

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Meeting Minutes**

**August 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the August meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m., August 9, 2011 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

8/9/11 a.m.  
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(00:00:06)

**ROLL CALL**

All members were present:

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| John Bacon               | Kathy Martin |
| Carolyn L. Wims-Campbell | Jana Shaver  |
| Sally Cauble             | Sue Storm    |
| Walt Chappell            | Janet Waugh  |
| David Dennis             | Ken Willard  |

**STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Dennis read the Board Mission Statement and then called for a moment of silence. The moment of silence was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Willard asked to add a discussion of the Common Core Standards if time allowed. Mrs. Wims-Campbell and Mr. Dennis accepted the change and Mrs. Wims-Campbell suggested it be added after the Consent Agenda. The agenda as modified was approved on a vote of 10-0.

(00:02:10 )  
**MOTION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the minutes of the July meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 10-0.

(00:03:40 )  
**MOTION**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

After reviewing upcoming conferences for the Board, Commissioner DeBacker updated members on recent news from ED (the U.S. Department of Education) regarding waivers that will allow states more flexibility in determining AYP. She noted that Kansas has all the measures in place that will be required and that more details would be available in September.

(00:03:56)

Dr. DeBacker also reported that fifteen school districts had signed on to participate in the pilot of the Kansas Educator Evaluation Protocol. She was happy to report that the districts represented variety in size and geographical area. A list of the districts would be included in an upcoming Friday Update.

In the discussion that followed, the Commissioner answered questions about the status of the Early Childhood ED Grant, noting that the Governor had sent the letter of intent to submit an application and when guidelines for applying are published the decision about the lead state agency will be decided. Unease about Common Core Standards tied to the waiver process was expressed. There was a question about student internships affecting their fulltime status. The Commissioner asked for additional information regarding the issue.

**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

No one was present wishing to address the Board.

**NON-AYP USES OF STUDENT GROWTH MODELS**

(00:27:00)

Board members heard from staff members Tony Moss and Tom Foster about meaningful growth measures that could be built in Kansas. Mr. Moss addressed early child development and the growth of social and emotional skills necessary to be successful in school. He indicated how complicated defining and measuring such growth is and used the examples of Australia and Canada and the early childhood development instruments each has developed. He noted that Pennsylvania is developing a system to coordinate the collection of data across state agencies.

Tom Foster discussed issues regarding a Kansas State Accreditation System for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and the measures that would be involved to move to a growth model system that would help individual students on their college or career plans of study. The focus would be on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, reward best practices, credit student growth and encourage innovation.

After discussing the issues, it was the consensus of the Board that staff continue with assessing Kansas students' and educators' needs regarding a growth model and develop an action plan for moving forward. The desire to move away from measuring a school's or district's quality and success on assessments scores at one point in time during a school year was made clear in the discussion. Other follow-up for staff arising from the conversation were: a) a recommendation from Mrs. Cauble that Dr. Nancy Torgerson be invited to speak at a Department sponsored conference on the connection between brain development and vision problems; b) instead of mandates to school districts, it was recommended that the Department compile information on educational best practices to share with school districts for use in school improvement efforts; and c) Commissioner DeBacker was asked to share information with the Board on new ED NCLB waiver criteria as soon as it becomes available.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(01:39:57)

**MOTION**

(01:40:29)

**MOTION**

Because the meeting was running ahead of schedule, Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board amend the agenda and move forward with action on the Consent Agenda. The voted carried 9-1, with Chappell voting in opposition. Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried 9-1, with Chappell voting in opposition. With approval of the Consent Agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Erik Liggett to the position of Accountant I on the Fiscal Services and Operations team effective July 17, 2011, at an annual salary of \$36,171.20; and Howard Shuler to the position of Interim Director on the Title Programs and Services team effective July 17, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$44.23.
- Approved one-year Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver requests for USD 357 Belle Plaine and USD 489 Hays Public Schools.
- Approved funding the 2011-2012 McKinney-Vento Children/Youth Homeless continuation grants for USD 202, Turner, \$17,800; USD 233, Olathe, \$42,000; USD 259, Wichita, \$129,595; USD 261, Haysville, \$21,440; USD 290, Ottawa, \$14,000; USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden, \$18,190; USD 457, Garden City, \$11,851; USD 475, Geary County, \$18,000; USD 500, Kansas City, \$85,700; and USD 501, Topeka, \$61,000.
- Approved \$125,000 funding for additional Advanced Placement Incentive grants for 2010-2011 grantees Olathe USD 233, Pittsburg USD 250, Caney Valley USD 436, Coffeyville USD 445, De Soto USD 234, Ft. Scott USD 234, Dodge City USD 443, Topeka USD 501, SCKESC Clearwater, Leavenworth USD 453, Wichita USD 259, Hutchinson USD 308, Anthony-Harper USD 361, SEKESC Greenbush, Liberal USD 480, and a AIPSAT grant to USD 259 Wichita.

*Contracts Approved:*

*Authorized the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) to enter into contracts to receive out-of-state tuition for the 2011-2012 school year from Center School District, Kansas City, Missouri for the 2011-2012 school year for four students with a total amount of \$111,311.80; Raytown School District, Raytown, Missouri for one student in the amount \$5,055.20 plus interpreter fees; and East Lynne School District, East Lynne, Missouri for one student in the amount of \$40,278.00.*

*Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and:*

- enter into a contract for 2011 with the Kansas Parent Information and Resource Center to meet the federal parent involvement component required by Title 1, Section 1118 of No Child Left Behind in an amount not to exceed \$150,000;
- continue a contract with the New Teacher Center for Year 3 of the teacher induction program from August 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$168,750.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:22 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

**LUNCH****PRELIMINARY LIST OF TITLE I SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS ON IMPROVEMENT AND NON-TITLE I SCHOOLS NOT MEETING AYP FOR 2010-2011**

Staff members Tom Foster and Judi Miller reported on the Adequate Yearly Progress for schools and districts for the 2010-2011 school year. More Kansas schools met the federal adequate yearly progress (AYP) requirement in 2010-11 than the previous year. Eighty-four percent of the state's 1,367 public schools met AYP in 2010-11, compared to 81 percent in 2009-10. The same number of school districts made AYP in 2010-11 as did the previous year. AYP targets were up from five to eight percent from the previous year. The statistics represent all Kansas schools and districts, even those designated as Title 1.

For Title 1 schools, 31 Title I school districts and 46 Title I schools were designated as on improvement for the 2011-12 school year. Only Title I schools and districts can be placed on improvement. The number of schools and districts on improvement increased from the prior year, even though 12 schools and three school districts came off of improvement from last year. Twenty-one of the schools on improvement for the 2011-12 school year are on improvement for the first time. Staff answered questions and clarified information and requirements for subgroups, assessment of ELL students and alternate assessments for special education students.

Chairman Dennis expressed his concern, that even though Kansas students performed better for the 2010-2011 school year than the year before, more districts and schools will be placed on improvement. Chairman Dennis moved, with second by Dr. Chappell, that all schools be identified on whether they made AYP based on 2009-2010 standards, per the Board's waiver request, and that no school be added to the improvement list unless they failed to meet the 2009-2010 standards and that any sanctions required be based on 2009-2010 levels.

**MOTION**  
(01:17:08)

Asked what the consequences would be if Chairman Dennis's motion were to pass, Commissioner DeBacker cautioned it would mean the state was out of compliance with its accountability plan and could potentially lose approximately \$110 million in Title I funds. While a majority of Board members expressed agreement with the sentiment expressed in the motion, most said they were not willing to risk the loss of the federal funds, especially with state funds for education being cut back. The motion failed with 3-7, with Martin, Bacon, Waugh, Campbell, Storm, Cauble and Shaver voting in opposition.

The Board took a brief break from 3:32 until 3:36 p.m.

**BREAK**  
(01:50:36)

**PRESENTATIONS BY CLIFTON-CLYDE AND THE KANSAS CITY KANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS BEING DEVELOPED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF NCLB**

(02:04:32) USD 224 Superintendent Cheryl Cook-Keim and USD 500 Superintendent Cindy Lane discussed their district programs for alternatives to the state assessments to comply with NCLB. After Board member's questions, Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin that the Kansas State Board of Education support the requests of USD 224, Clifton-Clyde, and USD 500, Kansas City, to waive Title I, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 111(a)(3)(A) and Section 1116(a)(1)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to permit the districts to pilot the use of alternative assessments in place of state assessments and to use the results from those assessments in accountability decisions for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

(02:38:54)

**BREAK**

(03:15:35)

The Board took a break from 4:46 until 4:57 p.m.

**DISCUSSION OF COMMON CORE STANDARDS**

(03:26:59)

At the request of Board member Willard, members discussed the Board's adoption of the Common Core Standards which took place in October of 2010. Mr. Willard expressed his misgivings about the Board's involvement with the Common Core Standards (CCS). Although the Common Core Standards emanated from a grass roots effort among states, he said he was concerned that adoption of the standards was now being tied to several opportunities at the federal level, including the ability to secure an NCLB accountability waiver. He was also concerned by new efforts to develop common standards in the area of social studies. Dr. Chappell expressed his concern that the standards represented an unfunded mandate and that vendors would make millions on the transition to them. Several members praised the Board's action, noting that the CCS were aligned with the more rigorous ACT measures of College and Career Readiness and also noting that it seemed to be the first time that ED had picked up on a grassroots initiative.

At the end of the discussion, Chairman Dennis declared the subject closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(03:49:29)

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the Board recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes at 5:23 p.m. under the provisions of executive sessions to discuss negotiated agreement. No action would take place at the end of the executive session and the open meeting of the Board would resume in the Board room at 5:33 p.m. The Commissioner, Board Attorney and Department General Counsel were invited to remain. The motion carried 10-0. The open meeting resumed at 5:30 p.m.

**RECESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

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David Dennis, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

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8/10/11 a.m.  
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(00:00:22)

**ROLL CALL**

All members were present:

John Bacon	Kathy Martin
Sally Cauble	Jana Shaver
Carolyn L. Wims-Campbell	Sue Storm
Walt Chappell	Janet Waugh
David Dennis	Ken Willard

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Dennis provided a second and the motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION**  
(00:00:28)

**FY 2011 INTERIM LEGISLATIVE STUDY TOPICS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reported that interim committees would be fewer and shorter for 2011. Of interest, he noted that there would be a KAN-ED Study Committee and a committee to look at the effects of the Classified State Employee Market Pay Adjustments. Deputy Dennis also reported that the LEPC would only meet for a total of two days. He then reviewed state general fund ending balances for FY 2011 and July of FY 2012, indicating increases over estimates for both.

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**P21 BEST PRACTICES AWARD**

KSDE staff Melinda Stanley gave an overview of the Best Practice Award from the Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills recognizing the work of the Kansas Commission on Graduation and Dropout Prevention and Recovery for it's final report and recommendations: *Ensure Economic Success for Tomorrow: Graduate All Students Today*. She and Jessica Noble, who had staffed the Commission, presented the award to the State Board.

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**PRESENTATION ON FINANCIAL LITERACY**

Also in August, Board members received recommendations from Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) staff related to strengthening instruction in financial literacy in the state. Staff members shared with the Board that the state is in compliance with state statute regarding identification of financial literacy standards which are embedded in math, history/government, family and consumer sciences, business, economics and finance. According to a survey of Kansas school districts conducted by KSDE, 60 percent of districts embed personal financial education competencies within their K-12 curriculum; 14 percent of districts require a financial education program for graduation and 176 districts offer consumer and personal finance. Staff also offered four recommendations for the Board to consider. In the discussion that followed, more information on the districts with a graduation requirement for a class in financial literacy was requested. Much of the discussion concerned state assessments and the collection of financial literacy data from them to gauge effectiveness.

(00:23:52)

**MOTION**  
(01:10:12)

Mrs. Martin moved that the State Board ask staff to move forward with two recommendations from the staff report on financial literacy:

- 1) Programs/Curriculum to Improve on Financial Knowledge: After reviewing the standards within appropriate existing curriculum with the endorsed Jump\$tart National Standard, KSDE should expand research of best practices within and outside Kansas in promoting financial literacy in its K-12 classrooms; and
- 2) Collaborate with Other Agencies/Organizations: KSDE should continue to strengthen its established partnerships with KCEE and FRBKC. It should also collaborate with other external agencies to address how districts may better serve their students through professional development opportunities and teaching resources for Kansas K-12 educators.

Chairman Dennis seconded the motion.

In the discussion that followed it was suggested that the staff recommendation to link accreditation to a district's financial literacy efforts should be postponed until the Board undertakes its review of QPA. There was also a reluctance to pursue any of the recommendations that might have a financial impact associated with them.

**MOTION**  
(01:12:28)

Dr. Chappell moved to amend the motion to include having the State make a semester course in financial literacy a graduation requirement starting with the freshman class of the 2012 school year. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Martin's motion carried 9-1, with Chappell voting in opposition.

**BREAK**  
(01:20:12)

The Board took a break from 10:20 to 10:30 a.m.

**BOARD REPORTS****Chairman**  
(01:31:12)***NASBE Annual Meeting Action***

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Cauble that Ken Willard be designated as the Board's voting representative at the NASBE annual meeting, with David Dennis to serve as alternate. The motion carried 10-0. Mrs. Cauble noted that she would not be attending the NASBE annual meeting and asked Mr. Willard to also sit in for her at the Government Affairs Committee meeting. He agreed.

**MOTION**  
(01:34:57)

Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Wims-Campbell, that the Board approve a vote in support of Patrick Guida for NASBE President-elect for the 2012 calendar year. The motion carried.

**MOTION**  
(01:36:06)

Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board approved votes in support of Ron Hovis for Secretary-Treasurer and Stan Archie for Central Area Director. The motion carried.

**MOTION**  
(01:37:47)**Chairman Dennis's Report**

Chairman Dennis reported that an attorney for the U. S. Army had concerns about the legality of the Army to continue funding for Project PASS. Garden City has indicated the program has proved so valuable they will continue regardless of funding. Other sources of funding are being explored.

**Attorney**  
(01:08:55)

Sitting in for the Board Attorney, Stephen Smith updated the Board on recent activities. He reported that the District Attorney's Office had ruled in response to a complaint filed by Doug Wright that no violation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act had occurred when six Board members had met for dinner after a meeting in March. He also responded to a question about the Terrance Vick case.

Ms. Storm reported that she would be attending an LEPC meeting September 22<sup>nd</sup>, but had not yet seen an agenda. Mr. Willard, Assistant Legislative Coordinator, indicated that he, too, would attend the meeting.

**Legislative  
Coordinator**

Mr. Willard reported on an ESSDACK meeting he had attended about leveraging technology in schools. A teacher from Wellington, who had been a presenter, might be someone the Board would like to invite to present at a Board meeting. Mrs. Martin reported that the September Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSKSAA) might be canceled. It would have been the first she would have attended as a member of KSHSAA Board.

**Other Board  
Member  
Reports**

Mrs. Shaver reported that the Policy Committee had its first meeting for review of Board Policies. She outlined the ones they would give a second look and consider for possible changes.

Mrs. Shaver also reported on the KAACTE conference she had attended. Dr. Chappell reported on a meeting of the Wichita Area Technical College that he had attended.

Mrs. Cauble suggested the Board work with the Kansas House and Senate Education committees and seek their help in improving education, for instance by requiring kindergarten when developmentally appropriate. She also suggested that the Board partner with the Home Schooling Association to seek solutions to some of the problems that exist with home schools in the state. Lastly, she suggested that the State Board establish a 501(c)(3) foundation for state education similar to the foundation in Colorado.

Mrs. Martin requested information on the New Teacher Center training of mentors and mentees. Dr. Chappell requested information on sports injuries, including the nature of the injury, how it was incurred and how it was reported. He also asked for information on the disproportionate enforcement of zero tolerance policies and what happens to the students who are suspended from school. Mr. Willard requested a presentation on the use of handheld technology in the classroom by Kay Tibbs from the Wellington school district. Mrs. Cauble suggested that KASB share information about the association's suggested policies regarding use of personal technology devices during the school day.

**Requests for  
Future Agenda  
Items**

**ACT ON BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mrs. Shaver asked to delete the Professional Standards Board meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> from her request. Mrs. Cauble asked to delete the MTSS conference from her travel and Mrs. Wims-Campbell asked to add it to hers. Dr. Chappell asked to add the Kansas Learning First Alliance meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> to his travel. Mr. Bacon asked to include the Ag in the Classroom meeting August 16<sup>th</sup> to his travel. Mr. Willard asked to add the September 22<sup>nd</sup> LEPC meeting to his travel. He also asked to add the NASBE annual meeting to his request.

(02:21:02)

Ms. Storm moved that the Board travel requests be approved as amended. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-1, with Cauble voting in opposition.

**MOTION**  
(02:23:40)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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David Dennis, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary