

# **KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**October 6, 1998**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, in the Board Room of the Leavenworth USD 453 Administration Office, 200 N. 4<sup>th</sup>, Leavenworth, KS.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members present were:

Steve Abrams

Mildred McMillon

Mary Douglass Brown

Wanda Morrison

Kevin Gilmore

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Linda Holloway

Bill Wagnon

Scott Hill

Mrs. Specht was absent because of illness.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Gilmore asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Dr. Wagnon and Mr. Hill asked that item 9 e., conditional accreditation of Chase County High School, be pulled from the consent agenda. Dr. Abrams asked that items 9 f., regarding accreditation waiver requests, and 9 o., a school bond election for USD 267, be pulled. Mrs. Brown asked that item 9 i., grants for homeless children and youth, be pulled. Dr. Wagnon and Mrs. Brown asked that item 9 l., revisions to the institutional handbooks on accreditation and program approval, be pulled. There being no further changes, Mr. Hill, with a second by Mrs. Brown, moved that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairman Gilmore asked for approval of the minutes of the September meeting. Mr. Rundell moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Dr. Abrams seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mrs. Brown asked when votes should be recorded by Board member's names. Brief discussion followed. It was agreed that the issue would best be addressed by the Policy Committee.

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## **PRESENTATION**

### **Activities in the Leavenworth Public School District, USD 453**

Dr. Richard Branstrator, Superintendent, welcomed State Board members and guests and thanked Mrs. McMillon for her dedicated service to education through her tenure on the State Board of Education representing District 1, and leadership at the local level as member and president of her local board of education. Dr. Branstrator briefed the Board on several of the awards the district had received. He also gave an overview of school improvement efforts in the district, highlighting experiences at North Broadway Elementary. Dr. Dave Winans, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, described the districtwide improvement cycle and the connection between staff development and student improvement. Dr. Jeff Borbley, Director of Research and Evaluation, discussed details of the district assessment program which began with a pretest of students at the beginning of the school year. He reported how results of tests given midway through and at the end of the year were evaluated and utilized to focus on instructional elements needing improvement and how staff was involved in developing strategies to address those needs. Board questions followed. Ms. Betty Sigle, a third grade teacher at North Broadway Elementary, reported on results of district goals from her perspective as a classroom teacher. Ms. Sigle reviewed the reading and writing programs used in her classroom and told how her students had improved in those skills. She was accompanied by several of her students who shared with Board members an exercise used to help students understand point of view in writing. At the conclusion of the district's presentation, Dr. Branstrator introduced Deputy Superintendent Alan Schuler who was also in attendance.

## **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Gilmore opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 11:19 a.m. Mary Kay Culp, Associate Director of Education, Kansas Catholic Conference, Lenexa, Kansas, addressed the Board about provisions for special education services for private schools under current state law. Chairman Gilmore declared the forum closed at 11:24

## **RECOMMENDATIONS ON CUSTOMIZED TRAINING ISSUES**

Dr. Joe Birmingham, Assistant Commissioner for Lifelong Learning, reviewed draft guidelines developed by the Department in response to issues raised in the Legislative Post Audit report

on customized employee training programs. Guidelines had been developed for course approval and program administration. He asked if the Board felt the draft guidelines satisfactorily addressed the major areas of concern in the Legislative Post Audit report and noted that if the Board concurred, he would provide the draft to the appropriate legislative committees. Board discussion and questions followed with primary areas of concern being whether customized workforce training programs should be funded in the same way as traditional community college courses; the cost of workforce training versus the cost of traditional credit hour courses; the transferability of technical credits; and the need to redefine a credit hour.

At 11:50 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

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After lunch, the Board resumed its discussion of customized training issues. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis explained the difference in funding mechanisms for credit hours for technical courses at area vocational technical schools (AVTSs), consolidated community colleges and AVTSs, and community colleges. Chairman Gilmore indicated that credit hour issues were separate from the questions posed by the Legislative Post Audit report. He noted that the issues arising from the Legislative Post Audit report had been adequately addressed by the proposal presented by Dr. Birmingham. The Board concurred. After further discussion, Dr. Birmingham was asked to report on non-credit hour funding for community college customized training programs at the December Board meeting, if possible, so that the Board would be able to include any resulting recommendations in its legislative package.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

## **1999 Legislative Education Issues And Legislative Brochure**

The Board asked that Deputy Commissioner Dennis include language to address safety concerns to the request for a legislative study of a new funding formula for transportation and special education as stated in the legislative brochure. The Board expressed no objections to the legislative proposal to revise the definition of credit hour used by community colleges to bring the community college credit hour in line with the definition used by State Board of Regents institutions and most other institutions of higher education. The Board discussed the use of capital outlay funds for AVTSs in accordance with state statute which allows for their use for remodeling and capital improvements as well as structural equipment. The Board also discussed charter schools, and postsecondary coordination.

Mr. Dennis reviewed activity of the Legislative Budget Committee which had been studying special education funding issues, and handed out testimony presented at the most recent hearing. He also handed out copies of a memorandum presented to the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education and a memorandum prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Office explaining the education article of the Kansas Constitution.

Dr. Wagnon reported on activities of the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education of which he is a member. He reported that a group consisting of presidents of Regents institutions and community colleges had met and had worked on a mechanism for increased coordination and cooperation between the institutions and presented their initial plan to the Task Force September 30th. He noted that specific suggestions to address the unique governance structure of area vocational technical schools had not been adequately addressed in their proposal. He reported that the Task Force intended to study the vision statement written by the Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education; possible alternative funding mechanisms; and the creation of a new board to oversee postsecondary education. He added that if a new board were created, the State Board of Education would give up authority over community colleges and area vocational technical schools. Dr. Wagnon also briefly noted other testimony presented to the Task Force September 30<sup>th</sup>. Board discussion and questions followed. Dr. Tom

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Burke, President of Kansas City Kansas Community College, who was present, participated in the discussion of the proposal from Regents institution and community college presidents. He indicated the Task Force had expressed interest in the plan and had asked the group to come back with some specific recommendations. Board comments also reflected interest in a coordinating board or agency.

## **State General Fund**

Deputy Director Dale Dennis noted that state general fund receipts for 1998 were 1.3% above the final estimate, as adjusted for legislation. Estimates for FY 1999 were in line with adjusted projections made in May, 1998.

The board took a short break at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 3:09 p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Assistant Commissioner Freden discussed some of the issues regarding consent item 9 e., conditional accreditation of Chase County High School, which Mr. Hill had pulled from the consent agenda. Mr. Hill requested that additional supporting materials be provided to Board members when conditional accreditation of a school was being recommended. Discussion followed regarding the accreditation process in general, and Chase County High School, specifically. It was suggested the item be tabled until the November meeting. Dr. Abrams indicated his questions about items 9 f. and o. had been answered satisfactorily. Dr. Freden answered questions from Mrs. Brown regarding 9 i., grants for homeless children and youth. Dr. Freden also indicated that item 9 l., proposed changes to institutional handbooks on

accreditation and program approval, questioned by Mrs. Brown and Dr. Wagnon, was on the consent agenda for the Board to receive in October, with action proposed for the November meeting. She further indicated staff could make a presentation on the proposed changes at the November meeting. Mrs. Brown moved that the consent agenda be approved with the exception of item e., conditional accreditation for Chase County High School. Mrs. Holloway seconded the motion and the consent agenda was approved as amended.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

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- Received the monthly personnel report.
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- Confirmed the unclassified special project appointments of Natalie Banks as an Assistant Education Program Consultant under the Kansas Commission on National and Community Services and Program Development Assistance and Training grant, effective August 31, 1998 at an hourly rate of \$15.80; and Sheila Stueve as an Office Assistant IV position funded by consolidated federal funds, effective September 16, 1998, at an hourly rate of \$8.81.

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- Approved school construction plans for Church of Christ School, Overland Park; Topeka, USD 501; DeSoto, USD 232 (2); Dodge City, USD 443; Lakin, USD 215; Leavenworth, USD 453; Basehor-Linwood, USD 458; B&B, USD 451; Erie-St. Paul, USD 101; and Mill Creek Valley, USD 329.

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- Approved Cycle I accredited status for Kansas City Catholic Diocese: Christ the King, Kansas City; Salina Catholic Diocese: St. Marys Elementary, Ellis, Holy Family Elementary, Hays and Thomas More Prep-Marian; USD 202 Turner-Kansas City: Junction Primary; USD 469 Lansing: Lansing Middle 6-8, Lansing Intermediate 4-5<sup>th</sup>, and Lansing Elementary K-3; USD 500 Kansas City: Washington High School; School for the Deaf High School; USD 233 Olathe: Olathe North Senior High School; USD 253 Emporia: Mary Herbert Elementary and Walnut Elementary; USD 290 Ottawa: Hawthorne Elementary; USD 487 Herington: Herington Elementary, Herington Middle School and Herington High School; USD 284 Chase County: Chase County Middle School and Chase County Elementary; USD 321 Kaw Valley: Rossville High School; USD 501 Topeka: Topeka High School and Topeka West High School; USD 214 Ulysses: Kepley Middle School and Ulysses High School; USD 216 Deerfield: Deerfield Elementary, Deerfield Middle School and Deerfield High School; USD 352 Goodland:

Goodland High School; USD 371 Montezuma: Montezuma Elementary and South Gray High School; USD 489 Hays: Lincoln Elementary, Washington Elementary, Munjor Elementary and Catherine Elementary; USD 278 Mankato: Mankato Elementary, Mankato Jr. High School and Mankato High School; USD 279 Jewell: Jewell Elementary, Jewell High School and Randall Middle School; USD 400 Smoky Valley: Soderstrom Elementary and Marquette Elementary; USD 259 Wichita: Linwood Elementary, McCollom Elementary, Metro Meridian Alternative High School, Stanley Elementary and South High School; USD 245: LeRoy Elementary, LeRoy High School, Gridley Elementary and Gridley High School; USD 258 Frontenac Public Schools: Frank Layden Elementary and Frontenac Jr./Sr. High School; USD 258 Humboldt: Humboldt High School; USD 493 Columbus: Columbus High School; USD 353 Wellington: Lincoln Elementary; USD 394 Rose Hill Public Schools: Rose Hill Elementary and Rose Hill Intermediate; USD 402 Augusta: Garfield Elementary; USD 447 Cherryvale: Cherryvale Sr./Middle School; USD 492 Flinthills: Cassody Elementary, Rosalia Elementary and Flinthills Middle School-High School; and Cycle II accredited status for USD 443 Dodge City: Dodge City High School.

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- Approved requests for waiver of state QPA regulations from: USD 101 Erie, USD 283 Elk Valley and USD 292 Wheatland to hold athletic practice with the stipulation that USD 283 and USD 292 develop plans and implement corrective action within one year to eliminate the need for a waiver; USD 232, DeSoto Sr. High School to allow Kim Spencer to teach mathematics at the high school level; USD 264, Clearwater Middle School, to allow Mike Justice to teach social studies at the middle school level; USD 337, Royal Valley, to allow Richard A. Lady to teach elementary physical education and serve as head baseball coach; USD 334, Pleasanton, to allow Matthew S. Jirgens to teach one class period of 9<sup>th</sup> grade physical education; USD 347 Kinsley-Offerle to allow Lynee Habiger to teach vocal music for the 1998-1999 school year for K-4 and 9-12; USD 389, Eureka Public Schools to allow James R. Bell to teach interrelated special education at the Jr./Sr. high level; USD 475, Geary County, to allow Katina Brenn to teach a middle school interrelated 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for special education; Cowley County Special Education Cooperative to allow Bambi

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- Lynn Murphy and Cindy Hovey to teach in early childhood special education positions; Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative to extend an emergency substitute certificate until December 1, 1998 to allow Nona Starr to fill the position of school psychologist; Special Purpose School (at) Parsons State Hospital and Training Center to allow Sarah Son to serve as a special education teacher; Prairie Hills Interlocal #635 to allow Jeanne Christensen to teach interrelated classes at Protection School and Kimberly Aebi to teach special education students at the elementary level; Reno County Special Education Cooperative to allow Denice Susan Thompson to teach special education students at the high school level, Denise Renee McDonald to teach special education-learning disability students at the middle school level, and Mark Cecil Stade to teach in a special education resource room; Southeast Kansas Education Service Center to allow Rebecca S. Duncan to teach in the special education inclusion program for grades K-8 at West Mineral and McCune Elementary schools; and the Special Education Cooperative at Wamego to allow Julie Disbrow to teach special education students at the elementary level, Pamela Kluck and Janice Henne to teach in the gifted program at the elementary level.
  
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- Approved the inservice education plans for USD 202 Turner, USD 266 Maize, USD 306 Southeast of Saline, USD 320 Wamego, USD 380 Vermillion, USD 417 Morris County, Marion Special Education Cooperative #617; Smoky Hill/Central Kansas Education Service Center #629 and Prairie Hills Interlocal #635.

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- Approved funding for 1998-99 Educate America Act year two, three, and four and five local reform subgrants in the amount of \$7,000 each for USD 268 Cheney, USD 493 Columbus, USD 486 Elwood, USD 363 Holcomb, USD 395 Lacrosse, USD 326 Logan, USD 456 Marais des Cygnes Valley, USD 442 Nemaha Valley, USD 461 Neodesha, USD 309 Nickerson, North Central Kansas Educational Service Center 621 (year 3), Northwest Kansas Education Service Center 602, USD 311 Pretty Prairie, USD 507 Satanta, USD 302 Smoky Hill-Ransom, and USD 381 Spearville; year two, three, and four local reform subgrants for USD 443 Dodge City (\$20,792), USD 490 El Dorado (\$9,216), USD 231 Gardner/Edgerton/ Antioch (\$9,424), USD 475 Geary County (\$25,964), USD 261 Haysville (\$16,948), USD 418 McPherson (\$11,408), North Central Kansas Educational Service Center 621 (year 4-\$40,128 and year 5-\$10,800), USD 233 Olathe (\$74,980), and USD 512 Shawnee Mission (\$127,020); preservice teacher education/ professional development subgrants in the amount of \$25,000 each for USD 419 Canton-Galva, USD 315 Colby, USD 490 El Dorado, USD 261 Haysville, USD 500 Kansas City, USD 461 Neodesha, North Central Kansas Educational Service Center 621, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center 626, and USD 320 Wamego; and a preservice teacher education/ professional development subgrant for Northwest Kansas Education Service Center 602 (\$64,250).

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- Approved 1998-99 Homeless Children and Youth Competitive Grants for USD 233 Olathe, USD 259 Wichita, USD 261 Haysville, USD 457 Garden City, USD 475 Geary County, USD 500 Kansas City and USD 501 Topeka.

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- Received abstracts of the 1998-99 Educational Excellence grants.
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- Approved a request for a visiting scholar certificate for the 1998-99 school year from USD 259 Wichita to allow Peter Arensdorf to teach art for grade K-9.
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- Received recommendations from the Professional Standards Board for revisions to the Institutional Handbooks for Accreditation and Program Approval.

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- Certificates of Approval under the Kansas Proprietary School Act were issued to Educational Resources, Inc., Merriam, KS; Westwood College of Technology, Denver, CO; and H & R Block Tax Training School, Overland Park, KS
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- Approved FY 1998-1999 Kansas Internship grants for: Ed Lofland, at Century Tel and Northwest Kansas Technical School and Scott Waugh at Nortel and Northwest Kansas Technical School.
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- Issued an order to USD 267, Renwick, Sedgwick County, granting them authority to hold an election on the question of the district's general bond debt limitation.

**CONDITIONAL ACCREDITED STATUS FOR USD 284 CHASE COUNTY, CHASE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.**

Mrs. Morrison moved that the Board approve conditional Cycle I accredited status for USD 284 Chase County, Chase County High School. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wagnon.

Discussion followed. Mr. Hill moved that the motion be tabled until the November meeting. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion and the motion to table carried on a vote of 6-3.

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **Current and Proposed Certification Regulations**

Commissioner Tompkins briefly reviewed materials which had been provided to the Board for the study session. Dr. Tompkins pointed out proposed changes to the regulations. He noted it was being recommended that endorsement area content standards be moved out of regulation and into Board policy. Dr. Tompkins indicated the rationale behind some of the proposed standards changes included a new focus on desired teaching skills to be mastered rather than defining curriculum. Dr. Tompkins reported that the teaching assessment for licensure being recommended was more of a portfolio concept and that a pedagogy assessment was to be added to the leadership and support personnel assessments. He also briefly referred to the reduction in number of endorsement areas, which reflected a consolidation of many of the subject areas. Mr. Hill reported that he had reviewed the proposed regulations and prepared an alternative proposal which had been passed out to the Board. He reviewed the areas where his recommendations differed from those being proposed by the Professional Standards Board. Mr. Hill's proposal addressed licensure regulations, including significant modifications to the license renewal and visiting scholar license, but he indicated a timeline should be established for revising the endorsements which had been proposed by the Professional Standards Board.

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Board discussion followed. Chairman Gilmore asked members to focus their discussion on: 1) areas where they were in agreement; 2) areas that could be lived with; and 3) the specific issues that needed to be addressed before they would be able to grant approval of any regulatory revision. Members discussed issues relating to the portfolio review for professional license renewal and Mr. Hill's recommendation that the review be done by a local district team. Concern was expressed regarding the reduction in the number of special education areas and staff was asked to provide additional options for Board review. Several Board members indicated the desire for more study and review of the vocational endorsements which had been consolidated under the general endorsement title, technology studies. Also discussed was the recommendation to change endorsement area content standards from regulation to Board policy; and credentials for and use of visiting scholars. Staff was asked to provide Board members with a comparison between the regulations proposed by the Professional Standards Board and Mr. Hill's proposal.

## **VALIDATION STUDY OF A PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE TEST**

Mr. Ken Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, provided the Board with a brief update on the need to have a new pre-certification examination before the Fall of 1999. Mr. Hill, with a second by Mrs. Morrison, moved the Board accept the recommendation of the Professional Standards Board to authorize a validation study of the Principals of Learning and Teaching (Praxis II) test provided by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Board questions included whether other tests were available for the purpose and whether one teaching model was preferred over others in the test being proposed. Mr. Bungert reported other tests were available, but that Kansas already uses another test provided by ETS and has a good working relationship with the company. He also noted that use of the Praxis II test met the constraints for having an assessment available for 1999. Mr. Bungert indicated that the validation study, for which the testing company will pay to have a minimum number of teachers participate, would confirm whether other teaching models were adequately addressed in the test. Mr. Bungert reported that the only decisions yet to be made, after the test was chosen, were whether the Department wished to have teacher educators included in the validation study and whether the state or the local districts would pay for the costs of substitutes if subs were needed. The motion to authorize the validation study of the Praxis II test carried.

## **RECESS**

There being no further business for the day, Chairman Gilmore recessed the meeting at 5:05 p. m.

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Kevin Gilmore, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gilmore called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 1998, in the Board Room of the Leavenworth USD 453 Administration Office, 200 N. 4<sup>th</sup>, Leavenworth, KS.

### ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams

Mildred McMillon

Mary Douglass Brown

Wanda Morrison

Kevin Gilmore

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Scott Hill

Bill Wagnon

Linda Holloway

Mrs. Specht was absent because of illness.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual Report**

Mr. Gary Musselman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association(KSHSAA), was present to deliver the annual report of Association activities to the Board as required by state statute. Mr. Musselman reviewed the nature of the relationship between KSHSAA and the State Board and updated members on recent activities. He noted the KSHSAA Board of Directors had adopted a \$2.7 million budget in September which reflected very little growth and no increase in dues. Mr. Musselman highlighted several of the award programs the Association has, including one that recognizes student teams with high grade point averages. He indicated that 25,000 of the awards were sent out to Kansas students last year. He also reported on the KSHSAA student advisory team and the impact on Board action of a survey the team had conducted on summertime rule changes. Mr. Musselman also briefly reviewed the three bylaw and nine rules changes approved by KSHSAA during the last year; regulation waivers acted on; the catastrophic insurance program adopted; policy changes adopted; and the agendas for upcoming regional board of education and regional administrator meetings.

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### **KSHSAA Bylaw Change**

Mr. Musselman explained the request for approval of a bylaw change in Article IV, Board of Directors, Section 10, which would allow local boards of education more time in voting for KSHSAA Board of Directors' members representing local boards of education. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board approve the KSHSAA bylaw change as requested. The motion carried.

Mrs. McMillon asked Mr. Musselman if there had been any negative public response about KSHSAA or the State Board of Education regarding the recent deaths of three high school football players in unrelated incidents. Mr. Musselman responded that he had not received any negative communication regarding the incidents. Discussion followed about whether KSHSAA made recommendations to schools about the effects of hot and/or cold weather on student athletes and Mr. Musselman indicated the issue would be discussed at the upcoming regional meetings. Mr. Musselman was also asked about the KSHSAA grade point average rules. He indicated students must be passing five classes. Mr. Musselman provided Board members with a public service poster encouraging students to stay in school and stay off drugs, which featured Kansas State University football players.

## **READING CONFERENCE**

Assistant Commissioner Freden updated the Board on the upcoming conference, "Straight Talk about Beginning Reading Instruction", to be held November 6, 1998 in Topeka and sponsored by the International Reading Association in cooperation with the Kansas Reading Association, the Kansas Department of Education, and the Kansas North Central Association. She indicated the \$150 conference fee would be waived for Board members wishing to attend, but asked that they confirm their attendance in advance with the Board secretary.

## **KANSAS CURRICULUM STANDARDS**

### **External Review Contractor for Revised Kansas Curriculum Standards**

Dr. Freden presented to the Board recommendations made by a review committee, of which Dr. Wagon and Mr. Hill were members, which had critiqued proposals received from potential contractors to perform an external review of the revised curriculum standards for

science and geography, history, economics and government. The committee had proposed that the Board select one of two contractors, the Council for Basic Education (CBE), or Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory (McRel). Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Holloway, that the Board authorize the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract with CBE to review the revised Kansas curriculum standards in social studies and science. Dr. Wagnon indicated he felt both contractors could perform a competent review of the standards, but to maintain continuity in the review criteria applied, he would recommend McRel because they had also reviewed other Kansas standards. Board discussion followed about an option contained in the CBE proposal to provide outside expert review of the standards and how realistic the timeline was for completing the standards and making them available

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to the contractor within the timeline proposed. The proposers of the motion accepted amendments which included provisions to allow the Commissioner to approve the choice of outside experts and negotiate whatever flexibility was required in the timeline for the project. The motion carried.

### **Further External Review of the Revised Mathematics Standards**

Dr. Freden reviewed earlier Board discussion about the possibility of having a further review of the revised mathematics standards once the committee had completed its work of establishing year-by-year benchmarks and indicators. In the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed about indicators and benchmarks being so specific, teachers would feel the need to teach to the test. Also discussed was the timeline for revisions and whether the standards would be altered sufficiently to warrant an additional review. Dr. Freden indicated the standards themselves had not changed, but that the application standard had been woven into the other standards and benchmarks and indicators had been added at earlier grade levels. No strong feelings were expressed in favor of an additional review and Chairman Gilmore indicated the Board would not recommend one be undertaken.

## **REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STATE STATUTES**

Ms. Carol Dermyer, Acting Team Leader, Student Support Services, and Mr. Rod Bieker, Kansas Department of Education General Counsel, reviewed changes in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and reported on efforts undertaken in Kansas to accommodate those changes. It was reported that a bill had been introduced in the Kansas House of Representatives during the 1998 session, but did not pass. Mr. Bieker provided Board members with a draft of the proposed state law for the 1999 legislative session. Also provided in the materials for the discussion were copies of the federal act and a comparison of selected provisions of the federal law to state law, prepared by the Legislative Research Department. It was also reported that a draft of proposed state regulations, based on anticipated federal regulations, had been developed and circulated throughout the state for comment early in 1998. Board discussion followed and included: issues regarding provision of services to children in private schools; what services would be considered part of a "free appropriate public education" (FAPE) as defined in the federal law; certification, training and use of mediators for resolving disputes between parents of children with disabilities and schools or districts; and whether any changes were anticipated in the Kansas statutory provisions for gifted children.

The Board took a short break from 11:05 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.

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**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO QUALITY PERFORMANCE**

## ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS

Dr. Steve Adams, Team Leader, School Improvement and Accreditation, reported on the process which has been undertaken to review and improve the Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) regulations and procedures. He indicated that the Department had contracted with service centers to conduct a study of the QPA process. Dr. Adams reported that the Quality Performance Advisory Council received and processed information gained through the study and developed, with input from the Council of Superintendents, the K-12 Principals Group, and Department leadership and staff, recommendations to address seven areas of concern which had been identified. Dr. Adams reviewed changes in QPA regulations resulting from the recommendations and asked the Board for additional suggestions regarding the proposed changes. He indicated a revised draft would be brought to the Board at the November meeting, with final approval of draft regulations in December. As a result of the Board discussion which followed, Mr. Adams was asked to address the following:

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2. Provide the Board with a list of procedures followed in performing QPA reviews of schools;
3. Provide the Board with information on how the Department has addressed the seven concerns expressed through the QPA process survey;
4. Clarify use of the word *assessments*, used variously in the regulations as measures of performance, as tests, and as assessment instruments;
5. Provide the Board with a list of the information which *was* requested and what is *now* requested from schools for QPA review as well as what information schools are required to accumulate, but do not have to forward to the Department;

6. Explore the possibility of limiting the number of days that a substitute holding a valid Kansas substitute teaching certificate may be assigned to the same classroom, rather than limiting the use of his or her service in the school district;
  
7. Consider additional language in the regulations which would require documentation from a district making an appeal to the Commissioner to allow the use of a substitute beyond the prescribed number of days; and
  
8. Reconsider the addition of language to the regulations which specifies the assessments for which local performance data must be recorded and maintained and consider addressing those performance assessment areas in policy.

## **REPORTS**

### **Chairman**

Chairman Gilmore asked Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Hill to work together with staff on teacher certification issues arising from Board discussion and concerns.

### **Board Attorney**

Mr. Biles reviewed his written activity report for the month of September. Mr. Biles noted that Kansas Supreme Court had heard oral arguments in the appeal of the Board's decision to deny the Dodge City school district permission to withdraw from its special education cooperative. He indicated a final ruling was expected within 60 days.

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Mr. Biles responded to Board questions about special education cooperatives and also provided a brief update of other pending issues. Mrs. Brown moved, with a second by Mr. Hill, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for September be paid as presented. The motion carried.

### **Commissioner**

Commissioner Tompkins reviewed his written report, including details of a plan to resolve certification/visiting scholar certificate issues. He also provided Board members with a notebook containing a compilation of research information on early childhood education.

### **Other Board Reports**

Mrs. Brown reported on her attendance in September at the Education Leaders Conference in San Jose, California. She also discussed statutory limits on the number of charter schools and waivers for charter school money.

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL**

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Mrs. Holloway asked to add salary, per diem and mileage for the November 6 reading conference; salary, expenses and mileage for a meeting on engaging citizens in education November 13-14; and salary and miscellaneous expenses for a NASBE meeting on teen pregnancy December 9-10. Mr. Hill asked for salary, per diem and mileage for the LEPC meeting October 14-15 and for the Professional Standards

Board meeting October 29 because Mrs. Holloway would be unable to attend. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mrs. Holloway, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Gilmore adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

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Kevin Gilmore, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary