KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 14, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday, May 14, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE Tenth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Steve Abrams
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
Bill Musick
Harold Hosey
I.B. "Sonny" Rundell
Mildred McMillon
Mandy Specht
Kathleen White

Member absent:

Mike Gragert (on business representing a client in federal court)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman White added to the agenda three items of new business: discussion of 1997 membership dues to the National Association of State Boards of Education; a proclamation in conjunction with "Stand for Children" day in June; and an executive session. Mrs. McMillon asked to give a report on the Education Commission of the States meeting, as an item of new business. Mrs. White also asked that the State Board defer action on item 8 involving high school and college entrance proficiencies due to Mr. Gragert's absence. A majority of the State Board wanted to proceed with item 8. Mrs. Morrison moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dr. Hosey moved approval of the minutes as distributed; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

A CLOSER LOOK AT EDUCATION: discussion with superintendents

Mr. Dale M. Dennis, Interim Commissioner, introduced the five school superintendents who came to share their achievements and challenges with the State Board members. The five superintendents were: Dr. Mary Devin, Geary County USD 475; Dr. Ron Wimmer, Olathe USD 233; Mr. Howard Shuler, Auburn Washburn USD 437; Dr. Roger Pickerign, Stanton County USD 452; and Mr. Don Hague, Hoxie USD 412. Among the challenges mentioned, several superintendents stressed the importance of staff development, continuing to upgrade computer technology, funding, and meeting the needs occasioned by changes in the economic and demographic make-up of their districts. They each stressed the improvements achieved through effective schools practices and participation in the Quality Performance Accreditation process. One superintendent thanked the Board for requiring the establishment of school site councils. Another thanked the Board for its leadership in making Kansas a leader in school reform. The superintendents responded to questions from Board members.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman White opened the Forum at 11:20 a.m. Two persons spoke:

- David DePue, executive director, Kansas Council on Vocational Education;
- Peg Dunlap, director of instructional advocacy, Kansas-National Education Association.

Chairman White closed the Forum at 11:30 and called a ten-minute break.

QUALITY STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN BIRTH THROUGH AGE EIGHT

Ms. Carol Dermyer, coordinator in Student Support Services, reviewed the process of developing Quality Standards and introduced members of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee. Members of the committee who spoke were: Ms. Marnie Campbell who formerly worked for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Ms. Kathi Leon, president of the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children and a faculty member at Washburn University, Ms. Verna Weber from Social and Rehabilitation Services, and Mark Tallman from the Kansas Association of School Boards who is also a local school board member and parent. Mr. Bill Musick spoke to the issues as the State Board's representative on the Stakeholders Committee. Ms. Dermyer responded to questions and received comments from State Board members. Following discussion, Mrs. McMillon moved that the State Board adopt the Quality Standards for Early Childhood Education for Children Birth through Eight document, as a standard of quality services for families and young children in Kansas with the provision that the document be preceded with a letter explaining that the guidelines are voluntary in nature; seconded by

Mr. Musick, and the motion carried on a six to one vote. Dr. Hosey voted "no" and Mrs. White and Mr. Musick abstained.

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

"READ TO ME" PROGRAM

Dr. Sharon Freden introduced Ms. Judy Moler, the state director of Communities in Schools. Ms. Moler reported on the development of an ad-hoc committee on literacy and introduced Judge G. Joseph Pierron, Jr., Kansas Court of Appeals. Judge Pierron reviewed research on the benefits of reading aloud to children, as well as the work undertaken in other states. The committee recommends the goal that every child in Kansas, from age 6 months to 8 years be read to, every day, for 20 minutes. He also set forth these recommendations:

- By January 1, 1997, develop a collaborative, non-binding plan to make daily reading to children a part of our cultural background. Formulate the plan through cooperation of many groups and include ways to make appropriate books more available and strategies to help Kansas' minority communities participate in the initiative.
- By April 1, 1997, establish a state resource center for encouraging daily reading to children. The materials could include information summarizing the benefits of reading to children; suggestions on how to implement local reading to children initiatives, both public and private, and supporting materials. An Internet site might be considered.
- By July 1, 1997, organize a voluntary pool of technical resource people to help advise local groups on how to organize their own resource centers and initiatives.

In summary, Judge Pierron encouraged the State Board of Education to cooperate with other state agencies and private organizations to provide informational and planning help to local groups who want to develop their own initiatives.

Following discussion, Chairman White asked staff to review Judge Pierron's recommendations and consider ways that the State Board of Education can provide an impetus for reading programs.

PROFICIENCIES: high school graduation and college entrance

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner of Learning Services, presented the recommendations of the Quality Performance Accreditation Advisory Council from its May 13 meeting:

The Quality Performance Accreditation Advisory Council recognizes the importance of verifying the preparation of high school graduates, and the goal of your considered action is not inconsistent with the underlying focus of QPA: specifically, the goal of a higher standard for each and every Kansas high school graduate driven by input from both higher education and industry. We view, with varying degrees of alarm, the following issues:

- Expending scarce State financial and human resources at this point on the idea;
- Utilizing a single, "high stakes" exam without monitoring interim progress;
- Setting Kansas schools on a return to top-down management practices;
- Recognizing legal implications of mandatory State proficiency or single exit measures;
- Diverting USD time and energy away from QPA improvement efforts;
- Creating another mechanism to improve student performance.

In summary, the QPA Advisory Council suggests that a study group be chartered to:

- Research the legal implications of State established proficiencies or exams;
- Research successful national and international benchmark measures and practices;
- Provide a base of student performance information which assists each school in developing its improvement plan. This should include proficiency input from business, industry, regents institutions, technical institutions, and private colleges.

In light of these comments from the QPA Advisory Council, Dr. Freden recommended that the State Board proceed to work with the Board of Regents on college entrance proficiencies, but establish a study committee on high school proficiencies. Following considerable discussion, Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education direct its staff to work with the Kansas Board of Regents' staff and others to develop college entrance proficiencies; and that the State Board's staff give a report at the June meeting on high school proficiencies; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried on a 6 to 3 vote. Voting "no" were: Mrs. McMillon, Mrs. Morrison, and Mr. Rundell. Prior to this vote, Mrs. Morrison made an amendment to the motion, removing all reference to high school graduation proficiencies, but the motion died for lack of a second.

QPA ACCREDITATION AND CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION: elementary and secondary schools

Mr. Craig Shove, director of the Outcomes Education Team, presented the recommendations of the accreditation visit teams for schools to be accredited or conditionally accredited in the Quality Performance Accreditation process. Mr. Shove also asked that Ell Saline High School be removed from the list for conditional accreditation pending an appeal. Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education approve accreditation status for the following list of schools; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

QPA accredited schools:

- Ward High School in the Kansas City Catholic Diocese;
- USD 203: Piper High School, Piper Middle School, Piper Elementary School West and Piper Elementary School East;
- USD 207 in Ft. Leavenworth: Patton Junior High School;

- USD 233 Olathe: Frontier Trail Junior High and Countryside Elementary School;
- USD 512: Shawnee Mission West High School;
- USD 441 Sabetha: Wetmore Elementary, Wetmore High School, and Sabetha High School;
- USD 320 Wamego: West Elementary, Wamego High School, Central Elementary School, Wamego Middle School;
- USD 408 Marion: Marion Elementary;
- USD 430 South Brown County: Horton Elementary School, Horton High School, and Everest Middle School;
- USD 420: Osage City Elementary and Osage City High School;
- USD 429: Troy Elementary School, Troy High School and Troy Middle School;
- USD 380 Vermillion: Frankfort Elementary, Frankfort High School, Centralia Elementary and Centralia High School;
- USD 340: Jefferson West High School;
- USD 377: Atchison County Community Middle School;
- USD 437: Washburn Rural High School;
- USD 443 Dodge City: Linn Elementary, Dodge City Middle School and Wilroads Gardens Elementary School, Northwest Elementary and Central Elementary;

USD 215: Lakin High School;

- USD 294: Oberlin Elementary School and Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School;
- USD 215 : Lakin Elementary School and Lakin Middle School;
- USD 443 Dodge City: Northwest Elementary and Central Elementary;
- USD 352: West Elementary Goodland, North Elementary Goodland and Central Elementary School;
- USD 392: Osborne High School, Osborne Elementary School, and Alton Osborne Junior High School;
- USD 325: Phillipsburg Elementary School, Phillipsburg Middle School and Phillipsburg High School;
- USD 307 Ell-Saline: Happy Corner Elementary;
- USD 475 Geary County: Jefferson Elementary, Milford Elementary, Fort Riley Elementary, Grandview Elementary, Morris Hill Elementary School, Westwood Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, Custer Hill Elementary, and Junction City Middle School;
- USD 313 Buhler: Obee Elementary, Buhler High School, Buhler Elementary School, Prosperity Elementary School, Union Valley Elementary, Prairie Hills Middle School;
- USD 331 Kingman: Norwich Elementary, Norwich High School, and Kingman Elementary School;
- USD 407 Russell County: Gorham Elementary;
- USD 424 : Mullinville Elementary and Mullinville Junior High School;
- USD 439 Sedgwick: Sedgwick High School and RL Wright Elementary;
- USD 353 Wellington: Eisenhower Elementary School.

QPA conditionally accredited schools:

Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education approve conditional accreditation status for the following schools: USD 345 Seaman - Indian Creek Elementary; USD 408 Marion- Marion High School; and USD 443 Dodge City - Miller Elementary; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

HEARING DATES ON QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION

Mr. Craig Shove presented a list of possible hearing sites in August and September at which time public comment could be received on the Quality Performance Accreditation regulations. Following discussion, Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education approve the proposed dates for public hearings to be held in McPherson on August 19, Yates Center on August 20, Dodge City on August 26, Hoxie on August 27, and in Topeka on September 10 during the State Board of Education meeting regarding the proposed Quality Performance Accreditation regulations and revocation of the existing accreditation regulations; seconded by Mrs. Morrison. Dr. Abrams moved an amendment to the motion that a location in Johnson County be added to the list of hearing sites; seconded by Mr. Gilmore. The amendment to the motion carried and the main motion carried. Mr. Musick moved an amendment to add a site in Salina; it died for lack of a second.

VISITING SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Certification and Teacher Education, presented three recommendations. Dr. Abrams moved that the State Board of Education grant three requests for visiting scholar status for:

- Bonnie Orozco to permit her to teach Spanish at Ellsworth High School in USD 327 for the 1996-1997 school year;
- Adriana Gonzalez to permit her to teach special education to autistic students at Deerfield Elementary School in Lawrence USD 497 during the remainder of the 1995-1996 school year; and
- Jennie Jo Anna St. John to permit her to teach fine arts classes in Wichita USD 259 for the 1996 - 1997 school year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rundell, and it carried.

EVALUATION REVIEW COMMITTEE: program status at schools of education

Mr. Ken Bungert presented the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee concerning programs at Associated Colleges of Central Kansas, Baker University, Friends University, Kansas Newman College, McPherson College, Ottawa University, Pittsburg State University, Saint Mary College and Wichita State University.

Dr. Abrams moved approval of the recommendations for each of the nine schools; seconded by Mr.

Rundell, and the motion carried.

- Associated Colleges of Central Kansas: approved with stipulation for a new undergraduate program through June 30, 1998 in Special Education.
- Baker University: approved with stipulation status for a new undergraduate program through June 30, 1998 in Speech Communication.
- Friends University: approved with stipulation status for two new undergraduate programs through June 30, 1998 in General Mathematics and Drama.
- Kansas Newman College: approved with stipulation status for a new undergraduate program through June 30, 1998 in English as a Second Language.
- McPherson College: approved with stipulation status for a new undergraduate program through June 30, 1998 in Physical Education.
- Ottawa University: approved with stipulation status for a new undergraduate program through June 30, 1998 in Early Childhood; and extended the provisionally approved status for the undergraduate program in Anthropology and Sociology through June 30, 1998.
- Pittsburg State University: approved with stipulation status a new undergraduate program in Principles of Technology and a new graduate program in Library Media through June 30, 1998.
- Saint Mary College: approved status for ten undergraduate programs: Elementary, English, Mathematics, General Mathematics, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, U.S. History/ Government/World History, Drama, and Journalism.
- Wichita State University: approved with stipulation status three graduate programs through June 30, 1997 - Peace Corps Alternative Certification Higher Education Model, Bilingual/ Multicultural, and English as a Second Language.

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Mr. Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, presented two issues: proposed change in the KSHSAA bylaws and appointment to the Board of Directors to replace Jo Brown who resigned. Mrs. Specht highly recommended Teresa Clounch, director of Minority Affairs at Emporia State University, for the position on the KSHSAA Board of Directors.

Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board of Education approve a change in the KSHSAA bylaws Article V, Section 2 and 3 adding a member of the State Board of Education to the Executive Board of the Association; and appoint Teresa Clounch to the KSHSAA Board of Directors in order to provide for greater equity in representation; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kaye Pearce, executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association distributed the Executive Board minutes of April, 1996, responded to questions, and thanked the State Board for the cooperative relationship established throughout his tenure with the Association.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, reviewed the budget for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 and legislation as summarized for the 1996 session. Mr. Ron Nitcher, director of Agency Budgeting and Program Accounting referred Board members to the reports from the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf on their budgets. Mr. Dennis asked Board members to consider recommendations for the 1998 budget.

OPERATING BUDGETS FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Mr. Dale M. Dennis presented recommendations to amend 1995-96 operating budgets at technical schools. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education approve the amended 1995-96 operating budgets for: North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit, Southeast Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School in Coffeyville, Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia, Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland, Salina Area Vocational School, and Wichita Technical College in the amounts listed; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Rundell asked for clarification of item c. on a transfer of territory. Mr. Kevin Ireland, staff attorney, responded to questions. Mr. Ken Bungert requested that in item t. the name of Merry Dee Hornbuckle be withdrawn from consideration for appointment to the Professional Standards Board. Mrs. McMillon moved approval of each consent agenda item; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved the following school construction plans: Manhattan 383, Shawnee Mission 512 (three), Bonner Springs USD 204, Blue Valley USD 229, Augusta USD 402, Atchison USD 409, Chautauqua County Community USD 286, St. John's Military School, Greensburg USD 422, Lawrence USD 497 (three), Hutchinson USD 308 (two), Hoisington USD 431, McPherson USD 418, Maize USD 259, Geary County USD 475, Great Bend USD 428, Books and Blocks Academy in Topeka, Olathe USD 233 (two).
- Approved the agreement to transfer territory between USD 266 Maize and USD 267 Renwick in Sedgwick County with an effective date of July 1, 1996.
- Received quarterly reports from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind.
- Approved a request for waiver of special education regulations made by Garden City USD 457.
- Approved a Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request by Ellinwood USD 355 and Nickerson USD 309.
- Approved the inservice education plan from Tonganoxie USD 464.
- Issued certificates of approval to these proprietary schools: Professional Bartenders Training Institute (Overland Park), Kansas Massage Institute, Inc. (Topeka), American Institute for Paralegal Studies, Inc. (Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois), and Cleveland Institute of Electronics.

- Allowed a waiver of K.A.R. 91-5-2 of the driver education regulation for 4 school districts - Girard USD 248, Haven USD 312, Rock Creek USD 323, and Dodge City USD 443 - to implement a performance-based driver education curriculum.
- Received an announcement of the 1996 Kansas Community College Academic Excellence Challenge winners.
- Issued a 1996 license to the commercial driving training school Royal Driving School in Salina.
- Reappointed to the Kansas Council on Vocational Education for three-year terms: Joe D. Pucci representing labor, Robert Thiry, representing labor, and Gary Withrow representing industry.
- Approved the extension of the current State Plan for Vocational Education for fiscal year 1997.
- Issued orders granting two districts authority to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation: Valley Center USD 262 and Lindsborg USD 400.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee regarding cases: 1460, 1473, 1465, 1467, 1470, 1473, and 1462.
- Reappointed to the Professional Standards Board for a three-year term Mr. Jonathan Brown to represent building administrators.
- Reappointed to the Professional Practices Commission for three-year terms: Mr. Roy Gunter representing classroom teachers and Ms. AnnaMae Garrett representing Elementary Building Administrators.
- Established the certification fee for fiscal year 1996-97 at $24, effective July 1, 1996.

Contracts Approved:

The Interim Commissioner was authorized to negotiate and enter into contract with:

- Research and Training Associates, Inc. to provide training in gathering and compiling the necessary information for the evaluation of the Parents as Teachers Program, with the contract amount not to exceed $12,000;
- with Mr. Bill Maxwell to provide services for the Special Education Student Management Information System, with the contract amount not to exceed $11,250; and
- with Ms. Linda Ware, Ph.D. to provide services during Year Four of the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed $6,000.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership Dues to NASBE

Mrs. McMillon moved that funding for membership dues to the National Association of State Boards of Education be discontinued for the 1997 calendar year and that the money normally paid for dues be used instead for services for students in light of reduced funding; seconded by Dr. Hosey. In discussion, members asked for clarification of the time period which would be affected by such an action. Mr. Gilmore moved that the motion be tabled until clarification was available; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and

the motion carried. Mr. Biles, Board Attorney, returned to report that the fiscal year for NASBE begins in January; therefore discontinuance of 1997 dues would involve activities January - December 1997. The motion by Mrs. McMillon failed with 5 votes in favor, 3 votes against and 1 abstention. Voting "no" were Mrs. White, Mr. Musick and Mrs. Morrison.

B. Stand for Children proclamation

Mrs. White proposed a proclamation in support of the national "Stand for Children" day on June 1, indicating that it is supported by Kansas-NEA and NASBE. In response to questions, Ms. Peg Dunlap, director of instructional advocacy at K-NEA, indicated that the activities were initiated by the Children's Defense Fund. Seeing consensus on the issue, Chairman White indicated that she would issue this proclamation on behalf of the State Board:

Whereas, on June 1, 1996, Americans from all backgrounds will come together to take a "Stand for Children" at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., and renew our community's commitment to improving the quality of our children's lives; and

Whereas, on Stand for Children Day and beyond, state board of education members with other families, citizens, members of religious congregations, schools, community-based organizations, businesses, and political and cultural groups will join together as a local and national community to recognize our children's unmet needs and rededicate ourselves to addressing them; and

Whereas, caring for our children must be our families', community's and nation's first priority; and

Whereas, state boards of education will renew their commitment to ensure quality education for each and every student; and

Now, therefore, the State Board of Education does hereby support and call on local districts and schools to support June 1 as Stand for Children Day and rededicate to the task of ensuring quality education for each and every child and leaving no child behind, for all of our children from this day forward.

C. Report on the Education Commission of the States meeting

Mrs. McMillon reported on her recent meeting as a member of the ECS Steering Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Musick moved that the State Board of Education go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 4:30; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

RECESS

At 4:45 p.m., Chairman White opened the meeting to the public and called a recess for the day.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a. m. on Wednesday, May 15, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE Tenth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Steve Abrams
Wanda Morrison
Kevin Gilmore
Bill Musick
Harold Hosey
I.B. ìSonnyî Rundell
Mildred McMillon
Mandy Specht
Kathleen White

Member absent:

Mike Gragert (on business representing a client in federal court)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gilmore asked to add an item of new business regarding unclassified staff salaries to new business, to be introduced as the next item on the agenda. Mr. Musick moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gilmore, on behalf of the State Board, acknowledged that fiscal year 1996 has been challenging for the unclassified regular staff in the agency, requiring them to accept additional responsibilities and to work together in a manner that has required the utmost in cooperation and effort. Because of their hard

work and dedication during FY 1996, Mr. Gilmore moved that all unclassified regular employees, except for the Interim Commissioner, be provided a $500 salary increase for one two-week pay period only. The salary increase would be for the pay period of May 19 through June 1, 1996, which would be paid on June 14, 1996, and this $500 increase would not raise their salary base. The Interim Commissioner will receive $1,000 under the same conditions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and it carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF PIPER-KANSAS CITY USD 203

Mr. Dale M. Dennis, Interim Commissioner, recognized Dr. Sandra Terril, superintendent of USD 203, for the Magna Award as presented by the American School Board Journal. The award was given in 1996 to the Piper-Kansas City school district for its model of shared governance and its objective to make the best decisions possible by involving the community and the staff with a focus on student learning. Dr. Terril spoke briefly and introduced the board president, Mr. Leonard Bierman. Mr. Bierman spoke and responded to questions. Also presenting were: Mr. James Swanson and Mr. Craig Howell, members of the local board. Each person described how successful Piper has been in working with its community. Dr. Terril and Mr. John Chapman, business administrator, responded to questions.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Dr. Hosey indicated that he was not able to attend the Governorís Scholars Program on May 5th. Members discussed briefly the purpose of travel on behalf of the State Board. Mr. Rundell moved approval of the travel requests as presented; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

CURRICULAR STANDARDS IN COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner of Learning Services, reviewed the development of the Communications Standards from their inception in fall 1994, and introduced the revised document. Ms. Kim Young, Reading Specialist in the Outcomes Education Team, and Mr. Mel Riggs, English Language Arts specialist in Outcomes, each addressed specific areas of revision. Two members of the writing committee also spoke: Ms. Nancy Harman, teacher at Kathryn OíLoughlin McCarthy Elementary School in Hays, and Dr. Nancy Goulden, a faculty member in Speech Communications at Kansas State University. Board members asked questions and offered comments. The Chairman received the Standards and it was agreed that a final draft would be sent to teachers and administrators for their use in fall, 1996.

Chairman White called a ten-minute break at 10:00 p.m.

REDESIGN OF LICENSURE OF KANSAS EDUCATORS: Professional Standards Board Discussion

Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Certification and Teacher Education, introduced members of the Executive

Committee of the Professional Standards Board: Dr. Sandra Terril, current chair of the Regulations Committee, Dr. Karen Gallagher, incoming chair of the Professional Standards Board and chair of Education at the University of Kansas, and Ms. Zenobia Washington, current chair of the Standards Board. State Board of Education members divided into discussion groups to review comments they have received from constituents about the proposed redesign of teacher licensure, and to discuss issues with the Standards Board members. Following this break-out session, State Board members Mrs. White, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. McMillon reported the findings of their discussion groups and emphasized which issues must be addressed by the Professional Standards Board in ongoing deliberations. Dr. Gallagher then summarized discussions of the Professional Standards Board since the public hearings in March.

TIMELINE: Recommendation of the Professional Standards Board

Dr. Gallagher presented the recommendations of the Professional Standards Board:

- The Standards Board will organize itself into work groups to discuss issues raised in the March 1996 hearings and to consider recommendations related to both procedural as well as structural components of the proposal. This will include such areas as inclusion of endorsements not recommended by the Regulations Committee and regulatory language related to licensure and renewal. This analysis will be done from May 13 to September 1, 1996.
- Identify and staff field groups, composed of content and instructional specialists, to review and revise the outcomes for some identified proposed license endorsements. Members of the Regulations Committeeís subcommittees as well as additional members will make substantive and/or editorial revisions and prepare a document for the Professional Standards Board by October 15, 1996.
- Create new field groups, composed of content and instructional specialists, to develop outcomes for any new endorsements of components of the redesign proposal. This work will be submitted to the Professional Standards Board by November 1, 1996.
- Conduct a series of informational meetings to describe the principles and structure of the proposed redesign document. Conduct Focus Groups to identify misconceptions and incorrect information about proposed outcomes. The targeted constituents for these informational groups would include but not be limited to: institutions of higher education, including the Kansas Board of Regents; professional organizations like United School Administrators, Kansas-National Education Association and the Kansas Association of School Boards; educational service centers and other professional education groups; and local educational agencies. These meetings would be conducted between August 1, 1996 and November 1, 1996.
- The Professional Standards Board will adopt a draft of the Redesign proposal at a special January 1997 meeting and will distribute the draft proposal statewide in February 1997.
- A series of interactive hearings will be held at strategic locations around Kansas between March 1 and March 30, 1997.
- The Professional Standards Board will approve for recommendation to the Kansas State Board of Education their final draft of the ìRedesign of Licensure of Kansas Educatorsî at their April 1997 meeting.
- The Professional Standards Board will present to the State Board of Education its final proposal

in May 1997.

Following discussion, Mr. Musick moved that the State Board of Education accepted the timeline as revised by the Professional Standards Board for development of the licensure system for Kansas educators; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mrs. White reported that she had met with the Board of Regents Chairman, at which time she proposed that the Joint Advisory Committee on Governance resume its meetings. There was agreement to schedule a meeting of the Joint Committee in September. She also reported that the May meeting of the Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education was canceled, with the next Council meeting scheduled for June 26.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

Mr. Dan Biles reported on legal services he has provided within the last month. Mr. Rundell moved that the State Board of Education pay Mr. Biles for services and expenses as Attorney for the Board, according to his itemized statement; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE INTERIM COMMISSIONER

Mr. Dale M. Dennis reviewed activities of the month, and reported in particular on the close of the 1996 legislative session. He called on Ken Bungert to provide a report on the new computerized system in Certification. Mr. Bungert indicated that by July 1 teachers can receive information about the status of their certificate by phone and they will also soon be able to access current information via Internet. In closing, Mr. Dennis asked permission to show the Board a video developed by the Maryland Department of Education on customer service.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.