year 1 planning grant, or \$155,000 for the year 2 implementation funds. The motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Gamble voting "no".

Model Curricular Standards for Visual Arts

Mrs. Cauble indicated she appreciated the efforts of the writing committee to modify the opening sentence of the Introduction of the Model Standards for Visual Arts, but she still believed the standards were for the students and she didn't feel that the change adequately reflected that. She moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the first sentence be amended as follows: *"The Kansas Curricular Standards for the Visual Arts are designed for all visual art students. These standards are written for educators whether experienced or in the preservice years of their teaching career"*. Discussion followed. The amendment failed on a vote of 3-4-2, with Mr. Willard, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Bacon voting "no" and Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Rupe abstaining.

Remainder of the Consent Agenda

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board approve the Consent Agenda with the Model Standards for the Visual Arts included as presented. The motion carried 9-0.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Juanita Anderson to the position of Sr. Administrative Assistant with the State and Federal Programs team effective April 9, 2007 at an annual salary of \$22,318.40
- Approved school construction plans for Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic School, Wichita; Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Pittsburg; USD 229, Blue Valley; USD 233, Olathe Public Schools; USD 237, Smith Center; USD 398, Peabody-Burns; and USD 413, Chanute Public Schools.
- Received FY 2007 Third Quarter Reports from the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- Approved the FY 2008 salary schedule for the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
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- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2375, 2379, 2387, 2388, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2396, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, and 2407.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adaptive Special Education-Extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license*: Jill Zink, USD 453; *Art-extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license*: Lucas Siebenmorgen, USD 449; *Gifted*: Marcia Neal, USD 373; Karen Olsen and Joyce Tuckwood, USD 262; Lisa Wright, USD 259; and *Interrelated*: Tina Young, USD 259.
- Reappointed Rick Ginsberg, Lori Martin, and Alice Morris to their first full term and Connie Foster, Robert Gibbens, and Ed Poley to their second three-year term on the Professional Standards Board to run from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.
- Reappointed Mike Mathes to his first full term and Marlysue Holmquist and David Howard to their second three-year term on the Licensure Review Committee to run from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.
- Reappointed Paul Gronquist and Rick Riffel to their second three-year term on the Professional Practices Commission to run from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.
- Established the certification/licensure fee for Fiscal Year 2008 at \$36 effective July 1, 2007.
- Approved the renewal application for Accreditation Regulation Waiver (K.A.R.) 91-34-34--Athletic Practice from Cimarron Jr/Sr High School, USD 102.
- Approved Model Curricular Standards for Visual Arts.
- Approved the inservice education plan for USD 354 Claflin.
- Waived 5 school days, or 40 school hours, of the minimum school term required by law for USD 422, Greensburg, due to the devastating tornado that struck the city of Greensburg.

Contracts Approved

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and continue a contract with the University of Kansas Research Center in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 and Emporia State University Jones Institute in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to provide professional development to 300 Title I teachers in the area of scientifically-based reading research.

Authorized the KSSB Superintendent to renew a contract with Accessible Arts, Inc. for arts-related services for students attending KSSB in exchange for KSSB facility use and statewide outreach services in the Arts (drama, movement, dance, visual arts, music) for Kansas individuals with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Wagon recessed the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Bill Wagon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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May 9, 2007

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

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

John Bacon	Carol Rupe
Sally Cauble	Jana Shaver
Sue Gamble	Bill Wagon
Kathy Martin	Janet Waugh

Dr. Steve Abrams and Mr. Willard were unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagon announced changes in the agenda – the addition of the appointment of a commissioner and the discussion of assessment targets which had been postponed the day before. He also announced that after the executive session at the end of the meeting, the board would return to take action on an item. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER POSNY

Mrs. Rupe moved, with second by Mrs. Waugh, that the State Board appoint Dr. Alexa Posny as Commissioner of Education beginning July 1, 2007, with a starting salary of \$165,000. The motion carried 7-1, with Mr. Bacon voting “no”.

Chairman Wagon reviewed the search process and noted Dr. Posny’s outstanding record as an education leader at the district, state and national level. He indicated that shortly after the July meeting, the board would be having a retreat with Dr. Posny’s leadership and involvement, at which time, the board would review and update its goals and develop a blueprint for moving forward with the redesign of schools for the 21st century. Chairman Wagon added that he was looking forward to working with Dr. Posny and making sure she has everything she needs from the board to take on her new leadership role.

The board took a break from 9:06 to 9:16 a.m.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairman

Chairman Wagon reported on several meetings he had attended, including one with the Commission on Education Leadership and another with the Steering Committee of ECS. He also introduced Mary Skaggs from Baker University who was accompanied by her teacher education students.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble reported that 2008 would be a carry over session. SB 345, which deals with all-day kindergarten is still alive in the legislature and the Board should consider the issue when it looks at its FY 2009 budget. Mrs. Gamble asked that board members begin to think about what they want to address in the next legislative session, so that the board presents a united voice on issues. She also stated that she believed the Governor would continue with early childhood initiatives. Mrs. Gamble expressed the desire for the board to develop a vision for early childhood.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed an item in his written report concerning a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on school finance and federal impact aid. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and pay his fees for services and expenses for April as presented. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Shaver reported on a NASBE adolescent literacy conference she had been asked to attend. She noted the purpose was to raise the level of awareness in order to help state officials look at ways to develop or change literacy policies to do a better job of supporting adolescent literacy. She added that students are not being helped in using reading to learn and that she hopes the issue will be considered at the Board retreat.

Mrs. Gamble reported on her participation on panels at three NCLB forums sponsored by Congressman Moore. She also reported that she had attended the announcement in Uniontown that Norm Conard will be inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame in June.

Mrs. Cauble reported on her attendance at a Professional Standards Board (PSB) meeting and how impressed she was with the committee. She felt that the entire state was well represented. She noted that this summer the PSB would be looking at the special education endorsement. Mrs. Cauble also reported on a meeting with several superintendents in the Hays area. She indicated they had been studying ways to redesign middle and high schools. She said that several good ideas have come out of their discussions, some of which they plan to try during the coming school year.

Mrs. Martin reminded everyone that it was Teacher Appreciation Week and wished all Kansas teachers a great end of the year. She particularly pointed out the extra support needed by the teachers in Greensburg and Seneca, who will be working all summer rebuilding their schools.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Rupe requested a presentation by several superintendents she knew of who had recommendations regarding teacher licensure. Mrs. Martin asked that the board study salary schedules for teachers. Chairman Wagon asked that the Commission on Education Leadership be invited to make a presentation in June.

BOARD PARTICIPATION IN THE LEARNING FIRST ALLIANCE

Deputy Commissioner Englebrick noted that the Kansas Learning First Alliance had requested that the Board appoint a liaison to the organization. Mrs. Martin stated she would like to serve, as did Mrs. Gamble. Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the board appoint Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Gamble as the Board's liaisons to the Kansas Learning First Alliance.

OPTIONS TO CONTINUE AUDIO STREAMING BOARD MEETINGS

Kathy Gosa, Director of Information Technology, reviewed options for the board to consider regarding audio streaming the board meetings after July 1st. After discussion of the issue, Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board continue the audio streaming and archiving of monthly meetings and that the services be provided by KSDE staff for meetings held in the KSDE board room and contracted with ESSDACK for meetings held off-site. Chairman Wagon indicated he would vote against the motion as he saw it as unnecessary. The motion carried 7-1, with Dr. Wagon voting "no".

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ASSESSMENT TARGETS FOR 2007-2014

Deputy Commissioner Foster reviewed the federal options for setting targets to determine adequate yearly progress by schools and districts in the state and options the board could consider. After board discussion of the issue, Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the Board move all AYP targets to those originally established in 2002. It was felt that the revised targets would smooth the transition to the new state assessments in reading and mathematics, providing a more reasonable path for improving student performance. The new targets would avoid dramatic increases, particularly at the secondary level, but still meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind that all children meet the achievement standards by 2014. After further discussion, the motion carried 8-0.

Chairman Wagon asked that the board postpone the presentation on 21st learning skills until the June meeting.

BOARD TRAVEL

Mr. Bacon asked to add salary and mileage for attendance at the KSSB graduation on May 18th. Mrs. Shaver and Mrs. Waugh asked that the policy committee meeting on May 15th be added to their requests. Mrs. Gamble asked that attendance at the KASB regional meeting on May 10th be added to her requests. Mr. Bacon, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, moved, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bacon moved that the board go into executive session at 11:05 a.m., after a short break, for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel would not be violated, and that the open meeting of the Board resume in the Board Room at 11:35 a.m. for action. The motion carried.

The open meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m. Mrs. Waugh, acknowledging with regret the resignation of Bill Daugherty as Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind, moved that the Board promote Madeleine Burkindine to serve as Superintendent/Principal for the Kansas State School for the Blind, effective July 1, 2007, at an annual salary of \$96,000, and that she be authorized to employ a Director of Instruction for the School. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagon adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Bill Wagon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary