

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Pre-Meeting Activities
April 10, 2006

Board members Abrams, Gamble, Martin, Morris, Rupe, Van Meter, Wagnon, Waugh and Willard were guests of USD 259, Wichita, for a tour, "Exploring Secondary Career and Technical Education in the Wichita Public Schools" at Wichita West High School, 820 S. Osage. They heard presentations and viewed students in action in several of the career and technical classes.

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State Board members toured the Horace Mann Dual-Language Magnet Elementary/Middle School. In attendance were Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Rupe, Mrs. Van Meter, Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. Waugh, and Mr. Willard.

MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abrams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, in the Library of North High School, 1437 N. Rochester, Wichita, Kansas. All in attendance stood for the presentation of the colors by the North High School Jr. ROTC, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Iris Van Meter
Sue Gamble	Bill Wagnon
Kathy Martin	Janet Waugh
Connie Morris	Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Abrams indicated that continuation of a contract with Infinitec had been added to the Consent Agenda as item 12 q. He asked for any other changes to the agenda. Mrs. Morris asked to pull item 12 l., approval of model counseling standards, from the consent agenda. Mr. Willard asked to pull item 12 o., a request from USD 313 for authority to hold a bond election. There being no further changes, Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Abrams asked for approval of the March minutes. Mrs. Van Meter moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Corkins addressed several issues not contained in his written report. He provided an update on the assessment comparability study that was to be conducted with design help from Dr. Kolen from the University of Iowa. He also expressed his appreciation for the work and leadership of Dr. Alexa Posny, who would be leaving the Department to take a job with the U.S. Department of Education.

Commissioner Corkins responded to several questions about several personnel changes in the agency. He indicated that Dr. Posny's deputy commissioner position was being widely advertised and he hoped to appoint a committee which would include Board representation to review applications. He also reported that, because of the assessment window, he had felt it best to move quickly and promote from within to replace Diane Debacker, who would be serving temporarily as Dr. Posny's replacement. He had appointed Dr. Tom Foster to Mrs. Debacker's position as Director of School Improvement and Accreditation, and appointed Scott Smith to Dr. Foster's former position of assistant director. He noted that the department would be advertising for a replacement to fill Mr. Smith's vacated position.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Abrams declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:12 a.m. Those addressing the Board were: Erin Hays, Wichita; Tami Gates, Wichita; Lois M. Theis, Erika Higgins, Treatha Brown-Foster, and Dr. Ruth Taylor representing Abstinence Education, Inc., Wichita; Willow Eby, Wichita; Sandy Hysom, representing the Wichita School District, Wichita; Jeff Akin, Keely Pope and Lindsey Fry, representing Teens Hope, USD 259, Wichita; Todd Dugan, Topeka; Rev. W. Michael Chittum, Wichita; Candace Fish, Wichita; Jutta Steil-Epperly, Wichita; Brett Johnson, Debra Rukes, Rachel Prince, and Candice Rukes, representing the YWCA of Topeka; Jim Edwards, representing KASB, Topeka; Rae Niles, representing the Sedgwick Public Schools, USD 439, Sedgwick; Melanie Jenney, Derby; Dr. Sharon Mallory, Wichita; Teresa Callea, Wichita; Kathy Cook, representing Kansas Families United for Public Education, Shawnee; Susan Hund-Milne, Wichita; Tim Quigley, Wichita; and Debbie Wadman, Wichita. Chairman Abrams declared the open forum closed at 11:14 a.m.

The Board took a break from 11:14 until 11:22 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY USD 229 BLUE VALLEY ON DISTRICT POLICES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Representatives from the Blue Valley school district (USD 229) had been invited to share their policies and procedures for developing approved lists of literature used in district curricula. The reason for the invitation was because of concerns that had been expressed by USD 229 constituents and others to the State Board. Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent, made general remarks. Ms. Lori Hisle, President of the Blue Valley Board of Education, addressed policies of the board and the process for developing and revising those policies, as well as parent involvement in the process. Dr. Verneda Edwards, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the process for selecting learning resources, guidelines for teachers, guidelines for requesting alternative materials, and resources for parents. Dr. John Fuller, Blue Valley Board member, discussed how the district solicits feedback from district patrons through a biennial survey, and responds to and involves the community. He also presented data from the first semester of the current school year on the number of requests for alternative material. Questions from Board members followed.

At 12:35 p.m. Board members participated in a tour of the high school with students as their guides. Afterwards, Board members also ate lunch with the students. The meeting resumed at 1:35 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY HOST DISTRICT, USD 259, WICHITA

Winston Brooks, Superintendent of USD 259, recognized leadership of the district, who were present, as well as Connie Dietz, President of the USD 259 board. He then presented Deputy Commissioner Posny with a token of appreciation from the Wichita district for all that she has done for Kansas public education.

Mr. Brooks reviewed the demographics of the Wichita school district and discussed its impact on the community. He also discussed student achievement in the district, pointing out that it was above the state average in growth in 8th grade reading and 4th grade math scores, and that the achievement gap was narrowing in the district. Mr. Brooks reported on what had been accomplished with the \$285 million in bond money that the community had approved to improve facilities in the district. In addition to reviewing how the district had spent the funding increase it had received for the 2005-2006 school year, he also shared issues that were yet to be addressed in the district, such as increasing salaries for teachers, reducing class sizes and providing professional development time for teachers. Mr. Brooks asked Denise Wren, Principal of North High School, to share with the Board the demographics of the school, challenges it faces, and the vision she and her staff had for creating a “college-going” culture in the school.

IMPLICATIONS OF USING THE ACT AS THE STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

In response to interest in using the ACT as the state high school assessment, Dr. Posny shared trend data in course taking, achievement, and ACT and SAT participation in Kansas. Also reviewed were new basics required for students to be prepared for work or post-secondary success and how students currently stand up to those requirements. Questions about curriculum and assessments related to college/work readiness were shared for the Board to consider.

Dr. Debacker reviewed what the ACT (American College Testing) program was; its purpose—to measure students’ academic readiness in math, English, reading, science and writing to make successful transitions to college; and its audience—high school juniors and seniors. Dr. Debacker also shared information about other states that are using the ACT or SAT as a statewide assessment. She also reported on other ACT products, EXPLORE, PLAN, WorkKeys and UNIACT that are being used by states. In discussing the cost of the assessment, Dr. Debacker pointed out that if Kansas were to adopt it statewide, a price could probably be negotiated that would be lower than the current per student cost. Reasons cited by Dr. DeBacker to use the ACT assessment included the fact that it was a long-established and thoroughly tested exam which was curriculum based and designed to match what most states expect students to know and be able to do. Use of it would also guarantee that all students would be prepared to consider the possibility of attending college after high school. Dr. Debacker noted that several of the state assessment committees were in favor of using the ACT for the high school assessment. It was pointed out that the Kansas Secondary/Post-Secondary Transition Council had approved an alignment study between the state assessments and the ACT tests, EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT, as well as an alignment study of high school standards and core competencies. Dr. Posny shared suggestions for further action that included 1) determining if there was a common understanding among K-12 and higher education officials about what students need to know to be ready for college and workplace success; 2) use of the ACT’s Standards for Transition as a common language to help define those expectations; 3) raise expectations that all students can meet college and workplace readiness standards; and 4) use the ACT as the high school assessment.

In the discussion that followed, the relevance of some portions of the ACT to what Kansas students are learning was brought up. It was noted that an alignment study would address the issue. The difference in the SAT and ACT was explained and Dr. Posny noted that the ACT would fulfill the NCLB requirement for a high school assessment. The need to continue to stress other post-secondary options besides college was mentioned. Funding, the effect on current assessment trends, and accommodations for special needs students were also discussed. Mrs. Martin asked for additional information about EXPLORE and PLAN which would be used in middle school and in the 10th grade to help prepare for students success on the ACT in the 11th grade.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A STUDENT GROWTH MODEL

Dr. Posny reviewed a timeline for activities that would need to be accomplished if the Board chooses to add a student growth model to the state accountability system. If begun in July 2006, she stated she felt it could be completed by August of 2009. Dr. Posny pointed out that if the Board were to wait three years to begin implementation it would coincide with the beginning of a new standard review cycle and would be ready when a new round of assessment data would be available. Some concerns expressed about using a student growth model included the concern that growth would become the criteria for success, rather than achievement of proficiency on standards. Dr. Posny indicated that as far as NCLB requirements were concerned, the state would still have to use the status model – a measure of the system – that is currently in place and that the growth model, which is something the field would like to see, would enhance the classroom teacher’s ability to help guide instruction. It would also help sequentially align the standards system.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF QPA REGULATION REGARDING HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Mrs. Martin proposed at the March meeting that the Board consider a regulatory change that would more fully define the type of human sexuality instruction than what is currently spelled out within the requirements for a physical education curriculum. It would amend S.B.R. 91-31-32. Performance and quality criteria, to add to (G) “... *Each local board of education shall include in its human sexuality curriculum, within one of the grades six through nine, a course of instruction in abstinence until marriage. The course of instruction shall be offered for at least nine consecutive weeks. The local board of education shall waive this requirement for any student who transfers into the district at a grade level above that in which the course is taught*”. Rod Bieker, Department General Counsel, handed out a timeline for the steps necessary for processing new or amended regulations. Margot Breckbill of the Sedgwick County Adolescent Pregnancy Network in Wichita had been invited to address the Board, but because of a last minute conflict, Charles Jenney, a science teacher at Robinson Middle School shared with the Board information about an “abstinence plus” instructional approach and his experiences using it over the past eight years. Sandy Pickert of Abstinence Education, Inc., Wichita shared information about the “abstinence only” instructional approach and her program *Pure and Simple*. Several Board members discussed what they understood Mrs. Martin’s proposal to mean, concerned that it would prohibit the teaching of important information young people should have about sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy prevention. Mrs. Martin explained that she wanted the primary message delivered by schools to uphold the societal value of sexual abstinence until marriage, though other information could also be included in human sexuality education. Because of the potential for misinterpretation, Chairman Abrams indicated that a more specific proposal would be appropriate and should be made.

Mrs. Gamble was concerned that the proposal, as written, had the potential of tying the accreditation of a school to a specific curriculum. Mr. Willard, in an effort to achieve common ground offered substitute language. He proposed that the amendment read: “*Each local board of education shall ensure that its human sexuality curriculum instructs students in the benefits, importance and expectation of abstaining from sexual relations until marriage and the inherent risks and dangers for sexual activity outside of marriage, including, but not limited to, contracting AIDS and other incurable sexually transmitted diseases, unplanned pregnancy, emotional damage, and poverty.*” Mrs. Gamble continued to be concerned about having such specific language in the accreditation regulations that could have a serious impact on a school’s accreditation status. Mr. Willard pointed out that it was no more specific than the regulation requiring that Kansas history be taught. Mrs. Rupe noted that the Kansas history requirement was state law. The amount of time that should be devoted to classroom instruction of abstinence was also discussed among Board members, as well as with Mr. Jenney and Ms. Pickert, though agreement was not reached about including a specific time

requirement in any modification of the proposed language. Mrs. Rupe and Mrs. Waugh both felt that the regulation as currently written was adequate and that local districts should be allowed to determine the needs of their communities. Chairman Abrams recommended that the Board revisit the issue at its May meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Morris had asked that item 12 l., approval of model counseling standards, be pulled from the consent agenda. Mr. Willard had asked that item 12 o., a request from USD 313 for authority to hold a bond election, be pulled. Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the consent agenda be approved without items l. and o. The motion carried 7-3, with Dr. Wagon, Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Gamble voting "no".

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved school construction plans for Turner-Kansas City, USD 202; Gardner-Edgerton, USD 231 (2); Olathe Public Schools, USD 233 (2); Frontenac Public Schools, USD 249; Paola, USD 368; Ottawa, USD 290; Shawnee Heights Schools, USD 450; Tonganoxie, USD 464; Winfield, USD 465; and Shawnee Mission Public Schools, USD 512 (2).
- Issued an order establishing new, consolidated Unified School District No. 108, Washington County, State of Kansas.
- Issued an order establishing new, consolidated Unified School District No. 109, Republic County, State of Kansas.
- Set a public hearing on the proposed amendments to teacher licensure regulations S.B.R. 91-1-201, 91-1-202 and 91-1-205 for Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Board Room of the State Education Building, 120 S.E. Tenth Avenue, Topeka.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Early Childhood - extension of number of days*: Heather Whealy, USD 361, Anthony-Harper; and *Gifted*: Sarah Garcia, USD 483, Kismet-Plains.
- Approved a visiting scholar license for Kristin Born, valid from March 10, 2006 to June 30, 2006, to be employed full-time with an itinerant assignment throughout USD 497 Lawrence to work with special education and regular education teachers in order to meet the needs of students who are diagnosed with pervasive developmental disorders, including the autism spectrum disorders.
- Appointed Donna Bagley to represent faculty or administrator representative from a private teacher education institution on the Professional Standards Board for a three-year term from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009.
- Approved 2006-2007 Reading First continuation grants for USD 250 Pittsburg, \$117,046; USD 253 Emporia, \$87,175; USD 259 Wichita, \$1,110,589; USD 260 Derby, \$115,525; USD 305 Salina, \$119,099; USD 457 Garden City, \$138,547; USD 470 Arkansas City, \$137,334; USD 497 Lawrence, \$260,511; USD 500 Kansas City, \$563,784; USD 501 Topeka \$410,011; USD 503 Parson, \$250,000; and USD 512 Shawnee Mission, \$127,063; and new funding for USD 259 Wichita, \$404,600; USD 457 Garden City, \$346,980; USD 500 Kansas City, \$210,030; and USD 501 Topeka, \$266,095.

- Approved waiver of K.A.R. 91-31-34(g) - Athletic practice for USD 488, Axtell, to allow it to utilize the physical education curriculum for junior high athletic practice during the 2006-2007 school year.
- Approved renewal of the charter status for Galesburg Charter School, Delia Charter School, and 21st Century Learning Academy.
- Approved a State Improvement Grant LEA Phase II Implementation subgrant for Louisburg USD 416 in an amount not exceed \$47,000.
- Approved the Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Awards for the 2006-2007 school year - **Technology Rich Classrooms Grants** – in the amount of \$100,000 each for USD 259: Pleasant Valley Elementary; USD 465: Winfield Intermediate School; USD 218: Elkhart Middle School; USD 373 South Breeze Elementary School; USD 281: Hill City Grade School; USD 354 Claflin: USD 354 Claflin Elementary School and USD 334 Miltonvale Elementary School; USD 361 Anthony-Harper: USD 361 Harper Elementary School and USD 255 South Barber Elementary; USD 609 South East Kansas Education Service Center: USD 387 Altoona Elementary and USD 506 Mound Valley Elementary School; USD 389: Marshall Elementary School; USD 383: Northview Elementary School; Stanton County Elementary; USD 489 Hays Public Schools: Washington Elementary; USD 508 Baxter Springs: Central Elementary School; and 609-Southeast Kansas: Education Service Center: Erie Elementary School, USD 101; **Technology Rich Classrooms—Continuation Grants** – in the amount of \$40,000 for USD 309 Nickerson-South Hutchinson: USD 309 Nickerson Elementary and USD 349 Stafford Elementary School; USD 259: Irving Elementary School; USD 240: Tescott Elementary School; USD 373: Slate Creek Elementary School and Walton Elementary School; USD 489: Washington Elementary; USD 508: Central Elementary School; USD 218: Elkhart Elementary School; USD 413: Hutton Elementary and St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School; USD 609 Southeast Kansas Education Service Center: USD 101 Erie Elementary School; and USD 626 Southwest Plains Regional Service Center: USD 452 Stanton County Elementary.

Contracts Approved

- Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and continue a contract with Infinitec of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago (UCP) in the amount not to exceed \$240,000 to support the Kansas Infinitec Coalition (KIC) for assistive technology services and resources to meet the needs of Kansas students with disabilities. Funds would be divided into four payments of \$60,000 per year to maintain support past the contract expiration date of May 6, 2006, to continue receiving support through collaboration and consultation from the UCP.
- Authorized the KSSB Superintendent to enter into a contract for non-resident student tuition for the 2005-06 school year (116 school days) with Park Hill, Missouri School District, with KSSB to receive \$6,712 for one student.

MODEL COUNSELING STANDARDS

Mrs. Morris indicated she had pulled the counseling standards because she had several concerns she would like to have addressed. Mrs. Rupe expressed the opinion that Board members should take their concerns to the department and the counseling standards writing committee. Because of time constraints, Chairman Abrams asked Mrs. Morris to discuss her concerns with department staff upon recess of the meeting.

REQUEST FROM USD 313, BUHLER, RENO COUNTY, TO HOLD A BOND ELECTION

Mr. Willard indicated he would not be voting against the request from USD 313, but that he did want Board members to make note that the bond issue would include a significant amount of money to buy computers that would be obsolete many years before the bonds would be paid off. He wondered if the issue of obsolescence was something that should be added to the rubric used by the Department when forwarding bond requests to the Board for approval. Chairman Abrams pointed out a Board vote on a bond request was not an approval of how the funds were to be spent, but only to allow the district to take the issue to a public vote. The review by the Department was to ensure that all the required information had been submitted. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the board approve the request from USD 313, Buhler, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation. The motion carried.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Abrams recessed the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Most of the Board members joined the superintendent of USD 259 and USD 259 board members and other area superintendents and board presidents at City Arts for dinner.

Steve Abrams, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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MEETING MINUTES**

April 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abrams called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in the Library of Stucky Middle School, 4545 N. Broadview Circle, Wichita, Kansas. Prior to the meeting several of the Board members had toured the school.

ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
Sue Gamble	Iris Van Meter
Kathy Martin	Janet Waugh
Connie Morris	Ken Willard

Mr. Bacon and Dr. Wagnon were unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Abrams asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Morris asked that action on the Model Counseling Standards be added to the agenda and moved that the agenda be approved with the addition of the standards. Mrs. Rupe seconded the motion, which carried 8-0.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Chairman

KSHSAA Executive Board

Chairman Abrams indicated that Mrs. Gamble's one-year term on the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Executive Board would be up at the end of June. Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that Mrs. Gamble be reappointed to serve on the KSHSAA Executive Board for one more year, from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The motion carried.

Vote for 2006 NASBE Officers

Chairman Abrams reviewed the information Board members had received from NASBE regarding candidates and the election of 2007 officers. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Morris, with a second by Mr. Willard, moved that the Board cast its vote for Dana Mann-Tavegia for President-elect. The motion carried. Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mrs. Van Meter that the Board cast its vote for Jim Craig, the only candidate, for Central Area Director. The motion carried.

Model Counseling Standards

Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the Board approve the Model Counseling Standards as presented. The motion carried.

Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Willard mentioned that several school finance plans had been proposed in the legislature, with the least costly being the one proposed by Senator Barnett. He felt there was a good likelihood that a special session would be required to reach legislative agreement on a plan. He also mentioned and passed out a copy of HR 6011 which urged the State Board to require physical education in grades K-12.

Mr. Willard also reported on his attendance at the NASBE governmental affairs conference. He related some of the discussion that had taken place regarding the reauthorization of NCLB. Some were predicting that though it should happen in 2007, and that NASBE would be pushing for it then, there was the possibility that it would not occur until 2009. If that happens, he said, it might not be reauthorized in its current form. Mr. Willard also thanked Board members for nominating him for NASBE president-elect. He indicated that he felt this was not the time for him to run for that office because of his many other commitments and because he was up for re-election to the State Board in the current year. He indicated he would be glad to accept the nomination if it were to come up again in the future.

Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reported that nothing had changed in the school finance case over the past month. He suggested the Board may have to change the timing of its May meeting or make arrangements for a special meeting, if asked by the Court for input if a funding plan passed in the legislature. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that the Board pay Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for March as presented. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Morris reported on her attendance at the NASBE governmental affairs conference. She also reported on an Ag in the Classroom strategic planning retreat she had attended. She noted that a professor from the KSU Center for Innovation had spoken to the group and that there had been a lot of discussion about building up the economic base in rural Kansas.

Mrs. Waugh handed out the annual report of the Kansas Volunteer Commission, of which she is a member. Mrs. Gamble reported on her attendance at the NASBE Nutrition and Health Conference that she and Mrs. Morris had attended. Mrs. Rupe reported on her attendance at the NASBE Financial Literacy Commission meeting. She indicated that Michael Miller, President of the Kansas Council of Financial Education had been a presenter. Mrs. Rupe noted her appreciation for the Kansas requirement that financial literacy be integrated throughout all grades. She also talked about the need for professional development preservice training for teachers in the subject area.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Martin asked if her proposal for the QPA requirement for abstinence until marriage would be on the May agenda. Chairman Abrams indicated that specifics in the proposal would need clarification. Mrs. Gamble noted that typically, department staff is asked to develop proposals for Board consideration. Agreeing that the approach was a good way to handle the issue, Chairman Abrams directed department staff to develop proposed language for Board review concerning a modified QPA regulation for health and human sexuality education curriculum that would include a stronger emphasis on abstinence.

Mr. Willard reported that because of an irresolvable conflict, he would not be able to attend the May meeting.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Review of School Finance Plans

Deputy Commissioner Dennis handed out summaries and reviewed the House, Senate and Senator Barnett's school finance plans. He also noted that the consensus estimating group would be meeting April 17th, though state general fund receipts through the end of March were already \$130 million above November estimates. Mr. Dennis reviewed key elements of the State Board's budget request, as well.

Education Legislation

Mr. Dennis reported that a bill had been sent to the Governor which would increase the amount a retired public school employee could earn if returning to work in the same district. The bill also contained a provision that would require that a district hiring a retired school employee from another district to contribute an amount equal to 13.75% of the employee's salary to KPERS. He noted this was creating problems for some districts that had already signed contracts with retirees. Mr. Dennis reported that the Board bill to change the review cycle for state curricular standards from three to seven years had passed the Senate, but was being held up in the House as a possible vehicle for other legislation. Among other bills he reported on, he noted that a bill to provide state aid for districts that consolidate was in conference committee; and a bill to establish the special education teacher service scholarship had passed both houses.

The Board took a break from 10:37 until 10:47 a.m.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ENTERPRISE DATA SYSTEM AND DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES

Kathy Gosa, Director of Information Technology, Ron Nitcher, Director of Fiscal Services, and Dr. Sherrill Martinez, Director of Planning and Research, updated the Board on current activities regarding the Enterprise Data System to Support Decision Making and Reporting, and discussed the schedule and activities planned for the next 3 years. The timeline for loading data into the Enterprise Data Warehouse and developing Data Marts for accessing information were discussed and considerations about how to establish priorities for the system were shared with the Board. It was requested that the PowerPoint and other materials used in the presentation be sent to Board members.

BOARD TRAVEL

Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the travel requests be approved as presented. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Abrams adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Steve Abrams, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary