

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Eight members were present:

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

Chairman Wagnon was attending a meeting of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future and the Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Policy Summit in Philadelphia. Mr. Bacon was not present.

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Rupe asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that an amended agenda be approved that included removing from the table the agreement concerning consolidation of USD 324, Phillips County, and USD 238, Smith County, that was tabled in June; and action on said agreement added to the agenda as the last item before lunch. The motion carried 8-0, with Dr. Wagnon and Mr. Bacon absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice Chairman Rupe asked for approval of the April 26th, May 7th and June minutes. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Posny thanked the Board for the opportunity to return to Kansas and shared a few words about Board goals and guiding principles. Dr. Posny updated the Board on RtI/EIS (Response to Intervention/Early Intervening Services), linking IDEA and NCLB. She noted the Board would be hearing more about it in the months ahead. She also reported on the State Professional Development Grant (SPDG) the department had just received. The department will receive \$1.1 million per year for five years to provide mentors to new special education teachers which will help with recruitment and retentions of those teachers. It will also be used to build district-wide support services. In the questions that followed, Dr. Posny clarified the times for the Board retreat on the 26th and 27th – 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the 26th and 8:30 to approximately 3:00 p.m. on the 27th. Mrs. Waugh indicated she would not be able to attend.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2006 NATIONAL FINALISTS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

The Board heard from one of the two National Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Each Kansas finalist received a \$10,000 unrestricted award from the National Science Foundation, as well as attendance at a week-long conference in Washington, D.C. Teri Dow, Wamego West Elementary School, Wamego, received the finalist award in elementary mathematics, and Jenifer Sinsel, Wichita Collegiate School, Wichita, received the finalist award in elementary science. Ms. Sinsel was unable to be present. Ms. Dow discussed what she does in the classroom with mathematics instruction to foster student achievement. At the close of her presentation, she was presented with a certificate of recognition and stood for photos with Vice Chairman Rupe and Commissioner Posny.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Vice Chairman Rupe declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:30 a.m. Addressing the Board were Robert Ragsdale, representing the USD 324 School Board, Janet Reynolds, Kelsey Atchison, Breck Miner, Casie Winchell, Donna Winchell, Paula Haskett, Kathi Boden, Linda Daugherty, and Mick Barret, all of Agra; Patty Lowe and Trevor Lowe, Kirwin; and Ron Rahjes, representing the USD 238 School Board and Jason Dennis, both from Kensington. Vice Chairman Rupe declared the open forum closed at 11:14 a.m.

2007 KANSAS INDUCTEE TO THE NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME

The State Board had the pleasure of hearing from Mr. Norman D. Conard, a social studies and video production teacher from Uniontown High School. Mr. Conard was recently inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame and has been recognized internationally for his work and the work of his students. He is the sixth Kansas educator to be inducted since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1992. Mr. Conard shared with the Board how he translates to students in the classroom the belief that one person can make a difference in the world.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Professional Practices Commission (PPC)

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Kansas State Board of Education appoint Dr. Susan Myers to serve on the PPC as a representative of chief public school administrators for two years, through June 30, 2009, to complete a term as a result of a resignation; and that Susan Reusser be appointed as a representative of elementary classroom teachers for a three-year term through June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

Licensure Review Committee (LRC)

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the Kansas State Board of Education appoint Pamela Jean Ammott to serve on the LRC as a representative of special education teachers for two years, through June 30, 2009, to complete a term as the result of a retirement; and that Angela Bowman be appointed as a representative of elementary classroom teachers for a three-year term through June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS PROGRAM

Mark McBeth and Melanie Manares, two of the three KSDE education consultants who share the responsibility for the Visiting International Teachers Program, and Susan Helbert, Assistant Director of Teacher Education and Licensure, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the program. Memorandums of Understanding have been signed with the Ministry of Education of China and the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture. KSDE has been involved with recruiting teachers from both countries, in order to help districts fill teaching positions that are hard to fill such as Spanish, Chinese, Math and Science.

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The Spanish program began in 2001 and in the 2006-2007 school year there were thirty employed by Kansas schools. An additional twelve will be added for the upcoming year. The China program began in 2006 and to date, six teachers are employed in Kansas schools. Staff also answered questions from the Board.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION OF USD 324 AND USD 238

Mrs. Cauble moved, with second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board of Education remove the agreement concerning consolidation between USD 324, Phillips County, and USD 238, Smith County from the table. The motion carried.

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board of Education approve the agreement concerning consolidation submitted by USD 324, Eastern Heights, Phillips County (Kirwin) and USD 238, West Smith County (Kensington), with the election date being August 2, 2007. After brief clarification of the motion, it carried 8-0.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:54 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

REVISED EDUCATOR LICENSURE STANDARDS

Internship Standards for all Advanced Preparation Programs

Susan Helbert, Assistant Director of Teacher Education and Licensure (TEAL), reported that TEAL staff had spent the last year working with representatives from higher education to refine the standard that was adopted earlier for each of the advanced program standards, i.e. school specialist, leadership and school psychology that represents the performance assessment for those programs. The performance assessment for those programs is referred to as the internship standard. She indicated there had been concern expressed by the higher education institution personnel who prepare individuals for these roles that the internship standard, as originally approved, was proving to be overly restrictive. Additionally, institutions noted that it lacked flexibility as they tried to implement the requirements. The result of the work over the past year was presented to the Board for consideration.

In the discussion that followed, changes in wording were suggested for the proposed revised internship standard regarding: 1) the provision of a mentor by the employing district; and 2) the verification that the candidate has met the standard for a professional license after completion of the internship. Mrs. Helbert reported that staff would share the suggested changes with the Professional Standards Board and bring the item back to the Board in August.

Content Standards for Reading Specialist Licensure

Mrs. Helbert reported that TEAL staff had been contacted by higher education reading faculty asking if they would appoint a committee to review the preparation standards for reading specialist. She indicated that the original standards had been aligned closely to the International Reading Association (IRA) standards which had recently undergone a complete revision. The reading faculty wanted Kansas standards to continue to be a reflection of the IRA standards. Mrs. Helbert indicated that the Professional Standards Board agreed that a revision should occur and asked staff to appoint a committee to begin work. The standards submitted to the Board reflect the work of the committee. In discussion of the issue, the original Reading Specialist content standards were requested for comparison to the revised standards that were being proposed. Commissioner Posny provided copies to Board members who requested them. Mrs. Cauble also asked that there be a consistent format for standards.

REPORT ON REVISIONS TO REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

Deputy Commissioner Larry Englebrick introduced several members of the Virtual School Advisory Committee who had worked with staff to address the findings cited in the Legislative Post Audit (LPA) report on virtual schools in Kansas. Mark Evans, Superintendent of USD 385, Andover, Gary Lewis, USD 497, Lawrence, and Brenda DeGroot, USD 458, Basehor-Linwood, presented information to the Board on “some specific inherent risks” with Kansas virtual schools that the Department had been asked to address. In addition, they reported on the KSDE response to LPA recommendations contained in the report.

It was determined that all items identified in the post audit report were addressed in the 2004 Virtual School Online Requirements. The 2004 online requirements were then used as a starting point for this review. Other recommendations made by the advisory council included the date for districts to notify KSDE of their intention to establish a virtual school, completion date for the Desktop Audit and a required site visit prior to the enrollment of students in the new virtual schools. Once a site visit has been made by a team composed of KSDE staff and educators representing existing virtual schools, a recommendation will be made to KSDE on whether to allow the virtual school to begin accepting students. A letter verifying this recommendation will be sent to the educational entity. A follow up visit will be made prior to April 15 of the first year of implementation to ensure the virtual program is running as stated in the Desktop Audit. The Desktop Audit was also revised to measure how well as school was meeting the revised requirements.

In the discussion that accompanied the presentation, it was suggested by Mrs. Gamble that perhaps some of the problems noted in the LPA report occurred because of the lack of oversight by KSDE. There was agreement that this was the case. Also during the discussion, Mrs. Cauble suggested that the Board take some time at the retreat to consider appointing a Board member as a liaison to the Virtual Schools Advisory Committee.

The Board took a break from 2:30 to 2:40 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the recommendations of the Commission for cases 07-O-02, 07-FC-04, 07-O-05, 07-FC-06, 07-O-08, 07-O-09 and 07-O-11. The motion carried.

ENDORSEMENT OF THE KANSAS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Mr. Howard Shuler, staff coordinator for a leadership grant from the Wallace Foundation, reviewed information on the Kansas Education Leadership Commission, which had been presented to the Board in June and asked for State Board endorsement of the Commission. After a brief discussion of funding needs, Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board of Education endorse the creation of the Kansas Educational Leadership Commission. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, that the State Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7-1, with Dr. Abrams voting “no”. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.

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- Approved school construction plans for St. John Vianney Preparatory School, Maple Hill; USD 101, Erie; USD 204, Bonner Springs; USD 208, WaKeeney; USD 216, Deerfield; USD 229, Blue Valley; USD 239, North Ottawa County; USD 253, Emporia; USD 259, Wichita (2); USD 265, Goddard; USD 305, Salina (2); USD 323, Rock Creek; USD 324, Eastern Heights Schools; USD 340, Jefferson West; USD 346, Jayhawk Schools; USD 347, Kinsley-Offerle; USD 362, Prairie View; USD 364, Marysville; USD 365, Garnett; USD 368, Paola; USD 416, Louisburg; USD 423, Moundridge; USD 429, Troy Public Schools; USD 437, Auburn-Washburn; USD 442, Nemaha Valley Schools (2); USD 484, Fredonia; USD 497, Lawrence; and USD 512, Shawnee Mission.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education to approve Visiting Scholar licenses for: Southeast Kansas Education Service Center and Khalil Mekkaoui; The Confucius Institute/Winfield Public Schools and Zhiqun Qian; Olathe School District and Taeko Fukuchi; Shawnee Mission USD 512 and Mervat Ibrahim; and Southeast Kansas Educational Service Center and Richard Harrison.
- Accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Program Approval" for Baker University, Kansas Wesleyan University, McPherson College, Newman University, Ottawa University and Tabor College; and "Accreditation" for Washburn University.
- Accept the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2419, 2422, 2423, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, and 2429.
- Approved recommendations for funding of the Migrant Family Literacy grants for USD 209, Moscow Public Schools, \$80,000; USD 214, Ulysses Public Schools, \$79,761; USD 216, Deerfield Public Schools, \$88,000; USD 218, Elkhart Public Schools, \$55,000; USD 250, Pittsburg Public Schools, \$50,159; USD 253, Emporia Public Schools, \$60,000; USD 443, Dodge City Public Schools, \$200,000; USD 457, Garden City Public Schools, \$102,000; USD 470, Arkansas City Public Schools, \$70,586; Int 613, SKACDNOEP, \$179,000; and Johnson County Community College, \$210,000.
- Approved recommendations for funding the 2007-2008 No Child Left Behind 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants for comprehensive after-school programs for USD 216, Deerfield, \$95,631; USD 232, DeSoto, \$95,691; USD 246, Northeast, \$100,000; USD 290, Ottawa, \$99,988; USD 349, Stafford Schools, \$93,495; and USD 470, Arkansas City Schools, \$100,000.
- Approved recommendations for funding the Kansas Middle School Afterschool Activity Advancement Grants for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$25,000 each for USD 101, Erie-Galesburg; USD 244, Burlington; USD 313, Buhler; USD 337, Royal Valley; and USD 500, Kansas City.
- Approved the recommended 2007-2008 Learn and Serve America School-based subgrantees in the amount of \$10,000 for: USD 244, Burlington; Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative; USD 500, JC Harmon High School; USD 383, Manhattan; USD 290, Ottawa; and USD 230, Spring Hill; and for Northeast Kansas Education Service Center, \$9,993; and USD 214, Ulysses, \$8,059.
- Approved the Parents as Teachers grant application for North Jackson, USD 335, in the amount of \$7,484 out of the state general fund appropriations for Parents as Teachers.
- Approved recommendations for funding of the Migrant Summer Services grants for USD 253, Emporia Public Schools, \$77,756; USD 443, Dodge City Public Schools, \$6,700; USD 457, Garden City Public Schools, \$10,717; USD 470, Arkansas City Public Schools, \$12,450; USD 480, Liberal Public Schools, \$5,678; and USD 500, Kansas City Public Schools, \$10,000.

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- Approved the recommended 2007-2008 AmeriCorps*Kansas subgrantees: Communities in Schools, \$62,837; Interfaith Ministries, \$182,700; Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, \$203,252; Kansas Campus Compact / Kansas State University, \$18,823; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, \$472,070; Kauffman Scholars, Inc, \$61,694; Sterling College, \$70,571; United Way of Douglas County, \$12,951; United Way of Wyandotte County, \$46,081; and Wichita Public Schools, \$285,600.
- Approved inservice education plans for USD 402, Augusta, and USD 507, Satanta.
- Issued orders authorizing USD 232, De Soto, USD 233, Olathe, and USD 101, Erie, 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 Deaf* to enter into a contract with:

- Schmome, Inc., PA, Ronald L. Lybarger, Ph.D. for Student Psychological Evaluations for the 2007-08 School Year, in the amount of \$30,000;

And to receive payment for services as follows:

- *Center School District, Kansas City, Missouri*: One student at \$16,983; one student at \$13,683, and one student at \$10,083 for the 2007-08 School Year; and
- *Raytown School District, Raytown, Missouri*: One student for the 2007-08 School Year, \$10,083.

The State Board authorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf* to enter into contracts with:

- Dr. Jarrett Grosdidier , for Dental Services, \$5,335;
- Northeast Kansas Educational Service Center, Membership in Kansas Teaching Consortium, \$1,250;
- Dr. Joseph Maino, Low Vision Consultations, in the amount of \$7,925;
- Ron Wilson, LCSW, Counseling/Evaluation Services, in the amount of \$13,651;
- Providence Medical Center, Occupational/Physical Therapy Services, in the amount of \$45,000; and
- USD 500 School District, Speech Therapy Services, in the amount of \$28,280.

And to receive payment for services as follows:

- *Lee's Summit, Missouri School District*: One student for the Extended Year Program (half-days), \$5,000;
- *Liberty, Missouri School District*: One student for the Extended School year, Related Services, \$10,610; and
- *Knob Noster, Missouri School District*: One student for the Extended School Year and Extended Day Program, \$16,020.

The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and enter into a contract

- with Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) to develop a toolkit for KSDE to align the parent involvement components required by No Child Left Behind, with the contract amount not to exceed \$12,250.00; and
- with the Kansas State University, Educational Communications Center (ECC) for the video taping of 20 introductory training modules on the topic of Assessment Literacy, with the contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.

OTHER

Mike Carson, Superintendent of USD 101, Erie, was in the audience and Mrs. Shaver asked that he be allowed to update the Board on the damage in his district and in Southeastern Kansas as the result of the recent flooding. He spoke about the damage and the difficulties people were dealing with.

RECESS

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Rupe recessed the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Carol Rupe, Vice Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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Vice Chairman Rupe called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

Dr. Wagnon was attending the ECS National Policy Summit and Mr. John Bacon was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Rupe asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

NASBE Dues

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board of Education approve payment of 2008 NASBE membership dues of \$23,176, along with 2008 NCOSEA dues of \$130, and \$20 for a subscription to the NASBE Standard, as well as approving \$5,000 for the Professional Development Fund, for a total of \$28,326. The motion carried.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble reported that she had attended all of the budget workshops across the state. Commonly voiced concerns were about teacher recruitment and retention; excitement about the 2005-2006 assessment scores, offset by worries that there won't be assistance to help schools maintain them; and funding for professional development. Mrs. Gamble indicated she also heard about the kinds of trade-offs districts were making in order to fund all-day kindergarten.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed his written report, updating the Board on a special education lawsuit and two recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions dealing with student free-speech and race-conscious decision-making in promoting school diversity. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and pay his fees for services and expenses for June as presented. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Cauble reported on a letter she had received from Congressman Moran and asked if it would be appropriate to send him a letter from the Board expressing its appreciation for his efforts on behalf of education. Later in the meeting it was agreed a letter would be sent over the Board Chairman's signature.

Mrs. Rupe reported on the Summer Reading Academy she had attended. Mrs. Shaver reported on the future teachers' academy for high school students she had attended at Emporia State. Mrs. Martin passed out an article on abstinence only sex education and the fallacies contained in comprehensive sex education courses.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Following up on comments made by Dr. Wagnon some time ago, Mrs. Martin asked for a presentation on the subject of teaching the Bible in public schools. She asked that the information provided also include what is already being done in the state. Mrs. Gamble said she would like to know the cost to staff in time and money before anyone proceeds with the request for a presentation. Mr. Willard asked for more information on teacher coaches.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed and provided clarification for options for the Board's consideration for its FY 2009 budget. Some, but not all, of the recommendations were funding the current law for the mentor teacher program and professional development; recommendations to address teacher shortages, which included information on the estimated effect on teacher salaries that raising Base State Aid per Pupil (BSAPP) different amounts would have; a student loan cancellation proposal; addressing the KPERS surcharge (which would be a legislative recommendation); an incentive program for hard-to-fill positions; and funding for grow-your-own programs.

Before the Board proceeded further with its discussion of the budget issues, it took a short break from 10:20 to 10:28 a.m.

The Board had lengthy discussions about the teacher shortage problem; and whether it was better for districts to have the Board to recommend an increase in the BSAPP, or to earmark funding for specific programs. Before making any decisions on proposals to address teacher shortages, Dr. Abrams asked for a staff report on the number of districts that are implementing "grow your own" programs for teachers, including how successful they are. He also wanted to know about successful practices being used in other states. Additionally, Dr. Abrams was interested in the resources being provided to support these initiatives. Mrs. Cauble indicated she was not opposed to any of the options proposed, but would rather wait to finalize the budget until after the Board had its goal-setting retreat.

In action on the budget, Mr. Willard, with a second by Mrs. Cauble, moved that the Board recommend funding the current law for the mentor teacher program, \$1.5 million, and professional development, \$6.25 million; and develop a linear transition formula for high density at-risk, at a cost of \$1.9 million. The motion carried.

Mrs. Shaver moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board approve for inclusion in its FY 2009 budget request \$300,000 for leadership training. The motion carried.

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board approve \$130,000 in funding for discretionary grants (including Ag in the Classroom). After further discussion, Dr. Abrams and Mrs. Gamble accepted a friendly amendment, which provided an additional \$5,000 each for Communities in Schools, Ag in the Classroom and KACEE, resulting in \$145,000 for discretionary grants. The motion carried.

BOARD TRAVEL

Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Cauble and Mr. Willard asked to add the LEPC meeting on July 23rd to their requests for travel. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

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OTHER

There was a discussion of Board members meeting with Congressman Moran. Mr. Dennis handed out copies of the interim legislative topics. Vice Chairman Rupe shared an e-mail from Chairman Wagnon requesting that Board members read information he would be sending them prior to the Board retreat on **Tough Choices/Tough Times**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Rupe adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Carol Rupe, Vice Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary