

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

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

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble asked that action on an agreement concerning consolidation of USD 324, Phillips County, and USD 238, Smith County, be pulled from the Consent Agenda on Wednesday and added to the day's agenda after the Citizen's Open Forum. There being no further changes, Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Wagon asked for approval of the May minutes. Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Dennis mentioned several things included in his written report and recognized staff members who had been instrumental in several awards the Department had recently received. He also reported that a new regular publication, "*Bravo*", had just been unveiled. Being prepared by Karla Denny and "Highlighting the good things that are happening in schools in the state", plans are for the publication to be distributed by listserv and made available on the Department website. Mr. Dennis also indicated that Teacher Education and Licensure workshops were being conducted across the state.

NATIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NSDC) COACHES ACADEMY

Lynn Bechtel, School Innovations Division, reported on a grant to provide training to academic coaches across the state during the 2007-2008 school year. She noted that Kansas was one of five states selected to receive the grant. The training will be through an academy being funded in part by the Wachovia Foundation's Teachers and Teaching Initiative. She reported that the academy will be conducted by NSDC, and is a partnership between NSDC, the state affiliate of that organization (Kansas Staff Development Council), and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). Ms. Bechtel indicated that the academy is designed to increase Kansas' capacity to support coaches in schools particularly in high-poverty and underserved communities. She clarified that the academic coaches are teachers coaching other teachers in best practices and effective strategies to ensure learning for all students. She shared some specifics of the plan and indicated that academic coaches from all but one of the state board

districts would be involved in the academy and related events. She also indicated that several districts felt it important enough to send coaches that would not be paid for by the grant. Ms. Bechtel reported that in conjunction with the grant, beyond the coaching academy and follow up meetings in the state, would be the development of a state plan to address the training needs of academic coaches across the state.

In the discussion that followed, concern was expressed that District 5, comprising 42 counties, was not participating. There were also questions about the connection between the Kansas Staff Development Council and local professional development councils across the state that review teachers' professional development plans and are instrumental in a teacher retaining a current license. Because the discussion was running over into the time for the Open Forum, it was decided to continue with it after the Open Forum concluded.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Wagon declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:30 a.m. Addressing the Board were John Richard Schrock, Emporia; John E. Goracka, Phillipsburg; Pat Hall, Agra; Larry Hall, Agra; Shirley Knowles, Kirwin; Steve K. Knowles, Kirwin; Kenneth Stockman, Kirwin; Robert Ragsdale, representing the USD 324 School Board, Agra; Beth Norris, representing USD 324 Eastern Heights, Kirwin/Agra; Jeff Yoxall, representing USD 238 West Smith County, Kensington; and Ron Rahjes, representing the USD 238 School Board. Mrs. Shaver asked Superintendent Norris about a survey that was conducted that indicated if USD 324 consolidated with the Phillipsburg school district, USD 324 schools would be closed. She wanted to know if that has been any part of a formal negotiation with Phillipsburg. Mrs. Norris indicated it had not, but the statement had been made verbally at a public meeting. Chairman Wagon declared the open forum closed at 11:14 a.m.

NATIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NSDC) COACHES ACADEMY (continued)

Discussion continued regarding the relationship between professional development councils and the activities of the NSDC/KSDC/KSDE grant. It was decided a future agenda item on the topic would be appropriate.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION OF USD 324 AND USD 238

Mrs. Cauble moved, with second by Mrs. Gamble, that Board action on the agreement concerning consolidation of USD 324, Phillips County, and USD 238, Smith County, be tabled. Asked if she had a specific time when the issue would be brought off the table, Mrs. Cauble indicated she did not, but that she wanted to allow patrons more time to consider the issue. Brief discussion followed, with Mrs. Rupe reporting that she had received many e-mails requesting that more time be allowed before the State Board acts. Dr. Abrams also clarified that the Board action being tabled would not be to approve the consolidation, but only to allow a public vote on the issue. The motion carried 10-0.

PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHER LICENSURE

Several district superintendents had been invited to participate on a panel with suggestions for teacher licensure which they would like considered by the State Board and the Standards Board. Only Dr. Craig Elliott, USD 266-Maize, was able to attend. In addition several other superintendents and administrators in attendance contributed to the conversation – Mike Mathes, Seaman, Topeka, Marvin Estes, Winfield, Bill Wilson, Tribune, and Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Ed Raymond, Wichita. Some of the suggestions made were to allow districts to make the decision about adding another endorsement or grade level; recognize licenses from other states and countries; and leave it to the districts to provide teachers with the resources they may need to become successful. Additionally, it was recommended that student

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teaching for those who have been long-term substitutes be waived; that districts be allowed to work with teacher education programs on a case-by-case basis; that teachers from out of state be granted a one-year provisional license, renewable for three years, with districts providing mentors and coaches as needed and with the authority to sign off on a regular license at the end of the fourth year. It was pointed out that teachers need knowledge, skill and a talent for teaching; districts are able to help those with the necessary talent gain the knowledge and skills and should be allowed to do so. The problem with the lack of a pool of professional employees in the state was discussed, as well as Kansas' inability to compete with other states which have much higher salary schedules. The issue of allowing retired teachers to return to the profession without an earnings limit or a KPERS penalty was also discussed. The board urged superintendents across the state to contact the department with suggestions that could be presented to the Professional Standards Board for study.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:24 and returned at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Cauble was absent and returned to the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED AND NEW TEACHER LICENSURE REGULATIONS

Chairman Wagnon opened the public hearing at 1:30 p.m. on proposed revisions to S.B.R. 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204 and 91-1-209, and new regulation 91-1-234. Those addressing the Board were: Cindy Garwick, Manhattan, representing the Professional Standards Board; Steven Case, Lawrence; Mark Tallman, Topeka, representing Kansas Association of School Boards; Sandra K. Peer, Wichita; Sue Neal, Wichita; Deborah Haltom, Overland Park, representing the Professional Standards Board; Steve Roberts, Overland Park, representing Grand Canyon University; John Richard Schrock, Emporia; and Peg Dunlap, Topeka, representing Kansas NEA. Chairman Wagnon declared the public hearing closed at 1:50 p.m.

PRESENTATION ON 21ST CENTURY LEARNING SKILLS

Deputy Commissioner Tom Foster, Learning Services Division, and Melinda Stanley, Education Technology Consultant, gave a presentation on 21st century learning skills. They explained how 20th century learning differed from what was now required of students, and the schools that teach them, to be able to compete successfully in a global economy. Further presentations, discussions and study of issues related to the topic, perhaps one issue per meeting, were suggested.

The Board took a break from 2:50 to 2:57 p.m.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEAC) APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board reappoint Neal Guth0020rie, as a Local Education Agency Official, and Krista Morris, as a representative of Other State Agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children, to SEAC for 3-year terms through June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board appoint Penny Hoffman, as a representative of Juvenile Justice, to fill an unexpired SEAC term through June 30, 2008. The motion carried.

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the State Board appoint Terry-Ellen Stewart-Deseck, as a representative of Private Schools, to SEAC for a 3-year term through June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board appoint Anne Roberts, as a representative of Foster Care, to fill an unexpired SEAC term through June 30, 2008. The motion carried.

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board appoint Ann Byington, as an Individual with a Disability, to fill an unexpired SEAC term through June 30, 2008. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the State Board appoint Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, as a representative of Transition Service organizations, to SEAC for a 3-year term through June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the State Board appoint Jeannette Magathan, as a State Education Official, to SEAC for a 3-year term through June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION ON THE KANSAS LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Deputy Commissioner Larry Englebrick, School Innovations, presented information to the board on the newly organized Kansas Leadership Commission. He reported that in 2004, Kansas received a Wallace Foundation grant to develop and improve the leadership efforts in four demonstration sites. A focus of the initiative was to create opportunities for the districts to shift from the emphasis on management to a leadership for learning approach. Using the findings from the Kansas Laboratory for Education Leaders (KLEL) and other related leadership initiatives within the state, Dr. Englebrick indicated that Kansas is in the process of moving to a more cohesive (aligned) system of leadership development that begins with preparation and continues through retirement. He reported that in the spring of 2006, a letter to the State Board of Education from then Deputy Commissioner Posny, described the concern for a more cohesive system of leadership, with a recommendation to create the Commission as part of the continuing work of the Wallace Foundation grant. Work by a group of interested educators has continued since that time to develop a framework for the commission.

Chairman Wagon asked if a formal FY 2009 budget authorization was needed for the Kansas Leadership Commission that it be brought to the Board in July. He also requested that the Leadership Commission Steering Committee provide Board members with the charge and focus of the Commission; information regarding membership of the Commission; a timeline of major events that will take place between now and June of 2008; and recommendations for board members to consider as part of their 2008 legislative package. Chairman Wagon emphasized the importance of the moving the process along swiftly, having recommendations and plans developed and ready for implementation no later than the summer of 2008. Mrs. Cauble recommended that name of the Kansas Leadership Commission be changed to the Kansas Education Leadership Commission. She also noted that distributive leadership includes teachers.

AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM USD 337 TO USD 336

Kevin Ireland, Department Attorney, presented some background on the proposed transfer of territory. He indicated it was to accommodate a requirement by USD 336, that administrators live in the district. The district's recently hired new superintendent lives and farms in USD 337. The proposal would be to transfer 3 non-contiguous acres on which the residence of Jim Karleskint, the new superintendent, is located. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board approve the Agreement to transfer territory from USD 337 (Royal Valley), Jackson County, Kansas, to USD 336 (Holton), Jackson County, Kansas, to be effective July 1, 2007. There was discussion about whether the land would revert back to USD 337 upon the conclusion of Mr. Karleskint's tenure with USD 336. Dr. Abrams stated he would be unable to support the transfer without a proviso that the land revert back. To allow Mr. Biles,

the board's attorney, the opportunity to look into whether the board had the authority to modify a land transfer agreement with amendments, and, if so, to prepare suitable language for such an amendment, Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the issue be tabled until the following morning. The motion carried.

STEM GRANT

Melinda Stanley reported on a grant application entitled *Changing Policy and Practice to Improve Stem Education in Kansas* that was recently submitted to the National Governor's Association. If this grant is awarded, it would provide \$250,000 per year for two years which must be matched with in-kind and state funds. She reported that the Governor has indicated she would be willing to secure the matching funds if the grant is awarded. The ultimate goal of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) grant application is to help move more students into those areas. Staff from the NGA volunteered to review the grant application and offer helpful suggestions prior to submission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education recess into Executive Session for a period of twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel are not violated, and that the open meeting of the Board resume in the Board Room at 4:18 p.m. The motion carried. At 4:18 p.m. the open meeting resumed.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon recessed the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagnon announced changes in the Consent Agenda – the inclusion of a revised request from KSSB for out-of-state tuition and an item that would give approval for the next 12 months for all plans for temporary buildings, structures, and facilities used for school purposes in Greensburg, if those buildings, structures and facilities are found to be code-compliant by the KSDE architect. Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the agenda be adopted as revised. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairman

Chairman Wagnon reported on findings of the NASBE study group with which he had participated which looked carefully at strategies being used across the country to turn around low-performing schools. He noted that the report would be made available at the NASBE annual meeting in October.

VOTE FOR NASBE 2008 OFFICERS:

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board cast a unanimous ballot for 2008 NASBE officers: Ken Willard for President-elect; Greg Hawes for Secretary-Treasurer; and Clinton Waara for Central Area Director. The motion carried 8-0-2, with Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Gamble abstaining.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble reported that she had attended the 2010 Commission meetings recently. She also expressed her concern about all the education related audits that have been done recently or are in the process of being done by Legislative Post Audit (LPA). She noted that for each of those reports, LPA in turn requests the information and data for them from KSDE. Mrs. Gamble felt that the Department would not be able continue with such a high number of requests in the long term. Mrs. Gamble also recommended that the board study the Legislative Post Audit Report on teacher recruitment and retention and develop a set of legislative recommendations to address the issues highlighted.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report, updating the Board on a special education lawsuit. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and pay his fees for services and expenses for May as presented. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Cauble reported on her participation on behalf of the board on the Professional Standards Board. She also gave a report on her attendance at a recent IMEC meeting. She indicated that there had been a discussion of possible changes in the migrant definition. Dr. Abrams asked that information explaining any revisions to the definition be provided when it becomes available.

Mrs. Shaver expressed her appreciation for being the board’s representative at the Kansas School for the Deaf in May.

Mr. Willard reported on several NASBE items including sharing that NASBE had put together an ad hoc committee to look at ways to open up the process for election of officers. He also reminded board members of the NASBE Annual Conference October 11-13 in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Waugh reported that the date had been set for the Challenge Awards banquet. It will be held November 14th in Goddard.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Shaver indicated she would like to have a fuller understanding of licensure issues, particularly those raised by the superintendents’ panel. Commissioner Dennis indicated that a request for recommendations had gone out to every superintendent regarding licensure issues and that the suggestions from the previous day’s panel and any others received would be given to the Professional Standards Board for study and then brought to the board for consideration. Noting a Maine legislative consolidation plan, Mr. Willard thought a discussion and possible study of consolidation issues in Kansas would be appropriate

ACTION ON PROPOSED REVISED AND NEW TEACHER LICENSURE REGULATIONS

Dr. Gage handed out a summary of the comments heard in the public hearing, with a staff response to each one. She also handed out a copy of a change suggested to 91-1-209, regarding an additional option which would allow a middle level content endorsed teacher to extend the science content endorsement to include the secondary level by completing fifty percent of the secondary program, a secondary methods course and passing the content test. Dr. Gage reported that the suggested change had already been reviewed by the Attorney General and the Department of Administration. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin that the Board adopt S.B.R. 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204 and 91-1-209 as amended based on suggestions at the public hearing, and new regulation 91-1-234. Mr. Willard and Mrs. Shaver asked about the suggestion that the option for an additional endorsement be extended to elementary teachers, as well. Dr. Gage responded that the Standards Board had reviewed the option as far as the middle level content endorsed teacher, but had not yet had the opportunity to study the additional suggestion. Dr. Abrams indicated that he did not agree with elimination of a minimum GPA for out-of state applicants. He also felt that standards for teachers were being lowered and offered a suggestion for a provisional license that would include a measure of a teacher’s effectiveness.

After further discussion about the opportunities to eliminate barriers that the proposed changes would provide and others that were still felt to be needed, the motion to adopt the regulations carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Steve Abrams	“NO”	Kathy Martin	“YES”	Bill Wagon	“YES”
John Bacon	“YES”	Carol Rupe	“YES”	Janet Waugh	“YES”
Sally Cauble	“YES”	Jana Shaver	“YES”	Ken Willard	“YES”
Sue Gamble	“YES”				

AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER TERRITORY FROM USD 337 TO USD 336

Mr. Bacon circulated a substitute motion for the transfer of territory issue that had been tabled the day before. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board of Education approve the Agreement to transfer territory from USD No. 337 (Royal Valley), Jackson County, Kansas, to USD No. 336 (Holton), Jackson County, Kansas, to be effective July 1, 2007, provided that the territory revert back to USD 337 (Royal Valley) on July 1 of the next fiscal year following such time as there is no person residing in the transferred territory who is employed by USD 336 (Holton). After a brief discussion, the motion carried on a vote of 10-0.

The Board took a break from 10:05 until 10:13 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Commissioner Dennis reviewed FY 2008 changes in the three-year school funding plan that will add to the cost of the plan, including an additional \$12 million for General State Aid; \$16 million added to Special Education to cover an anticipated drop in Medicaid funds; and an increase in the KPERS rate resulting in a \$26 million increase. Mrs. Gamble raised the issue of retiring teachers who begin teaching in another district and the KPERS surcharge that must be paid. Mr. Dennis agreed that it was a problem that needed to be addressed and one that would have a fiscal impact, but he indicated it was something that should be discussed for inclusion in the board's legislative package because it would require a change in statute.

Mr. Dennis also reviewed the increases, totaling \$122 million that will occur in FY 2009 of the three-year funding plan. He reviewed budget options he had prepared for the Board's consideration if it felt it wanted to add to the planned FY 2009 funding. Questions included the possibility of extending the three-year funding plan for another year; and what funds schools are using to pay for all-day kindergarten and the impact on other programs. Also discussed were issues related to teacher shortages and possible budget action that could help alleviate the problem. Chairman Wagnon asked that staff prepare some options built around the board's goals that could be considered at the July meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board approve all consent agenda items with the exception of the consolidation agreement concerning USD 324 and USD 238, which had been pulled and moved to Tuesday. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved salary adjustments for all eligible unclassified temporary special project positions for FY 2008 as follows: a general salary increase of 2% effective June 17, 2007; a one-time bonus of \$860 to be paid on December 14, 2007 to staff having at least a satisfactory performance review; and a longevity bonus at the rate of \$50 per year, up to a maximum of \$1,250, to eligible staff with at least 10 years of state service.
- Approved salary increases for unclassified staff for FY 2008 as proposed.

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- Approved school construction plans for Trinity Academy, Wichita; Tyro Community Church, Tyro; Calvary Baptist Church, Ottawa; Church of the Magdalen, Wichita; USD 233, Olathe Public Schools (2); USD 246, Northeast Public Schools; USD 261, Haysville; USD 287, West Franklin; USD 342, McLouth; USD 373, Newton; USD 377, Atchison County Community Schools; USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden; USD 394, Rose Hill Public Schools; USD 398, Peabody-Burns; USD 408, Marion-Florence; USD 417, Morris County Schools; USD 428, Great Bend; USD 435, Abilene; USD 441, Sabetha; USD 443, Dodge City; and USD 512, Shawnee Mission (2).
- Approved an amendment to the ANW Special Education Cooperative Interlocal, No. 603 as requested.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Interrelated*: Rochelle Blackwelder, High Plains Educational Cooperative; and *Interrelated-Extension on the number of days for an emergency substitute license*: Diana Borough, Sondra Brown, Elaine Chamberlain, Deborah Fulton, Bach Ho, Charley Newton, and Janell Robertson, SW Kansas Cooperative.
- Approved funding the 2007-08 21st Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grants for: USD 244 Burlington, \$170,723; USD 353 Wellington, \$178,071; USD 382 Pratt, \$194,542; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, \$147,300; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, \$93,840; USD 393 Solomon, \$63,918; USD 428 Great Bend, \$184,409; USD 446 Independence, \$86,873; USD 497 Lawrence, \$109,373; USD 210 Hugoton, \$213,652; USD 218 Elkhart, \$230,824; USD 257 Iola, \$286,136; USD 434 Santa Fe Trail, \$227,612; USD 435 Abilene, \$101,825; USD 475 Geary County, \$229,335; USD 493 Columbus, \$231,528; USD 497 Lawrence, \$174,638; USD 500 Kansas City, \$284,177; USD 234 Fort Scott, \$80,794; USD 257 Iola, \$93,666; USD 497 Lawrence, \$96,923; and USD 500, Kansas City, \$84,624.
- Approved recommendations for continued funding of the Reading First grants for ; USD 250, Pittsburg \$121,135; USD 253, Emporia \$91,264; USD 259 Wichita, \$1,513,639; USD 260, Derby, \$119,614; USD 305, Salina, \$123,188; USD 457 Garden City \$443,095; USD 470, Arkansas City, \$141,423; USD 497, Lawrence, \$589,984; USD 500, Kansas City, \$773,660; USD 501, Topeka, \$666,566; USD 503, Parsons, \$254,089; and USD 512, Shawnee Mission, \$131,152.
- Approved the recommendations for funding the Kansas Afterschool Enhancement Continuation Grants for 2007-2008 school year for: *Community-Based/Faith-Based Organizations*: Valley Heights Area Community Education & Action Council, \$25,000; Extension Education Foundation, Inc. (Wichita), \$14,737; School Linked Services, Inc. (KCK), \$25,000; Cherry Street Youth Center (Chanute), \$24,820; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, \$17,850; The Greater Wichita YMCA, \$25,000; Catholic Charities (KCK), \$25,000; Inter-Faith Ministries (Wichita), \$25,000; Boys & Girls Club of Coffeyville, \$18,108; and Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson, \$20,000; and *Local Education Agency*: Dickerson-South Hutchinson, USD 309, \$25,000; Wichita Public Schools, USD 259, \$25,000; Geary County, USD 475, \$12,324; Liberal, USD 480, \$25,000; Chanute Public Schools, USD 413, \$18,764; Bonner Springs Elementary, USD 204, \$17,200; Tescott Grade & Junior High School, USD 240, \$19,743; and Newton Public Schools USD 373, \$11,454.
- Approved FY 2008 Parents as Teachers grant awards totaling \$7,312,607 for continuation of 72 programs and 2 new programs, as recommended.

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- Approved funding for FY 2008 Four-Year-Old At-Risk grants for 172 districts to serve 7,367 children, as recommended.
- Approved 2007-2008 School Breakfast Program Waivers as recommended by the School Breakfast Program Waiver Review Committee.
- Adopted recommendation for awarding discretionary grants for FY 2008 to Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, \$35,000; Communities in Schools of Kansas, \$35,000; Kansas Teacher of the Year and Kansas Horizon Award Programs, \$10,000; and the Kansas State Historical Society, \$50,000.
- Approved the Model Library Media and Technology Standards.
- Gave approval for the next 12 months for all plans for temporary buildings, structures, and facilities used for school purposes in Greensburg, if those buildings, structures and facilities are found to be code-compliant by the KSDE architect.

Contracts Approved

The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind* to receive payment for services as follows:

Park Hill, Missouri School District: Two Students, 2007 Extended School Year, \$1,300;

North Daviess R-III School District, Coffey, Missouri: Two Students, 2007 Extended School Year and Extended Day Program, including weekends, \$2,600;

Lee's Summit, Missouri School District: One Student, 2007 Extended School Year, \$650;

Knob Noster, Missouri School District: One Student, Extended School Year and Extended Day Program, \$1,300.00;

South Harrison R-II School District, Bethany, Missouri: One Student, 2007 Extended School Year and Extended Day Program, \$1,300; and

Liberty, Missouri School District: One Student, 2007 Extended School Year, \$650.00.

The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and

- continue an assessment development contract with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) in an amount not to exceed \$3,748,000;
- continue an assessment contract with WestEd that will cover two years in an amount not to exceed \$3,560,000;
- continue to contract with Dr. Richard Whelan and Ms. Diana Durkin for the purpose of investigating special education complaints, with the contract amount not to exceed \$50,000, and with an hourly rate of \$40 per hour plus expenses;
- continue a contract with TLK Interpreting and Mentoring to provide training and support for educational interpreters who provide services in Western Kansas public schools, with the contract amount not to exceed \$43,696;
- continue a contract with Families Together, Inc., with the contract amount not to exceed \$147,777;

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- continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services to support the Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services, with the contract amount not to exceed \$43,000;
- continue a contract with Kansas Department of Health & Environment for the 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, with the amount not to exceed \$43,000;
- continue a contract to run from August 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 with the University of Kansas Research Center in the amount of \$403,715 and Emporia State University Jones Institute in the amount of \$403,716 to provide professional development services to high needs schools for Stage IV of the Reading 1st program;
- contract with the University of Kansas Research Center in an amount not to exceed \$62,500 and Emporia State University Jones Institute in an amount not to exceed \$62,500 to provide professional development to staff in Reading First schools in the area of Response to Intervention (RtI); and
- continue a contract with Kansas State University to provide Carl D. Perkins Leadership Grant activities to continue services for the Kansas Association of FFA in leadership training, organization procedures, inservice training, and other services for organizational activities, with the contract amount not to exceed \$70,604.

BOARD TRAVEL

Mrs. Shaver asked to add the budget workshop at Greenbush on June 19th to her requests. Mrs. Gamble asked for per diem for her trip to Garden City on June 14th. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary