

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes July 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jana Shaver called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in the Board Room of the Kansas State Education Building, 120 SE 10th Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

7/09/2013
A.M. Session

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Kathy Busch	Steve Roberts
Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Janet Waugh
Deena Horst	Ken Willard
Jim McNiece	

Member John Bacon was absent for the morning session.

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

Chairman Shaver read the Board Mission Statement. She then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the July 9 agenda as presented. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent.

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the June Board Meeting. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent.

MOTION

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Diane DeBacker introduced Jason Jones, a doctorate student through St. Louis University, who was job shadowing her for the day. In her report to the Board, she discussed the Governor's statewide tour to present checks to school districts that participated in the Career and Technical Education program. Upcoming presentations are July 11 in Pittsburg, Andale and Hutchinson, and July 23 in Garden City. She announced her appointment to the Digital Learning Task Force for CCSSO and her placement on the nominating committee for the Education Commission of the States (ECS). She currently serves on the ECS finance committee and the executive committee. At the organization's national forum in June, Dr. DeBacker co-presented "Closing the Gap in What High Schoolers Read and What College Expects" along with Malbert Smith of Metametrics. She then shared a video clip from the School Improvement Network showing one kindergarten teacher's strategy to blend math and language arts within the Common Core Standards.

AUDIO BEGAN
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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Shaver declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:32 a.m. Those speaking were: Charles Cozad, Topeka, discussing the idea of teaching labor insurance law in schools; A.J. Cameron, Roeland Park, about retaining the University of Kansas assessment testing for students; Kristin George, Pratt, support for current Kansas assessments and a plea to withdraw from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC); Walt Chappell, Wichita, representing Educational Management Consultants,

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support of CETE services and retaining current assessments; Rep. Allan Rothlisberg, Grandview Plaza, retaining current assessment programs and delaying other implementation; Megan King, Lawrence, opposed to Common Core and SBAC assessments; Harry McDonald, Olathe, representing Kansas Citizens for Science, support and thanks for adopting science standards.

Chairman Shaver declared the Citizens' Open Forum closed at 10:56 a.m.

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The Board took a break from 10:56 to 11:05 a.m.

LICENSURE REVIEW PROCESS

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Dr. Scott Myers, KSDE Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, briefly explained about his department and introduced Susan Helbert, TLA Assistant Director, who gave an overview of the licensure application process, including documentation needed and the various license levels. Ed Raines, principal at Washburn Rural High School and a former member of the Licensure Review Committee, described the committee's functions and the review process. He also noted the appeal steps.

LUNCH
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The Chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Member John Bacon joined the group for the afternoon session.

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KANSAS EDUCATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Following several years of study and development, the Professional Standards Board has adopted a Kansas Educator Code of Conduct. Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, presented information that summarized educator responsibilities to students, districts and the profession. He shared literature that will communicate the Code of Conduct to educators. He also explained the differences between a Code of Ethics and a Code of Conduct. Next steps include marketing the information and incorporating the Code of Conduct into pre-service programs and professional development training.

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UPDATE ON KANSAS LEARNING NETWORK

The Kansas Learning Network assists Title I schools identified as Priority or Focus Schools based on achievement data. There are 33 Priority schools and 66 Focus schools. Colleen Riley, Early Childhood Special Education and Title Services Director, and Sandy Guidry, ECSET Assistant Director, updated the Board on KLN activities during Year 1 of implementing the Kansas ESEA Flexibility Waiver. Ms. Guidry talked about ways KLN has assisted with needs assessments, provided implementation coaches and district facilitators, and conducted progress monitoring. Both presenters shared student performance data and some of the resources KLN utilizes, such as the KansaStar Tool.

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The Board took a break from 2:55 to 3 p.m.

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ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Scott Smith, Assessments Assistant Director, updated the Board on waiver option considerations. This applies to states that would like to avoid double testing students while the random sampling (10 percent) of Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests are being conducted. The waiver would provide that students take only one end-of-year test. The 90 percent remainder will take the transitional assessment, which is required by the accountability waiver and will allow districts to use the new browser-based KITE test engine that all students will use in 2015. Earlier in the year, 68 districts participated in a SBAC pilot. Mr. Smith addressed technology requirements and then answered concerns from Board members that some schools might encounter computer compatibility problems. Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Cauble, Mr. Willard and Mr. Bacon inquired about Broadband width and the inability to preview practice questions from less well known Internet browsers. Mr. McNiece asked

for a list of the pilot districts and a assessment timetable chart. Dr. DeBacker noted that no recommendation has been brought forth yet for a statewide summative assessment; research is still being conducted. Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Cauble both commented that the assessments need to be instructionally based. Mr. Willard asked for assurance that Personally Identifiable Information will not be released and that computer capability will not be an issue with new assessments.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: FY 2015 BUDGET OPTION DISCUSSION

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided the Board with budget options to consider for FY 2015. He explained that the State Board has the opportunity to recommend amended budget changes to the Governor at this time. The Board’s decisions are to assist KSDE staff in preparing a final budget by Sept. 15. Mr. Dennis gave historical background of educational funding as well as 2014-15 figures for meeting statutory amounts. Mrs. Cauble moved to ask the Legislature for the resources to fund the Kansas statutes that they adopted. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. McNiece stated that the National Board Certified Teachers Program has the power to change the culture of an educational environment. He also said that not funding programs and cutting the Base State Aid Per Pupil (BSAPP) has hurt schools. Mrs. Horst asked for clarification on the motion that funding was for all statutes and not just some. Mrs. Busch commented that schools are a huge economic driver and that the Legislature should fund what was approved by law. Mrs. Waugh agreed that the law should be funded and stated that businesses move to states with excellent schools. Mr. Roberts indicated that he supports restoration of the full supplemental general state aid, but doesn’t support the broad motion. Mr. Willard expressed his opposition because this funding would be in the neighborhood of a 20 percent tax increase to the parents in his district. Mrs. Wims-Campbell said that she particularly supports the base state aid and special education funding. Mrs. Horst said that it was time to encourage the Governor and Legislature to phase in what the law says. Mr. Dennis reiterated which areas were statutory: BSAPP at \$4,492, Supplemental General (Local Option Budget), Special Education at 92 percent excess cost, Parents as Teachers, Teacher Mentoring Program, Professional Development, School Lunch, Capital Outlay, and National Board Certification. With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-3, with Bacon, Willard and Roberts in opposition.

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MOTION
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Mrs. Shaver asked members to reference the approved Board goals for consideration of additional funding by the Governor. Mrs. Busch moved to support all-day kindergarten over a five-year implementation period. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 7-3, with Bacon, Willard and Roberts in opposition.

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Mrs. Waugh moved to support Agriculture in the Classroom at the 2010-11 level and the Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education at the 2008-09 level. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Busch in opposition.

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At the end of Mr. Dennis’ report, he indicated that a list of interim legislative study committees and their memberships was not yet available to share.

The Board took a break from 5:20 to 5:25 p.m.

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APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Colleen Riley requested that the Board ratify the nominees as presented to fill two of the three open positions on the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). She noted that at this time no qualified nominees have been submitted for the Adult Corrections vacancy. In the search for a replacement, several questions surfaced — Mrs. Horst asked if the candidate had to be from a penal institution, Mr. McNiece asked if the candidate could be retired, and Mrs. Wims-Campbell asked if someone from a Sheriff’s office could be eligible. These questions would be researched. Mrs. Wims-Campbell then moved to approve the nominations of Judy Martin, Gardner, to represent homeless children, and

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Dr. Rob Scott, Hays, to represent a vocational, community or business organization concerned with provision of transition services. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0. These appointments are from July 2013 through June 2016.

NEXT STEPS FOR KANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READY STANDARDS FOR SCIENCE

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Matt Krehbiel, Education Program Consultant for Math and Science, outlined the plans for supporting implementation of Kansas' new science standards. The plan's four phases begin with Year Zero (2013-14) and continue yearly until Phase IV at 2016-17 and beyond. He explained the basics of what would occur in the classroom and behind the scenes during the multi-year implementation period. This also includes an assessment timeline and collaboration with other states that have adopted new science standards. Mr. Krehbiel added that districts need to be fearless in what they want for science and to set grand aspirations.

ESEA WAIVER UPDATE

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Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander updated the Board on the state's progress in reaching several of the main components of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver. Principle 1 involves College and Career Ready Standards and Assessments. The first year of full implementation for KCCRS in Math and English Language Arts will be 2013-14. Transitional assessments will occur then as well. Principle 2 focuses on Accountability and Support for Schools as achievement and growth over time are evaluated. Principle 3 considers Teacher and Leader Evaluations. KSDE staff is currently working on amending the Kansas ESEA Flexibility Waiver for approval in 2013-14 with no conditions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Mrs. Horst moved and Mr. McNiece seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 10-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- Received the monthly Personnel Report.
- Confirmed appointments of the following unclassified special projects personnel: Kevin Fross as Enterprise Support Specialist on the Information Technology team effective May 13, 2013 at an annual salary of \$68,000; Christopher Scott as Quality Assurance Technician on the IT team effective May 13, 2013 at an annual salary of \$48,484.80; Victoria Seeger as Education Program Consultant on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; and Michael Wallis as Public Service Executive II on the Research and Evaluation team effective June 23, 2013 at an annual salary of \$53,414.40.
- Approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver requests of USD 233 Olathe, USD 259 Wichita Public Schools, USD 305 Salina Public Schools, and USD 443 Dodge City Public Schools.
- Approved granting Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2013-14 school year to Janet Graham as CAPS Instructor for Global Business courses, and to Robin Bacon (renewal) as CAPS Medical Simulation Instructor, both for Blue Valley USD 229.
- Approved the adoption of new cut scores for regenerated and new Praxis II licensure assessments as follows: Psychology Test 0391/5391 score 154, Journalism Test 0223 score 150, English/Language Arts: Content Knowledge Test 5038 score 162, Middle School English Language Arts Test 5047 score 158, Mathematics: Content Knowledge Test 5161 score 152, and Middle School Mathematics Test 5169 score 157.
- Approved the in-service education plans for USD 107 Rock Hills, USD 261 Haysville, USD 269 Palco, USD 275 Triplains, USD 315 Colby, USD 335 North Jackson, USD 351 Macksville, USD 357 Belle Plaine, USD 388 Ellis, USD 393 Solomon, USD 405 Lyons, USD 428 Great Bend, USD 437

Auburn Washburn, USD 439 Sedgwick Public Schools, USD 454 Burlingame, USD 458 Basehor-Linwood, USD 475 Geary County Schools, USD 502 Lewis, USD 512 Shawnee Mission Public Schools.

- Accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases -- 2828 Sabrina Madison, 2856 Stephen Disbrow, 2861 Howard Barton, 2865 Tiffany Wafer, 2868 Ali Fant, 2876 Patricia Kullback, 2883 Heather Davis, 2887 Joyce Gourley, 2888 James Casey, 2891 Lynda Holder, 2892 Tiffany Richards, 2893 Renee Waters, 2894 Janet Williams; and Denied Cases — 2848 Loretta Klamik and 2863 Neil Trottier.
- Accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Associated Colleges of Central Kansas** — Adaptive Special Education (A, K-6, 6-12) approved with stipulation through Dec. 31, 2020; **Bethel College** — Biology (I, 6-12) approved with stipulation through Dec. 31, 2018; **University of Kansas** — Art (I, PreK-12, Adaptive Special Education (A, K-6, 6-12), Building Leadership (A, P-12), District Leadership (A, P-12), Early Childhood Unified (I, B-K), Early to Late Childhood (I, K-6), English Language Arts (I, 6-12), Functional Special Education (A, P-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Reading Specialist (A, P-12), School Psychology (A, P-12) all approved with stipulation through Dec. 31, 2021.
- Accepted the recommendation for accreditation from the Evaluation Review Committee for Haskell Indian Nations University through Dec. 31, 2014.
- Approved renewal of charter school status for Insight School of Kansas (USD 230 Spring Hill) and Service Valley Charter Academy (USD 504 Oswego). The charter status is renewable for five years.
- Approved amended IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Targeted Improvement Plan grant amounts for Garden City USD 457 (\$85,032) and for High Plains Coop-Ulysses (\$87,860) for FY 2014.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement to create and manage the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center with these participating Unified School Districts: 103, 105, 208, 241, 242, 274, 275, 281, 291, 292, 293, 294, 297, 314, 315, 316, 352, 412 and 468.

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- * authorize the Kansas State School for the Blind's Superintendent to enter into 2013-14 school year contracts for out-of-state tuition with the Liberty (Missouri) School District at \$17,000 for one student and the Smithville (Missouri) School District at \$17,000 for one student;
- * authorize the Kansas State School for the Deaf's Superintendent to enter into 2013-14 school year contracts for out-of-state tuition with the Central School District (Missouri) at \$36,000 for two students plus additional services not to exceed \$2,340, and the North Kansas City School District (Missouri) at \$40,000 for one student plus additional services not to exceed \$3,510;
- * enter into a contract with a vendor to be determined to recover and repair the Body Venture Exhibit in an amount not to exceed \$150,000;
- * enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters for the purpose of disseminating public service announcements about the Eat Smart, Play Hard Video News and to encourage healthy eating and physical activity at school and at home in an amount not to exceed \$40,000;
- * enter into a contract with a vendor for the physical move of the KSDE data center. KSDE will work with the Department of Administration to evaluate bids and negotiate a contract. The final cost will not be known until late July.
- * continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Children and Families to support the Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Development Services in an amount no to exceed \$43,000;
- * continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the continued support of an interagency information/resource service for persons with disabilities to provide

toll-free telephone access to information on health, social service and education services and resources available from public supported programs and special grant projects in an amount not to exceed \$25,000;

- * select a vendor to assist KSDE in the development of a state teacher mentoring and induction model including the curriculum for and training of teacher mentors in a contract amount not to exceed \$88,000 with the ability to renew annually through June 30, 2016.

RECESS

Chairman Shaver recessed Tuesday's Board meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

RECESS
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Jana Shaver, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shaver called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on July 10, 2013 in the Board Room of the Kansas State Education Building, 120 SE 10th Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

**7/10/2013
A.M. Session
audio
(00:00:07)**

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Steve Roberts
Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Janet Waugh
Deena Horst	Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Chairman Shaver stated the need to add a "Receive Item" to the day's agenda concerning Celebrate Freedom Week. Mr. Willard moved to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION
(00:00:53)**

CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK

House Bill 2261 designates the week containing Sept. 17 as Celebrate Freedom Week during which public schools are required to teach the history of the country's founding to grades kindergarten through eighth. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander explained to the Board that this entails amending current performance and quality criteria regulations to include the specific curriculum changes. The Board received the proposed language changes to 91-31-32(c)(9)(J) this month, which included wording straight from the bill to emphasize the original intent, meaning, and importance of the *Declaration of Independence* and the *United States Constitution*. The Board will vote on including Celebrate Freedom Week as part of the curriculum for K-8 in August. Mr. Neuenswander stated that since HB 2261 starts this fall, his team is helping to locate publicly available resources and curriculum teachers may use at no cost.

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The State Board of Education Communications Committee of Jim McNiece and Sally Cauble prepared the beginnings of a Communications Plan that targets Board Goal #5 "To develop active communication and partnerships with families, communities, business stakeholders, constituents and policy partners." Mr. McNiece presented a Power Point outlining the plan's purpose and suggestions for reaching the Board's target audiences. Among the areas to address are building a positive image for public education in Kansas, establishing the Board's identity, and advocacy. He discussed possible avenues for accomplishing the plan and received suggestions from Board members. The information gathered will be developed into a more specific plan and brought to the Board again.

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The Board took a break from 10:23 to 10:30 a.m.

**BREAK
(01:21:32)**

BOARD REPORTS

In her Chairman's Report, Mrs. Shaver reminded members that the October meeting will need to be in a new location due to the agency's transition to the Landon State Office Building. She asked for alternate location suggestions which will be researched for availability. A recommendation will be

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT
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presented in August. Her recent activities included the Kansas Career Technical Education quarterly meeting, noting that the group strives to have all career pathways represented. She shared data relevant to the recent distribution of certification incentive checks: 108 school districts and four private schools are participating, and 711 certificates were earned by students.

**LEGISLATIVE
REPORT**

None.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson referenced his summary submitted to the Board outlining his monthly activities. He will be attending the National Council of State Education Attorneys' annual meeting July 27-30 in Arlington, which coincides with the NASBE annual conference.

**OTHER
BOARD
MEMBER
REPORTS**

In other reports — Mrs. Busch will be participating in the Kansas Learning First Alliance webinar in August. She also reported that the Education Coordinating Council continues to work on developing relationships within the field. Mr. McNiece attended the Kansas Volunteer Commission meeting and two Summer Advocacy Meetings through the Kansas Association of School Boards. Mrs. Horst was at the KSDE Summer Academy held in Junction City, then traveled to the Governor's Career Technical Education check presentation in Concordia where she watched welding demonstrations and spoke with students. Mrs. Wims-Campbell attended the National Federation of State High Schools Association conference in Denver. One of the sessions addressed heat acclimatization/heat illness prevention and she distributed information on this topic. Mrs. Wims-Campbell also mentioned the Federation's Spirit of Sport Award and that Justin Volkman from Chapman High School in Kansas was the Section Five winner this year. Mrs. Cauble attended the Education Commission of the States conference in St. Louis and several of the KASB summer meetings throughout the state. Mrs. Waugh briefly reported on work of the Board's Policy Committee which plans to present an initial draft of changes in August. Mr. Bacon discussed meeting with a deaf student whose family was displeased with the services in Kansas and sought training elsewhere. Mr. Bacon would like the Board to meet this student and think about the services provided to deaf students. He also noted that it would be helpful to have a list of Senate districts within the Board districts. Mr. Willard and Mr. Roberts visited Heartspring School in Wichita and met with staff who are working on suggested wording within in the Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) regulations. He shared the list of nominees for NASBE's Policy Leader of the Year and Friend of Education awards. He plans to be at the CTE check presentation in Hutchinson July 11. In addition to visiting Heartspring with Mr. Willard, Mr. Roberts visited Lakemary Center in Paola to discuss ESI regulations and attended the KU Summer Conference. He stated that he advocated for an aspirational vs. prescriptive version of the Professional Standards Board Code of Conduct.

**REQUESTS
FOR FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**

Board members requesting future agenda items were: Mr. Roberts would like to discuss adding a required course in religious education or ethics to student curriculum. He also commented on a recent *60 Minutes* segment with David McCullough which he included in a *YouTube* video about teacher preparation. Mr. Willard requested a CETE presentation about the interim assessment and to inquire if CETE/KU can develop the full assessment product for the state. Mrs. Campbell asked for a curriculum overview to see if labor insurance laws are covered in middle school/high school. Mrs. Horst would like to have conversations with Department of Commerce and Department of Labor representatives on how the Board can assist with economic development efforts. She also wants to hear more about the challenges local districts have in implementing CTE opportunities, particularly licensure qualifications and vo-tech involvement. Mr. Bacon asked that there be a review of services provided to deaf students in Kansas as compared to other states.

BOARD TRAVEL REQUESTS

Additions to the list for approved Board travel are as follows: Mrs. Cauble will attend the CTE check presentation in Garden City; Mrs. Shaver will attend the CTE check presentation in Pittsburg and a Common Core Forum in Admire. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the updated list of Board travel requests. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

ADJOURN
(02:47:00)

Jana Shaver, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary