

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 in the education building of the State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams
Mildred McMillon
Mary Douglass Brown
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Scott Hill
Mandy Specht
Linda Holloway
Bill Wagnon

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hill pulled from the consent agenda: item r. on appointments to the Professional Standards Board; item s. on appointment of members to the Professional Practices Committee; and item t. on appointment of members to the Certification Review Committee. Dr. Abrams pulled from the consent agenda: item b. on appointment of an unclassified special project position, and item l. on a contract with Families Together, Inc. Mrs. Morrison moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Abrams moved approval of the March 11-12 meeting minutes as distributed; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY COOPERS AND LYBRAND ON FINANCIAL MODEL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, reviewed recent Legislative action allowing a limited number of school districts to receive training from Coopers and Lybrand. Mr. Bob Sampieri, company representative, presented information about Insite, and Mr. Bill Herzog, his colleague, assisted in answering questions. Specifically, Mr. Sampieri indicated that the model enables districts to show the amount of money spent on major functions, and how resources are applied to a child's educational program needs. Mr. Sampieri explained the reporting capability that can vary the level of detail, and enable site-based reporting. Mr. Herzog demonstrated the software data base program and responded to questions.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Gilmore called a ten-minute break at 11:05 a.m. and opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 11:15 a.m. Two persons addressed the Board:

- Ms. Cindy Galemore, RN, BSN, from Olathe, representing the Kansas School Nurse Association; and
- Ms. Melba Madden, from Wichita, representing the Kansas School Nurse Association.

Chairman Gilmore closed the Form at 11:25 a.m.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: National Awards for Model Professional Development

Mr. Dale Dennis commended Woodrow Wilson School in Manhattan and the Lawrence school district for receiving a national award by the U.S. Department of Education for professional development. Kansas received two of the five awards given nation-wide. Mr. Bob Gast, Director of Information and Marketing, introduced Dr. Al Azinger, superintendent of Lawrence, and Dr. Clark Reinke, Assistant Superintendent of Manhattan. They each offered remarks and introduced staff members from the districts.

Dr. Janice Grasbel, Instructional Coordinator for the Lawrence Schools, advocated the importance of staff development to: increase learning for students; protect and support the investment in people; keep staff up-to-date on research; support challenging initiatives, such as inclusive practice, assessment tools, expanding access to technology; and expand the instructional repertoire of teachers. She suggested that professional development works best when teachers participate in a comprehensive program that includes demonstration, theory, feedback, coaching and practice. Dr. Sandee Crowther, Division Director of Evaluation and Standards for the Lawrence Schools, explained that Kansas was recognized for its program because it focuses on students and results. Dr. Karen Cochran, Instructional Coordinator for Lawrence Schools, described the programs for new teachers that provide mentoring and practice. Then two teachers from Woodrow Wilson School in Manhattan presented, in addition to Dr. Reinke:

Ms. Leslie Rader, a kindergarten teacher and clinical instructor at Kansas State University, and Ms. Deb Falk, a third grade teacher. They talked about the importance of improvement plans that are teacher designed and driven. They also described how a faculty such as theirs arrived at building-wide agreements and took on action research projects that resulted in significant increases in math scores. The full panel responded to questions from Board members.

Chairman Gilmore called a break for lunch at 12:15. The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Sharon Freden, Assistant Commissioner for Learning Services, introduced the participants: Mr. Jeff Preloger, parent member and Council Chair; Dr. Sandee Crowther, Lawrence USD 497 and President of the National Staff Development Council; and Ms. Jane Anderson, principal of Indian Creek School in the Seaman District.

Mr. Preloger described how he was first involved in Quality Performance Accreditation as a member of the site council in his daughter's school. As a businessman, he suggested that the school improvement model he has helped refine meets standards within business for evaluation and improvement. Dr. Crowther described the differences between QPA and outcomes based education, noting that it is designed school by school through the individualized improvement plan. She also suggested the importance of peer review in the accreditation process. Ms. Anderson talked about her experiences as a principal, and stressed the importance of staff development. The panelists responded to questions from Board members.

ALTERNATIVE ACCREDITATION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS: staff recommendations and presentation by the Association of Non-Government Schools

Dr. Sharon Freden, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, presented the staff recommendations:

- The Board should allow any elementary or secondary school, not just nonpublic schools, the option of seeking accreditation through an alternative means;
- Alternative accreditation should be available only through a nationally-recognized accrediting agency or organization. And this entity should: 1) submit a written application seeking recognition; 2) provide its standards and expectations for staff review and recommendation to the State Board; 3) provide assurances that site-reviews to schools would include one or more State Department staff members or designees; and 4) provide assurances allowing the submission to the State Board of the onsite review report.
- Such alternative accreditation should be based on a school improvement model.
- It should incorporate the State Board's accreditation standards and requirements, as identified in State

Board regulations.

Chairman Gilmore asked the members of the Kansas Association of Non-Government Schools to present their proposal. Panelists included: Mr. Charles Jedele, President of the Association and a representative of Lutheran schools, Mr. Bob Voberil, Superintendent of the Wichita Catholic Diocese, and Mr. James Theissan, representing the Association of Christian Schools International, and Berean Academy in Elbing. Mr. Jedele introduced many other representatives of private schools who were in attendance.

Participants discussed the differences between the mission of private religious schools and public schools. They expressed their belief that religious schools are not able to accomplish their unique missions when they participate in Quality Performance Accreditation. They specifically expressed concerns about the state assessments, and the costs of participating in the program. They also objected to the requirement to certify every teacher and administrator and to no longer validate some certificates from other states because often the school recruits from out-of-state colleges of the religious denomination. As a follow-up to extensive discussion with State Board of Education staff members, the Association submitted this proposal: that the State Board establish a task force to develop an alternative accreditation process which would better allow non-government schools to accomplish their missions. This task force, they proposed, should include equitable representation from the State Board, the State Department, and representatives chosen by the Association, and it should bring its recommendations to the State Board in October, 1997. Association members engaged in dialogue with the State Board members, and responded to questions.

BUILDING REPORT CARD

Dr. Freden presented information about the revised format proposed for the building report card. She recommended that mastery of algebraic concepts not be made part of the report card, though data would still be collected on this item. Dr. Wagon moved that the State Board of Education approve the removal of the data indicating mastery of algebraic concepts from the State Building Report Card for 1997; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried on a 7 to 3 vote. Voting "no" were: Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Holloway.

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Commissioner of Education, reviewed changes in the draft. In particular, he included information about expenditures by other states, and funds recently allocated to the Kansas community colleges and Washburn University. Board members offered comments.

Chairman Gilmore called a ten-minute break at 3:05 p.m.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST WAIVERS

Ms. Rita Hamman, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the recommendations of the Breakfast Waiver Review Committee to grant 183 waivers. Dr. Wagnon moved that the State Board of Education approve the recommendations of the School Breakfast Program Waiver Review Committee; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT GRANTS: community colleges and Washburn University

Mr. Dale Dennis discussed how the grants could be distributed for the purchase of technology equipment. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education approve the guidelines and application form to be used by agency staff in distributing state funds to community colleges and Washburn University for the purchase of technology equipment; seconded by Mrs. Morrison and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mr. Gerald Christiansen presented background information on the question which was raised at the April Board meeting. He responded to questions about the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation program. Following discussion, Mr. Hill suggested that the Board consider action at its June meeting in order to broaden the participation in motorcycle driver training.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dale Dennis reviewed final legislation, in particular the local option budget issue, as well as budget issues.

INTRODUCTION OF EMPLOYEES

Mr. Lanny Gaston, Personnel Director, introduced two new staff members: Ethel Edwards and Mary Siefken.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lanny Gaston responded to questions about item b. on appointments, and Dr. Abrams indicated that his questions had been answered on item l. involving Families Together. Mr. Ken Bungert, Director of Certification and Teacher Education, responded to questions about appointments to the Professional Standards Board, the Certification Review Committee, and the Professional Practices Commission.

Dr. Abrams moved approval of the entire consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Hill, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

IN THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE STATE BOARD

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed appointment of Terri Feldkamp to an unclassified special project position in Educate America Act, effective May 5, 1997.
- Approved school construction plans: Shawnee Mission USD 512 (three), Little River USD 444, Canton-Galva USD 419, Kaw Valley USD 321, North Central Kansas Technical College, Columbus USD 493, St. John's Military School, Hesston College, Olathe USD 233, Burlington USD 244, North Ottawa County USD 239, Wabaunsee East USD 330, Crest USD 479, and Wamego USD 320.
- Approved the modification of the Tri-County Special Education Cooperative Interlocal Agreement involving Independence USD 446, Parsons USD 503, Fredonia USD 484, Caney USD 436, Neodesha USD 461, Cherryvale USD 447, and Coffeyville USD 445.
- Appointed Sal Tayani as Team Leader of Computer Information and Communications Services effective May 23, 1997.
- Received the quarterly reports from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind.
- Approved an ed-flex waiver for Hugoton USD 210.

- Approved accredited status for: Cheylin East Elementary and Cheylin West Junior/Senior High; Turner East Elementary; in Norton - Eisenhower Elementary, Norton Junior High, and Norton High School; in Olathe - Tomahawk Elementary; in Cherokee - South East High School; in North Lyon County - Americus Elementary; Central Heights Elementary; Wellsville Elementary and High School; in Salina - Coronado Elementary and Meadowlark Ridge Elementary; in Hutchinson - Faris Elementary; in Herndon - Herndon Elementary and Herdon High School; Logan High School; Garnett Elementary; Hillsboro Elementary, Hillsboro Middle and High Schools; Abilene Middle School; Shawnee Heights Elementary, Berryton Elementary, Tecumseh South Elementary, and Tecumseh North Elementary; Udall Elementary; in Arkansas City - Roosevelt Elementary, Perishing Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Frances Willard Elementary, and Adams Elementary; in Chapman - Chapman Elementary, Blue Ridge Elementary, Talmage Elementary, Enterprise Elementary, Rural Center Elementary, Chapman Middle and High Schools; in Axtell - Bern Elementary, Summerfield Elementary, Axtell High and Bern High School; Parsons Senior High School; in Labette County - Mound Valley Elementary and Edna Elementary; in Shawnee Mission - Mill Creek Elementary, Blue Jacket-Flint Elementary, West Antioch Elementary, Merriam Elementary, and Prairie Elementary.
- Approved the inservice education plans from: Meade USD 226, Holton USD 336, St. John-Hudson USD 350 and Dodge City Catholic Diocese.
- Issued a certificate of approval to these proprietary schools: John Casablancas Center in Oklahoma City; and American Institute for Paralegal Studies, Inc. in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
- Approved the amended participating agreement between Kaw Area Vocational Technical School and sixteen USD's to include USD 454, Osage County as a participating district.
- Allowed a waiver of K.A.R. 91-5-2 of the driver education regulation for Pratt USD 382, White Rock USD 104, Hoxie USD 412, and Holton USD 336, to implement a performance-based driver education curriculum.
- Approved recommended new programs: Hospitality Management and Occupational Therapy

Assistant at Coffeyville Community College; Surgical Technology and Early Childhood/Child Care at Seward County Community College; and Medical Assistant at Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland.

- Issued an order authorizing Remington USD 206 to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- Reappointed Martha Gage, Vince Weiss and Cathleen Sullivan to their second three-year term of office and reappointed Milt Pippenger and Barbara Palmer to serve their first three-year term of office.
- Reappointed Ken Petz to serve his first three year term of office from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000.
- Reappointed Christy Levings and JoLene Bloom to serve their first three year term of office from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000.
- Renewed a visiting scholar certificate for Adriana Gonzalez to teach in the Lawrence district USD 497 for the 1997-98 school year.
- Established the certification fee for fiscal year 1997-98 at \$24 effective July 1, 1997.

Contracts Approved:

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

- Wichita State University to complete post production editing of videotaped consultant presentations and new taping and production editing in conjunction with "Innovation in Education: State Communication Standards," with the contract amount not to exceed \$13,101.60; and
- Families Together, Inc. to provide the management and coordination of training and identification of persons for appointment as education advocates for children with disabilities, with the contract amount not to exceed \$56,410.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hill moved that the State Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes starting at 4:40 p.m.; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried. At 5:00, Mr. Rundell moved that the Board extend its executive session fifteen minutes; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried. At 5:15, Mr. Rundell moved that the Board extend its executive session fifteen minutes; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried. At 5:30 p.m., Chairman Gilmore opened the meeting and called a recess for the day.

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May 14, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 1997 in the education building of the State Board of Education, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams
Mildred McMillon
Mary Douglass Brown
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Scott Hill
Mandy Specht
Linda Holloway
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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. McMillon asked to add discussion about Board issues, and it was agreed this would take place in the monthly report section. Chairman Gilmore changed item 4. on appointment of Assistant Commissioner from an action item to a report item. He also announced that following the meeting, there would be a discussion of the upcoming meeting with the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance, and a brief training on use of computer equipment. Dr. Abrams moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT: Assistant Commissioner for Lifelong Learning

Chairman Gilmore and Commissioner Tompkins reported that the search for Assistant Commissioner would continue.

REDESIGN OF LICENSURE: recommendations of the Professional Standards Board

Mr. Ken Bungert, Director of Certification and Teacher Education, introduced the panel participants: Dr. Barbara Palmer, High Plains Cooperative, Theresa Morelan, Wichita Technical College, Chuck Tilman, a teacher at Ottawa High School, and Dr. Karen Gallagher, Chair of the Standards Board and Dean of Education at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Gallagher reviewed the state's role in teacher certification since the 1940's, and the kinds of knowledge base considered important historically. She suggested that defining what should teachers know and be able to do is always a work in progress. Mr. Tilman reviewed the types of licenses that are being proposed: conditional and professional, and within these types, teaching, school leadership and school specialist. Ms. Morelan discussed the endorsements that were revoked and retained, noting an error in the report; the Reading Specialist has been retained in the Standards Boards final recommendations. Dr. Palmer explained the professional education outcomes, and indicated that committees from the specific subject areas wrote the outcomes and indicators. Dr. Gallagher discussed future considerations and indicated that the Standards Board would continue its work. Mr. Ken Bungert and members of the Professional Standards Board responded to questions, and received comments from State Board of Education members.

CERTIFICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE: recommendations

Mr. Bungert presented the information. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee concerning cases 1527, 1530, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION: recommendations

Mr. Kevin Ireland, attorney for the Professional Practices Commission, presented the facts and recommendations. Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approved the recommendation of the Commission; seconded by Mr. Hill, and the motion carried.

EVALUATION REVIEW COMMITTEE: Haskell Indian Nations University

Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for Haskell Indian Nations University to receive provisional accreditation and "provisional approval" status for their elementary program; seconded by Mrs. Holloway, and the motion carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Dr. Abrams provided the report of the Policy Committee. First, the committee considered whether

members should be paid for lobbying at the Legislature, and they agreed that no change in policy was needed; however, in order to receive compensation, members must receive authorization from the Board. The Committee suggested that any member seeking compensation for a meeting at the Legislature should make a brief explanation or report. Chairman Gilmore clarified that members should not seek compensation when presenting a position contrary to the Board's policies. Second, members considered whether State Board members can be paid for preparation at home. They determined that it is not legal to be paid except for attendance of meetings. Dr. Wagnon noted that it is worthwhile to make a log of time spent in preparation for purposes of documenting actual work time to the KPERS retirement system. The Policy Committee noted some clean-up of language involving the Citizens' Open Forum. Dr. Abrams suggested that the Policy Committee be authorized to evaluate the entire policy book to see the pertinence of policies on a two-year basis. He recommended this be done during summer, 1997. Mrs. McMillon suggested that reference to the Kansas State School for the Blind be changed to Visually Handicapped in the policy book. Chairman Gilmore authorized the Policy Committee to review the policies this summer, and to complete a technical revision regarding the Citizens' Open Forum, and a change in name for the School for the Blind, and consider making a policy to review the policies every two years.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request list and made several amendments. Mr. Rundell moved approval of the travel requests as amended; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mr. Gilmore encouraged members to include reports in this section of the agenda. He then opened discussion about the summer Board retreat. Members discussed possible dates and agreed on August 8-9, 1997. Chairman Gilmore suggested a meeting place in Wichita. Members debated the best location for a retreat.

Mr. Dan Biles presented an update on litigation. Mrs. Morrison moved that the State Board approve payment of services and expenses to Mr. Biles in his capacity as Attorney for the Board, according to his itemized statement; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried.

Mr. Scott Hill reported on legislative activities. He also reported on his tour of Pittsburg State University's Technology Center.

Dr. Tompkins and Chairman Gilmore provided follow-up on their search for a facilitator for the summer retreat, and sought the opinion of Board members. Dr. Tompkins reviewed materials his staff is developing on a long range assessment plan to discuss in June. He also mentioned a potential issue for policy review. He then reported on the outcome of his reorganizing efforts in the agency and some division name changes.

Mrs. Brown reported on attending an awards ceremony at South High School in Wichita, and reported that she had recently sent a survey to teachers, and answered questions from Board members. She also mentioned that she had attended the Effective Schools conference and had spent a day with the Parents as Teachers organization.

Mrs. Holloway indicated that she has been asked to participate in an advisory committee in Special Education at the University of Kansas. She also briefly discussed the issue of competitive bidding, and answered questions from Board members. Members discussed the proper use of State Board letterhead stationary and debated the possibility of each member having his own. Mr. Biles indicated that there is no policy on use of letterhead.

Mrs. McMillon suggested that members should make a point to attend the Governor's Scholars program in the spring. She also mentioned issues involving the survey distributed by Mrs. Brown.

Dr. Wagon reported on the policy conference involving Teaching and America's Future.

Chairman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.