

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wagon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, 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 Wagon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

After calling the meeting to order and calling the roll, Chairman Wagon asked all present to stand for recitation the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Wagon indicated the addition of an item for approval of funding the Pre-K Pilot sites. Dr. Abrams asked to pull item i, approval of a sole source contract for Cross & Joftus, LLC, from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bacon asked to pull from the consent agenda item q., a contract with Dr. Robert Fanning, item r., a contract with the University of Kansas Research Center to provide a leadership academy for migrant students, and item t., a contract with Dr. Susan Duron. Mrs. Martin indicated that she, too, would like to have item i. and r. pulled, as well as item h., a contract with Dr. Norman Webb. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the minutes for the July meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Posny reported that she would like to review the ACT results with the Board on Wednesday morning. She indicated the Board would be very pleased with the report, but had to wait until the following day to share it with the Board because it was embargoed until 12:00 a.m. She then reviewed and answered questions about the information on the sole source contract with Cross & Joftus, LLC to develop and implement the Learning Network for Kansas districts/schools on improvement, which was on the consent agenda for approval. Concern was expressed about the amount of money involved. Dr. Posny reported that the contract would be funded with federal Special Education and Title I funds.

**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Wagon opened the Citizen's Open Forum at 10:26 a.m. Those addressing the Board were: John Richard Schrock, Emporia; Dr. Vicki Worrell, representing the Kansas Association for Helat6h, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and Jodie Leiss, representing Emporia State University, both from Emporia; and Shari Wilson, Kansas City, KS, representing the Kansas Association of Conservation

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and Environmental Education. Dr. Worrell and Jodie Leiss spoke about the specialized training required to teach physical education safely and their concern that the newly amended licensure regulations would allow the addition of a secondary level endorsement in physical education with passage of a content test and no methods coursework. Mrs. Rupe asked for the Department to examine if there were other areas the Board should also consider. Chairman Wagnon closed the Open Forum at 10:41 a.m.

### **LIST OF TITLE I SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS ON IMPROVEMENT FOR 2008-2009**

As required under the No Child Left Behind law, states must identify districts and schools participating in Title I that have not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years in the same content area and are, therefore, on improvement. A requirement of the law is that the identification must occur prior to the beginning of the school year so that parents are able to make informed decisions regarding their children's schools. After a school is identified on improvement it must make AYP for two consecutive years to be off improvement. Assistant Director Judi Miller presented the list of the 36 Title I schools and 19 Title I districts identified for improvement for 2008-2009 and explained the sanctions that were imposed on schools based on the number of years they had been on improvement. Mrs. Miller pointed out that 94.5% of Title I schools and 94% of Title I districts are doing well and are not on improvement. She also answered Board member questions. The discussion that followed included an explanation by Mrs. Miller and Dr. Posny about the difference between implementation of a restructuring plan as a corrective action and the opening of an entirely new school. Mrs. Gamble requested information on the improvement status of feeder elementary schools for the middle schools on improvement.

The Board took a break from 11:04 to 11:10 a.m.

### **UPDATES ON BOARD GOAL INITIATIVES**

#### **Teaching in Kansas Commission (TKC)**

Pam Coleman, Director of Teacher Education and Licensure, provided the Board with a snapshot of the activities of the five TKC working groups, e.g. Working Conditions, Salary and Benefits, Regulations/Data, Teacher Preparation, and Image and Promotion, which met July 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Coleman reported that there was some crossover of membership with the Kansas Education Leadership Commission and the Teacher Preparation Workgroup's activities regarding teacher leadership would be done with the two groups working together to avoid duplication of effort.

#### **Kansas Educational Leadership Commission (KELC)**

Bill Hagerman, Director of the Innovation and Improvement Team, brought board members up to date on KELC activities. He reported that workgroups will focus on Phase II, identifying possible barriers to implementing each of the KELC recommendations, and Phase III, identifying advocates for the KELC plan and specific activities advocacy group might undertake. Mr. Hagerman also reported on the partnership with TKC's Teacher Preparation Workgroup regarding the development of a teacher leader endorsement. Chairman Wagnon expressed concern that the KELC initiatives might be held back by partnership with the TKC. He also wanted KELC to concentrate on issues that advocates could keep in front of the legislature, beginning with the upcoming session.

Funding was also an issue KELC had discussed at its last meeting at the end of July. A decision had been made to begin work on projects that were low cost or no cost. Commissioner Posny reported that \$75,000 had been received from the Wallace Foundation, but more would not be forthcoming because the foundation had moved its focus in another direction. She noted that she had not yet had a response to her letter to the Kansas Health Foundation. Mr. Hagerman indicated that in-house members of KELC would continue to meet weekly to continue implementation activities and to continue funding source work.

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### **Integration of Academics into Career and Technical Education**

Mr. Hagerman reported that there had been regular meetings of the Academic and Technical Education workgroup and the Standards and Assessment workgroups on implementation activities. He reported that an intentional effort was being made to guarantee that standards and assessments not only have knowledge and skills included, but also have the technical application of them built in. Other ongoing activities include work on program approval details and an implementation schedule for new programs as a part of revision of the Career Cluster/Pathways under the Perkins grant. He indicated that implementation of the pathways will create issues for some districts and work is being done on how to make the transition from six to sixteen easier. Another issue mentioned was educating policy makers on the differences between vocational education for a few students and career and technical education for all students. During the discussion about granting credit for integrated classes, problems with the Board of Regents Qualified Admissions were mentioned. It was suggested by Dr. Abrams that perhaps partial credit could be granted. The suggestion was discussed and led into the presentation by Tom Foster, Director of the Standards and Assessment team, who reported on and answered questions about the development of standardized high schools course codes.

At 11:57 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **UPDATE ON KINDERGARTEN READINESS STUDY**

Gayle Stuber, KSDE Education Program Consultant for Early Childhood, reviewed the data and practices of the Kindergarten Readiness Study. Three questions have been investigated in the study: what entering kindergartners know and are able to do; what experiences before kindergarten can help children be successful in school; and what classroom practices support and enhance learning during the kindergarten year (including format of the day). She reported that KSDE has been collecting data on the school readiness of kindergarten children since 2005 as part of the statewide School Readiness Project. Data has been gathered from teachers on the entry and exiting skills of children in their classes and classroom practices. Parents have provided data on home literacy practices, preschool experiences and other family supports that may prove to support children's success in school. Mrs. Stuber also updated the Board on other early childhood projects within the Department.

### **REPORT - QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION: EXPECTED GAINS**

Deputy Commissioner Diane DeBacker shared with the Board the Kansas Quality Performance (QPA) Accreditation history, framework and expected gains formula. QPA regulations identify two ways a school can meet performance criteria - by meeting the proficiency targets or using the expected gains formula. She explained that the expected gains formula recognizes schools which have not met the yearly performance target but have made significant progress toward meeting it. Dr. DeBacker explained the formula and reported that in the 2007-2008 pilot, twelve schools that could have moved to conditionally accredited, will continue to pilot the expected gains provision and remain accredited on improvement.

### **ACT ON CUT SCORES FOR STATE ASSESSMENTS**

Neal Kingston of the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) at the University of Kansas explained the process used to arrive at cut scores for establishing student proficiency levels and making QPA Performance Criteria determinations for the Kansas history/government and science assessments. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe that the State Board approved cut scores as recommended for general science, KAMM science, general history/government, and KAMM history/government assessments. The motion carried.

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### **4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORTS AND FY 2010 BUDGET INFORMATION**

#### **Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report**

Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent of KSSB, reviewed highlights of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report for the school. Bonnie McElvey, the new KSSB Business Manager presented the end-of-the year financial report.

#### **Kansas State School for the Blind FY 2010 Budget Request**

Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board approve the Kansas State School for the Blind's FY 2010 proposed legislative budget submission which included an adjusted FY 2009 budget showing a 2% reduction and FY 2010 budget requests based on 1) the Division of Budget allocation; 2) a 5% reduction in the allocation; and 3) enhancements for any new programs or needs. The motion carried.

#### **Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report**

Bob Maile, Superintendent of KSSD, presented highlights of the KSSD 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report. He also reviewed the end-of-the-year financial report. He noted that the \$41,000 deficit was not really a deficit, but reflected the expenditure of a \$50,000 gift. Mrs. Gamble asked that the receipt of the gift be noted in the minutes and the acknowledgement that KSSD had not overspent its FY 2008 budget. It was also requested that in the future budget allocations be adjusted to show the receipt of gifts.

#### **Kansas State School for the Blind FY 2010 Budget Request**

Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the State Board approve the Kansas State School for the Blind's FY 2010 proposed legislative budget submission which included an adjusted FY 2009 budget showing a 1% reduction and FY 2010 budget requests based on 1) the Division of Budget allocation; 2) a 5% reduction in the allocation; and 3) enhancements for any new programs or needs. The motion carried.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION SECLUSION REPORT**

Based on concerns from parents and the field regarding the use of seclusion in Kansas schools, the Kansas State Board of Education adopted Seclusion Guidelines in April 2007 which stipulate schools must report specific data on the use of seclusion for special education students. Larry Myer, Chairman of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) reviewed with the Board the 2007-2008 report on seclusion, as provided by the state director of special education. The Council had three recommendations for continued reporting of seclusion use.

- 1) Continue review of special education discipline data *annually* with SEAC.
- 2) Revise seclusion reporting requirement from quarterly to an annual collection at the end of each school year.
- 3) Improve reporting accuracy and ensure accountability by collecting seclusion data through KAN-DIS (Kansas Discipline Information System) currently used to collect school data for Safe and Drug Free Schools, NCLB, and IDEA for the 2008-2009 school year

Two major concerns were raised by Board members. The first was in response to information reported about problems with the accuracy of the data and whether it was the proper time to move to annual reporting.. Commissioner Posny indicated that quarterly reporting did not allow staff to follow up on reports. The second issue raised was that guidelines had been requested in response to anecdotal evidence from parents and staff that seclusion was being misused or used inappropriately and that the current reporting did not appear to address the issue. In response to Board members concerns over the proposal to report seclusion room usage data once a year, Commissioner Posny suggested a report in October 2008 and action after receipt of that report to change the guidelines to once a year reporting.

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### **REPORT ON 2008 INTERIM LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEES**

Deputy Commissioner Dennis updated Board members on recent interim committee meetings. He noted that the Commissioner was the Chair of the Special Education Funding Task Force. He also handed out copies of the list of interim committees, their membership and topics they will be studying.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Bacon asked that items r., a contract with the University of Kansas Research Center to provide a leadership academy for migrant students, and t., a contract with Dr. Susan Duron to evaluate the regional centers that support the Migrant Education Program be voted on separately. Dr. Abrams and Mrs. Martin indicated they had received the information they needed and the other items that had been pulled could be restored to the consent agenda for a vote. Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board approve the consent agenda without items r. and t. and as amended at beginning of the meeting with the addition of action on pre-K pilot sites. The motion carried. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the Monthly Personnel Report for July.
- Confirmed the appointments of Melissa Tillman to the position of Quality Assurance Technician on the Information Technology team effective June 15, 2008, at an annual salary of \$46,092.80; and Alisha Norton to the position of Quality Assurance Technician on the Information Technology team effective June 16, 2008, at an annual salary of \$46,092.80.
- Approved school construction plans for USD 437, Auburn-Washburn; USD 442, Nemaha Valley; USD 266, Maize; Mary Queen of Angels School, Fort Scott; USD 253, Emporia; USD 337, Royal Valley; USD 305, Salina; USD 290, Ottawa; USD 443, Dodge City; and USD 436, Caney Valley.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2528, 2532, 2534, 2536, 2537, 2539, 2540, 2542, 2544, and 2545.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education and granted a Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2008-2009 school year for: Marcelin Ledoux Ndjountche to teach French language and culture to grades 9-12 at J.C. Harmon High School, Kansas City, USD 500; Khalil Mekkaoui to provide instruction in the Arabic language through the Greenbush Interactive Distance Learning Network and Greenbush Online Learning; and Mervat Ibrahim to continue to be employed to teach in the Arabic language and culture program, grades 9-12, at the Shawnee Mission South High School's Center for International Studies, USD 512.
- Approved the Virtual Education Requirements for Kansas.
- Approved funding for Kansas Afterschool Enhancement Grants for 2008-2009 school year for:  
*School Districts:* USD 321 Kaw Valley, \$15,000; USD 233 Olathe, \$20,320; USD 500 Kansas City, \$25,000; and USD 310 Fairfield, \$12,500; and *Community/Faith Based Organizations:* Wichita YMCA, \$25,000; Cherry Street Youth Center, \$24,000; and Communities in Schools, (KCK), \$16,000.
- Approved funding for seven 2008-2009 continuation homeless grants: USD 233 Olathe, \$49,280; USD 259 Wichita, \$140,961; USD 261 Haysville, \$20,000; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, \$15,190; USD 475 Geary County, \$13,860; USD 500 Kansas City, \$72,045; and USD 501 Topeka, \$69,462.
- Approved a change to the charter petition for the Holman Academy Charter School located in Kansas City Kansas USD 500.

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- Approved a request for an Accreditation Regulation Waiver (K.A.R.) 91-31-34G-Athletic Practice, from Kickapoo Nation School to allow activities practice during the last hour of the regular school day.
- Approved the in-service education plan for Burlingame USD 454.
- Issued Orders authorizing USD 232, De Soto, USD 233, Olathe, USD 348, Baldwin City, and USD 487, Herington, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

### *Contracts Approved*

The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind* to renew the following contracts in the amounts indicated:

- Dr. Jarrett Grosdidier, Dental Services, \$5,442;
- Northeast Kansas Education Service Center, Kansas Educational Technology Consortium, \$1,250;
- Dr. Joseph Maino, Low Vision Services, \$8,083
- Ron Wilson, Counseling/Evaluation Services, \$13,924;
- Providence Medical Center, Occupational/Physical Therapy Services, extending contract for 90 days, \$6,000;
- USD 500 School District, Speech Therapy Services, \$29,500; and
- Linda Ray, Assistive Technology Consultant, \$15,300.

And to receive payment for services as follows:

*Lee's Summit, Missouri School District, Kansas City, Missouri* : 2008-2009 School Year, One Student, Related Services, No Dorm, at \$13,100, and First Semester of the 2008-2009 School Year, One Student , No Dorm, No Related Services, at \$4,925;

*Liberty, Missouri School District*: 2008-2009 School Year, One Student, Related Services, No Dorm, at \$13,100; and

*Knob Noster, Missouri School District*: 2008-09 School Year & Extended Day Program, One Student, No Related Services, at \$20,340.

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

- enter into a contract with ESSDACK to provide the broadcasting of the 2008 Fall Assessment conference to be held at the Capitol Plaza in Topeka to the Virtual Conference site at Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in Sublette, Kansas in an amount not to exceed \$12,000;
- enter into a contract with Dr. Norman Webb for alignment of the science and history/government assessments to the academic content standards, with the contract amount not to exceed \$150,000;
- enter into a contract with Cross & Joftus, LLC to provide assistance, support and guidance to districts on improvement in an amount not to exceed \$750,000;
- enter into a contract with the Topeka City of Character to provide support services relative to grant reporting, evaluation, and training for the Partnership in Character Education Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000;
- enter into a contract with Sue Kidd to provide services to coordinate the Character Education Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000;

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- enter into a contract with the University of Kansas to oversee and coordinate the required evaluation component of the Character Education Program grant, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000;
- continue a contract with Families Together, Inc. to support Parent Networking Conferences/Family Enrichment weekends, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000;
- enter into a contract with Dr. Robert Fanning to provide technical assistance to low achieving Reading First schools, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000;
- enter into a contract with the Greater Wichita YMCA to assist in grant management and technical assistance of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) in a contract amount not to exceed \$116,000;
- enter into a contract to provide monitoring and compliance services for Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000;
- continue a contract with Career Communications for American Careers publications, in partnership with the Kansas Board of Regents Career and Technical Education staff, in a contract amount not to exceed \$200,000; and
- enter into a contract with Joyce Kemnitz to provide consultation on school health and wellness projects on an as-needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

### **ACT ON A CONTRACT FOR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR MIGRANT STUDENTS**

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble that the Board authorize the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into a contract with the University of Kansas Research Center to provide the second annual leadership academy for 50 migrant students, in an amount not to exceed \$314,169. Norma Cregan, Assistant Director, Title Programs and Services, provided further information about the contract and shared a budget with the Board. There was a concern expressed about the amount of money being spent for a program that would only serve fifty students. Dr. Abrams asked if a follow up of the impact could be done. After brief discussion, the motion carried 8-2, with Mr. Willard and Mr. Bacon voting "no".

### **ACT ON A CONTRACT TO EVALUATE REGIONAL CENTERS THAT SUPPORT THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board authorize the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into a contract with Dr. Susan Duron to evaluate the regional centers that support the Migrant Education Program, in an amount not to exceed \$19,250. Mrs. Cregan provided information about the regional centers and the desire to evaluate their work. The motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Bacon voting "no".

### **DISCUSSION OF EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE POSITION OF STATE BOARD SECRETARY**

Board members had recently filled out a survey – Expectations of Board Secretary. Because there were several questions where no consensus was evident, Chairman Wagnon had suggested a review of those items prior to approving the position description for the Secretary. General consensus was reached on most issues, with Mrs. Waugh, Chair of the Policy Committee, noting the Board's will in order to make revisions to the position description. The only issue on which a vote was taken was when minutes should

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be completed after a Board meeting. Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the minutes of the Board meeting be completed within ten working days of the meeting. The motion carried, 7-2-1, with Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Bacon voting “no” and Mr. Willard abstaining.

**OTHER**

Mrs. Waugh passed out draft copies of the information the Board would be reviewing the following day during the Policy Committee’s report. Mr. Willard pointed out to members that information about NASBE elections, by-law changes and public education position changes had been included in members’ folders and would also be discussed the next day.

**RECESS**

There being no further business, Chairman Wagon recessed the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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Bill Wagon, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

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**August 13, 2008**

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, 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

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the agenda be amended to include the Commissioner's report on ACT results and adopted as amended. The motion carried.

## **ACT RESULTS**

Commissioner Posny reported that Kansas students continue to top the national average for composite scores on the ACT test. Kansas students had a composite score of 22.0, the highest recorded in the past 5 years and up from 21.9 last year. With 74 % of the over 32,000 seniors in Kansas taking the ACT, Kansas ranks in the top 20% in participation and the 5-year trend data on Kansas students continues upward. Scores in all subject areas rose by at least 0.1 point, with a 0.2 point in reading and math. In the discussion following her presentation, Dr. Posny was asked to explain what a 0.2 point increase an ACT score means for a state. Also briefly discussed was the use of the ACT for the state high school assessment.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **Chairman**

Chairman Wagnon reported that he had been invited by NASBE to attend a US Army and Public Education Conference in South Carolina in September. He had also been asked to participate at the NASBE annual meeting as a panelist on a panel discussing early secondary education, the topic of the study committee on which he had been participating. Dr. Wagnon also reported on a meeting at Washburn University about federal scholarships for teacher preparation programs for students who would teach in high need locations or subjects.

### **Issues Concerning the Upcoming NASBE Annual Meeting**

Mr. Willard reviewed the election of NASBE officers that would take place at the NASBE annual meeting, as well as the by-law changes and public education positions that would be voted on. Dr. Wagnon volunteered to attend as the State Board's delegate. Only one individual was running for each of the Central Area Director positions which left the Board to decide its choice for President-elect. Dr. Abrams nominated Randy DeHoff. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Bacon. Mrs. Gamble nominated Lowell Johnson, with a second by Mrs. Rupe. After a brief discussion a vote was taken with Mr. Johnson receiving the majority on a 6-4 vote. Mrs. Martin, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Willard and Dr. Abrams cast votes for Mr. DeHoff. Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Cauble and Mrs. Rupe cast votes for Mr. Johnson.

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It was agreed that Dr. Wagnon, as the delegate, should use his discretion in voting on the by-law changes and the public education positions.

### **Legislative Coordinator**

Mrs. Gamble reported she had attended the Special Education Funding Task Force meeting and would be leaving the Board meeting early to attend a meeting of the Legislative Education Planning Committee on higher education.

### **Board Attorney's Report**

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and approve payment for services for July as presented. The motion carried.

### **Other Board Member Reports**

Mrs. Rupe reported that she had attended all three days of the Career and Technical Education Summer Conference in Wichita, noting that the conference gets better every year. She also reported that she had attended a McRel policy forum on state assessments. Conclusions arising from the meeting were that Kansas needs its assessments need to more integrated and balanced, with better use by schools of formative assessments throughout the year. She added that 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills need to be integrated into the standards, with assessment of application and skills so that more authentic learning takes place. Mrs. Rupe said that she hoped Scott Smith and Neal Kingston could be on the agenda to discuss the issues with the Board. A discussion of the MAP assessment versus state formative assessments followed.

Dr. Abrams reported that he would be on a panel at the NASBE annual meeting, as well. His panel would be on the work of the CTE study committee.

Mrs. Martin also reported on her attendance at the Career and Technical Education Summer Conference.

### **Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Mrs. Cauble stated she did not know if it should be a future agenda item, but felt the financial data provided by KSSD and KSSB in their budgets and reports was not adequate to give the State Board, as their local board, a good picture of their finances. Mrs. Cauble also asked for more information in the future on the individuals and entities the Board is being asked to approve as Department contractors. Mrs. Gamble asked for a report on the items that Kansas does not get credit for in *Education Week's* "Diplomas Count". Mrs. Rupe asked for a presentation on incorporating 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Mrs. Gamble requested a presentation on state formative assessments and the MAP assessments.

### **BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES**

Mrs. Waugh, Chairman of the Board Policy Committee, reviewed changes that had been made to the position descriptions for the commissioner and board secretary since the last Board meeting. A discussion of the commissioner's travel and where it would fit in her position description followed. It was recommended an addition be added to each of the functions that comprise the commissioner's job: "Attend and/or participate in national and statewide conferences, meetings, and other professional activities to support KSBE goals, objectives, strategies and policies". A question about communication of board action and follow up between the board secretary and staff arose. It was recommended that "at the request of the commissioner" be added. A discussion of when the meeting minutes should be completed followed and it was agreed that a draft should be out as soon as possible but not later than ten business days.

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Mrs. Waugh also reviewed the changes to Policy 1007: Officers - Election, Tenure, and Duties, and Policy 1010: Operation of the State Board of Education, and presented a new procedure for conducting evaluations. She indicated that current policies would be amended to include reference to the appropriate procedures and guidelines. She also reported how guidelines and procedures would be identified- Roman numerals for guidelines and letters for procedures. When the Policy Committee next meets, Mrs. Waugh reported that it would work on procedures for New Board Member Orientation. She also handed out a copy of a new amendment to the state law on open meetings. The amendment addresses serial meetings.

Mrs. Gamble left at 10:10 a.m. The Board took a break from 10:26 to 10:35 a.m.

### **UPDATE ON THE EDUCATION RESEARCH CONSORTIUM**

Kathy Gosa, Director of the Information Technology Team, presented an update on the activities and plans of the Research Consortium to meet its objective to maximize the state's capacity to use data to inform decisions and actions in education. The Research Consortium, guided by a steering committee made up of representatives from the Kansas State Department of Education, the Kansas Board of Regents, K-State and the University of Kansas, is an outgrowth of a 3-year grant by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) to enhance the capacity and use of education data in Kansas. One component of that grant included establishment of the Research Consortium to enable implementation and use of an education research agenda. One of three work groups of the Consortium, the Research Agenda Committee developed a needs assessment survey instrument which it will administer in the fall to identify priority themes for research in the state. Plans are to use the results of the needs assessment to develop an initial research agenda by the end of the year.

Mrs. Gosa handed out to Board members copies of a Research Needs Assessment Survey, asking that Board members fill it out and return it. Dr. Abrams noted that the categories listed did not include the integration of academics into career and technical education. Mrs. Gosa said she would add it to the list of possible research topics and, since the State Board was the first to have an opportunity to respond to the survey, the topic would be included on the version that was distributed to other groups.

### **EVALUATION OF THE CURRENT ALTERNATE LICENSURE PROGRAM**

Susan Helbert, Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure and Education, presented background information and trend data regarding the KSDE Restricted Licensure Program. Representatives of higher education institutions with restricted licensure programs assisted in the presentation. Debbie Mercer, Fort Hays State University; Judith Hayes, Wichita State University; Brad King, Mid-America Nazarene University; and Rozanne Sparks, Pittsburg State University discussed their programs with the Board. Dr. Abrams asked for a comparison of retention data for those entering the education profession along a traditional route and those entering through an alternate program.

### **STATE BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the travel requests be approved as presented. The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Wagon adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

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Bill Wagon, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary