

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Pre-Meeting Activities
April 9, 2007

Board members and staff participated in an afternoon tour of the Close Combat Tactical Trainer at Ft. Riley. The tour had been organized by USD 475, Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau.. They also visited Ware Elementary located on the Army base. In the evening they attended a dinner at the Marriott Hotel with administrators and board members of USD 475.

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State Board members toured the sites of two new USD 475 schools under construction - City Middle School and Spring Valley Elementary School.

MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in the Board Room of the Devin Center, 123 N. Eisenhower, Junction City. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

Mr. Bacon was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagon indicated that members had been given a revised copy of item 16 c., school construction plans. The revision included an additional school on the list of those for which approval was sought. He asked for any other changes to the agenda. There being none, Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Wagon asked for approval of the March minutes. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Dennis mentioned several issues not contained in his written report and answered several questions. He was asked about the cost to the department in staff time for the information requests by Legislative Post Audit, the 2010 Commission and the legislature, particularly since Legislative Post Audit has been conducting five studies, including one on teacher recruitment and retention and another on virtual schools. He was also asked about any complaints on the charter school selection process. Mr. Dennis reported that he had received one letter about the process and that the process and rubric would be reviewed.

UPDATE ON NAEP

The Board received an update from program consultant Terry Eis on recent studies released by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Included was information on upcoming NAEP events as well as data charts related to the NAEP High School Transcript Study. She also reported that the release of a study, *Mapping State Standards to the NAEP Scale*, was expected sometime in the next month. Kansas had 300 schools participate in the 2007 assessments and preliminary information will be released in the fall. Ms. Eis was asked to provide a link on the KSDE website to NAEP information. She indicated that work is currently underway on a Kansas NAEP webpage and Board members will be notified as soon as it's available. She was also asked to send Board members a copy or a link to the NAEP report on mapping state standards when it is available.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Wagnon declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:43 a.m. Addressing the Board was Tim Brown, Ensign, Kansas. Mr. Brown addressed the Board about a land transfer issue that was on the agenda later in the day. Dr. Abrams asked the Chair, if it was normal Board procedure to receive and act on such requests at the same meeting, rather than waiting to act the following month. The hearing and mediation process for transfer requests were briefly discussed. Chairman Wagnon declared the open forum closed at 11:14 a.m.

The Board took a break from 10:45 until 10:55 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY HOST DISTRICT USD 475, GEARY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Ron Walker welcomed the board and introduced district staff who would be making presentations. The board heard about district strategies to help students be successful academically, including alternative and innovative programs for struggling students, and pre-natal to kindergarten programs; educating children with special needs; teacher recruitment, issues regarding retention, and the district's induction and mentoring programs; district collaboration with other entities; the changing community and the district's response; the role of technology in the district for students and staff, including opportunities and incentives available for teachers to become proficient with technology.

At 12:20 p.m. board members visited Lincoln Elementary School for lunch and a presentation by students. They returned to the Devin Center and the meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

LAND TRANSFER REQUESTS

Agreement for Transfer of Territory from USD 101 (Erie), to USD 447 (Cherryvale)

General Counsel Rod Bieker reviewed the land transfer agreement that had been reached between the two districts. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble that the State Board of Education approve the agreement to transfer territory from USD 101 (Erie), Neosho County, Kansas to USD 447 (Cherryvale), Montgomery County, Kansas, effective on July 1, 2007. The motion carried.

Petition to Transfer Territory from USD 102 (Cimarron) to USD 371 (Montezuma)

Mr. Bieker shared details about the USD 371 (Montezuma), Gray County, Kansas, Board of Education's petition filed with the State Board of Education requesting that the State Board transfer approximately eight acres of land from USD 102 (Cimarron), Gray County, Kansas, to USD 371. He reported that the districts engaged in mediation, but could not reach an agreement. Subsequently, this petition for a transfer was filed. A hearing was held on March 6th. Mr. Bieker, as the hearing officer issued a report which was provided to the State Board and recommended denial of the petition. He reported that USD 102 was

surrounded by nine other districts and was concerned that if approved, the transfer would lead to similar requests from those districts. Board members asked several questions for clarification. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board adopt the Report of the Hearing Officer and approve the petition to transfer territory from USD 102 (Cimarron) to USD 371 (Montezuma). The motion carried on a vote of 6-3, with Mrs. Shaver, Dr. Wagnon and Mr. Willard voting “no”.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR REVIEW

Mr. Bieker explained that current state special education regulations had been amended to incorporate the requirements imposed by the new federal special education regulations. He pointed out that the proposed amendments would not impose any requirement that is not set forth in the federal regulations or state laws, noting that state regulations must conform to the federal regulations in order for the state to receive federal financial assistance for special education. He proposed that the regulations begin the required adoption process. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board of Education approve the submission of the proposed special education regulations to the Department of Administration and Attorney General for review. The motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendations of the Commission in cases 06-FC-16, 06-FC-17 and 07-FC-03. The motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that State Board of Education approve charter school status and funding for eligible charter schools as recommended by the Charter School Review Committee. Mrs. Gamble asked that the question be divided so that the petitions from USD 500, Kansas City, Kansas and USD 101, Erie, could be voted on separately. The recommendations regarding the balance of the charter schools carried 9-0 and charter school status and funding was approved for Parsons Health Career Academy, Parsons, USD 503; Salthawk, Hutchison, USD 308; Point Rock Family Academy, Elkhart, USD 218; Walton 21st Century Rural Life Learning Center, Newton, USD 373; Walden Center, Pratt, USD 382; St. Mark’s Charter School, Renwick, USD 267; Haysville Charter School, Haysville, USD 261; and McPherson County Charter School, McPherson, USD 418. Also approved was funding for Stafford High Charter USD 349 (charter approved in 2005); and Turner Virtual Learning Center, USD 202, and Sterling Academy, USD 376, (charters approved in 2006).

Approval of the petition and a planning grant in the amount of \$60,000 for Maurice R. Holman Academy of Excellence, Kansas City, USD 500 carried on a vote of 8-1, with Mrs. Gamble voting “no”.

Approval of the petition and a planning grant in the amount \$60,000 and Year I funding for Project Based Learning Charter School, Erie, USD 101, carried on a vote of 8-1, with Mrs. Gamble voting “no”.

Mrs. Gamble indicated she wanted to have her concerns about the two charters schools she asked be voted on separately reflected in the record. She indicated that her “no” votes on the petitions for Kansas City Kansas, USD 500, and Erie, USD 101 were not because she was opposed to the two petitions, but because she felt the process at the Department concerning charter schools was unclear as to expectations. She explained that it appeared to her that the state level process lacked adequate specificity and consistency to provide local districts with sufficient direction for submission of petitions. The two petitions were examples of her concerns. She added that she felt it was important that the official record of the board minutes include her concern about state level process, so it would be addressed in the future.

MODEL CURRICULUM STANDARDS FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

Because the meeting was running ahead of schedule, and the writing committee for the Visual Arts Standards had not yet arrived, Deputy Commissioner Foster presented the revised standards, pointing out that model standards are developed to assist districts in development of curriculum. In the discussion that followed it was asked that the writing committee for the model standards for visual arts revisit the first sentences of the *Introduction* and modify them to make them more student-centered. There was also concern that the instructional examples were written more as dictates to teachers rather than suggestions.

MODEL STANDARDS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

Dr. Cynthia Akagi, Chair of the Model Standards for Health Education writing committee, indicated that the copy of the standards the Board had for its review and consideration was the result of a review by members of the writing committee on March 23rd. The committee took the standards back to the original document it had proposed in March of 2006. Mrs. Martin protested the fact that the Board was taking another look at the standards, because she felt that what the Board had adopted in 2005 should stand for the recommended time period before standards are revised again in order to be fair to the vote at the time it was taken and to the school districts who are trying to use the standards. She apologized to the committee for taking their time with a review she felt was unnecessary.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE VISUAL ARTS STANDARDS

The visual arts standards writing committee arrived and gave a brief presentation with additional information regarding the standards. Points made about the new standards included: 1) the fact that they were now in a format consistent with other core curriculum areas; 2) learning objectives had been moved from grade levels to developmental levels to address the progression of skills; and 3) objectives had been aligned with standards and assessments. It was pointed out that the document the board members had in their materials did not include the extensive appendices which included lesson plans with exemplars for every indicator at every developmental level. Plans were to hold three symposiums in the summer to introduce the standards. Each would take place at a museum so that educators could have interaction with art objects. Mrs. Cauble asked the committee consider also holding one in western Kansas. It was also noted that the National Art Education Association conference would be held in Kansas in June and cd's containing the standards would be available.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dennis reviewed and answered questions about a summary of budget recommendations for education that had been made by the legislative budget conference committee. He also reviewed the status of bills of interest, noting that many had become added to other bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the consent agenda be approved as amended with the addition to the item for school construction plans. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Dina Patel to the position of Application Developer II with the Information Technology team effective March 19, 2007 at an annual salary of \$54,932.80.

- Approved school construction plans for USD 229, Blue Valley; USD 261, Haysville; USD 313, Buhler Schools; USD 345, Seaman; USD 385, Andover; USD 413, Chanute; USD 438, Skyline Schools; USD 491, Eudora; and USD 512, Shawnee Mission Schools (2).
- Approved the modification of the Twin Lakes Educational Cooperative Agreement (Clay Center).
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Adaptive Special Education*: Cynthia Biehler, USD 305; Julia Williams-Wilson, USD 450; Nathan Good and Raymond Reed Jr., USD 500; *Interrelated*: Margo Rudeen, USD 330; and Carrie Foster; D0613; and *Math - Middle Level*: Margo Ochs, USD 407.
- Approved continuation funding for the Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants for 2007-2008: USD 259 Wichita, USD 361 Anthony-Harper, USD 501 Topeka and Fort Hays State University, \$100,000 each; and Washburn University, \$99,985.
- Approved renewal of the charter status for Greeley County Junior High Charter School, USD 200; Zenda Grade School, USD 332; Turning Point Learning Center, USD 253; Smoky Valley Virtual Charter School, USD 400; Mulvane Academy, USD 263; Community Learning Center, USD 465; West Franklin Learning Center High – Charter, USD 287; Lawrence Virtual School, USD 497; Pleasantview Academy High School, Pleasantview Academy Grade School and Yoder Charter Elementary School, USD 312; Cornerstone Alternative Charter High School, USD 499; Hope Street Charter Academy and Hope Street Academy Charter Middle School, USD 501; and Thomas County Academy, USD 315.
- Issued orders authorizing USD 410, Durham-Lehigh-Hillsboro, USD 505, Chetopa-St. Paul, and USD 508, Baxter Springs, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.
- Approved the Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Awards for the 2007-2008 school year - ***Technology Rich Classrooms Continuation Grants*** – in the amount of \$100,000 each for USD 259: Anderson Elementary School; USD 313: Obee Elementary School; USD 309: South Hutchinson Elementary School and USD 428 Riley Elementary School; USD 290: Eugene Field Elementary School; USD 609 South East Kansas Education Service Center: USD 335 Jackson Heights Elementary and USD 101 Galesburg Elementary School; USD 457: Jennie Wilson Elementary School and Gertrude Walker Elementary; USD 383: Lee Elementary School; USD 448 Inman Elementary School and USD 369 Burrton Elementary School; and ***Technology Rich Classrooms—Continuation Grants*** – in the amount of \$20,000 for USD 259: Pleasant Valley Elementary; USD 465: Winfield Intermediate School; USD 373 South Breeze Elementary School; USD 281: Hill City Grade School; USD 361 Anthony-Harper: USD 361 Harper Elementary School and USD 255 South Barber Elementary; USD 609 South East Kansas Education Service Center: USD 387 Altoona Elementary and USD 506 Mound Valley Elementary School; USD 389: Marshall Elementary School; USD 383: Northview Elementary School.

Contracts Approved

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into contracts with:

- Dr. Susan Duron to provide oversight in the revision of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and the completion of the Service Delivery Plan for the Migrant Education Program, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000; and
- eScholar LLC for purchase of a license for the Personnel Information Collection System (PICS) to provide generation and tracking of unique ID numbers for Kansas teachers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Cauble moved that the board take a fifteen minute break until 3:30 p.m. and then go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss issues of non-elected personnel, so that the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel not be violated; the meeting to resume in the Board Room at 4:00 p.m., with no action to be taken. Mrs. Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board went into executive session after the break and the open meeting resumed at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Board members traveled to Wakefield in the evening where they met informally with board members and administrators of Clay County Schools, USD 379.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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MEETING MINUTES**

April 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in the Board Room of the Devin Center, 123 N. Eisenhower, Junction City.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

Mr. Bacon was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairman

Chairman Wagnon reported that teacher certification issues were discussed at a meeting he attended with the Smoky Hill area superintendents. College requirements and KSBE regulations were mentioned as particular problems.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Cauble reported on her Washington D.C. trip with a southwest Kansas delegation. She also mentioned that the NCLB requirement for "highly qualified" teachers was causing difficulties in her area of the state. She indicated her desire to have the issue addressed when the Board does its goal setting after the new commissioner is hired.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble recommended that board members contact their legislators and constituents about funding for all-day kindergarten. Mrs. Martin agreed. She also hoped members would mention teacher scholarships. She added that salaries need to come up to a professional level and that perhaps a study of an alternate salary schedule would be helpful.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed his activities for the past month. Chairman Wagnon moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board pay Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for March as presented. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports (continued)

Mr. Willard reported that NCATE was seeking a state board member to serve on its appeals board. Brief discussion followed.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Requested as future agenda items were teacher licensure issues; continuing to audio-stream board meetings; revisiting assessment targets and the potential for imposition of penalties if changed; a presentation on technology rich classrooms later in the year.; and the READ 180 program or other similar programs. It was noted that the presentation on ESOL would be on the May agenda.

PRESENTATION ON THE LEARNING FIRST ALLIANCE

The Board heard a presentation from the National and the Kansas Learning First Alliance and were invited to join the 31 other organizations participating in the Alliance. Marceta Reilly, Liaison to the National Alliance, and Sandee Crowther, Chair of the Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA), discussed the organizations' goals and activities. They also provided information about the recent National Summit on Public Schools in 21st-Century America. Ms. Crowther stated that KLFA's mission was to make Kansas first in the nation in teaching and learning and had targeted three areas to achieve that: improving student achievement; strengthening professional development; and engaging the public in public education and student achievement efforts. They invited the Kansas State Board of Education to join with the other Kansas organizations and become a full, participating member in the Alliance. In its discussion of the invitation, the board asked staff to advise it on the appropriateness of the board joining the Alliance.

The Board took a break from 10:21 to 10:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION ON EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES

Gayle Stuber, Education Consultant, gave an overview of early childhood activities within the Department, as well as those organizations and activities supported by KSDE. She also reported on the roles of other agencies and organizations in addressing early childhood needs. She also reported that KSDE and Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) have both submitted proposals to become the Lead Agency for Part C Infant-Toddler Services and explained why KSDE would be a good fit. The proposals will be reviewed by the State Interagency Coordinating Council which will vote on the proposals and send a recommendation to Governor Sebelius, who will make the final decision. In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Stuber volunteered to send the board the *Kindergarten Readiness Report* when it is available.

UPDATE ON THE KANSAS EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

Bill Hagerman, Director of State and Federal Programs, provided the Board with an update on the Kansas Education Resource Center (KERC) website. As a best practices website, it contains the adopted curricular standards, an electronic process by which teachers may submit lesson plans, hot topics, extended standards for students with disabilities, a formative test builder, on-line training schedules, resources for safe schools, and cross-curricular resources. He also provided a demonstration on how to use the site. Board members asked for passwords to use to access the test builder website through KERK.

BOARD TRAVEL

Dr. Abrams mentioned that his meeting with the president of Sterling College was in Wichita. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary