

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 1999

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 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	Linda Holloway
John Bacon	Harold Voth
Mary Douglass Brown	Bill Wagnon
Val DeFever	Janet Waugh
Scott Hill	

Mr. Rundell was in Denver attending the Education Commission of the States annual meeting and was unable to be present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Holloway asked that the agenda be amended to include a roll call vote on the proposed QPA regulations which the Board had approved by a show of hands at the June meeting. She also indicated that Case No. 1720, included in consent agenda item 8 p., had been withdrawn by the applicant from those items being recommended for action by the Certification Review Committee. Additionally, Chairman Holloway reported that an additional driver training school had been added to consent item 8 r. Dr. Abrams asked that item 8 r. be pulled from the consent agenda. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Brown, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried. Chairman Holloway also noted a summary of the revisions to the draft of the Kansas Curricular Standards for Civics-Government, Economics, Geography and History was included in supplemental materials distributed to Board members for their review before action on Wednesday morning.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Holloway asked for approval of the minutes of the June meeting. Mrs. Brown requested that the report of Board members raising concerns about the accreditation for Field Kindley High School be modified. Mrs. Brown moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0, with Mrs. Waugh abstaining.

STUDY SESSION ON ASSESSMENTS

Dr. Sharon Freden, Assistant Commissioner for Learning Services, introduced Cheri P. Yecke, former Virginia State Board of Education member and currently Deputy Secretary of Education for the State of

Virginia, who reported on Virginia's experiences with development and implementation of new curriculum standards and assessments. She reported that Virginia had chosen to use the Stanford 9 norm-referenced assessment, as well as a state criterion-referenced assessment with objective test questions because of the reliability, validity and legal defensibility of multiple choice questions. Mrs. Yecke noted that new curriculum standards were more comprehensive by subject and added that the standards and the new assessments required dual accountability, both of the student and the school. She indicated that schools must have a 70% student pass rate on the state assessments by 2004. Mrs. Yecke also discussed some of the problems Virginia had encountered in their development of the assessments, which included appropriate weighting on the writing assessment; how to deal with a transient student population and a high number of ESL students; and test security. Mrs. Yecke reported that Virginia had worked hard to gain public support of the new standards and assessments and had employed various means to communicate with the public, including use of the Internet, press releases on Board action and school report cards.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Holloway opened the citizens' open forum at 10:28 a.m. Those who addressed the Board were: Rev. Douglas Phenix, Topeka; Rev. David Grimm; Bill Harris, Prairie Village; Jody Sjogren, Lenexa; John Calvert, Lake Quivira; Mary Kay Culp, Lenexa, representing the Kansas Catholic Conference; Elizabeth S. Craig, Roeland Park; Nancy Hanahan, Overland Park; Matt Grogger, Overland Park, representing the Mainstream Coalition; Paul A. Miller, Wichita; Paul Ackerman, Wichita; Dennis VanderGriend, Colwich; Paul G. Rothberg, PhD, Overland Park; Steven Case, Lecompton; Philip Kimball, Lawrence; David Collins, Lawrence; Ursula Jander, Topeka; Daphne Fautin, Lawrence; Tim Miller, Lawrence; Helen Alexander, Lawrence; Marilyn Smith, Lawrence; Dana Hurlburt, Lawrence; Pauly Cartwright, Lawrence; Matthew Buechner, Lawrence; Lee Boyd, Topeka; Hugh Wentz, Lawrence; Bob Williams, Leon; Adrian Melott, Lawrence; Doug Ruden, Lawrence; Gene Copeland, Topeka; and Mark Matthews, Belton, MO. Chairman Holloway declared the open forum closed at 11:40 a.m.

The Board took a break until 11:52 a.m.

STUDY SESSION ON ASSESSMENTS (*continued*)

The assessment study session resumed after the break and Mrs. Yecke answered Board questions about test reliability and validity; the Virginia budget for assessments; the effects of the new assessments on teaching; impact on the student drop-out rate; the cut scores, pass rates and achievement categories assigned to the assessment scores; the reasons Virginia had for a state assessment program; and appropriate use by the media and public of the school report card.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:28 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Education Organizations: FY 2001 Budget Recommendations

The following education organizations and advocates made suggestions for the FY 2001 budget: Pete Matson, Kansas Teacher of the Year Program; Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards; Brilla Scott, United School Administrators of Kansas; Peg Dunlap, Kansas-NEA; Jacque Oakes, Schools for Quality Education; John Strickler, Kansas Advisory Council for Environmental Education; Diane Gjerstad, USD 259, Wichita; Elma Broadfoot and Carol Wohlford, Communities in Schools of Kansas; Dee McKee,

Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators; Sandy Kramer, Ag in the Classroom; and Sandee Crowther, Learning First Alliance. Noel Ary, Director of the Kansas Heritage Center was unable to be present. The Board took a short break during the presentations at 2:55 p.m. and returned at 3:05 p.m.

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2001 Budget

Kansas State School for the Deaf

Gerald Johnson, Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf, reviewed his proposed FY 2001 budget request and asked Board members for their informal approval to use his proposal as a basis for full development of the budget he would present to the Board in August. Mr. Johnson reported his FY 2001 estimates as follows: funding for maintenance of current services would be \$7,653,562; a reduced resource allocation would be \$7,212,886; and a reduced resources budget would eliminate salary increases for staff, eliminate the extended school year program, make cuts in equipment and vehicle replacement and technology implementation, and eliminate 5-6 staff positions for programs requiring supervision and assistance for children on an individual basis or in small groups. An enhancement budget would allow a reduction in shrinkage, addition of a part-time technology specialist, expansion of the Parents as Teachers program for early language stimulation of deaf babies and children; implementation of a technology plan; and the opportunity to continue to address disparities in professional salaries. Mr. Johnson also reviewed his capital improvement requests totaling \$939,250.

Kansas State School for the Blind

William Daugherty, Superintendent for the Kansas State School for the Blind, reviewed his proposed FY 2001 budget. He reported his current services estimate would be \$4,449,259 and that a reduced resource budget at a funding level of \$4,229,303 could only be accomplished through the elimination of the Life Skills Program for students with visual impairments and multiple disabilities. He noted his enhancement level budget represented an increase of \$47,314 to address professional salary disparities and the addition of a part-time technology specialist. Mr. Daugherty also noted a capital improvement budget of \$78,390 to upgrade the fire alarm system.

The Board took a brief break from 4:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

State Department of Education

Deputy Director Dale Dennis reviewed the Division of Budget's recommendations for FY 2001. He indicated that to achieve a required reduced resources budget, \$138 million would need to be cut. By leaving bond and interest and nutrition services intact, the \$138 million would translate into a 6.1% decrease in the rest of the Department's budget, including a \$560,000 decrease in the operating budget. The Board discussed the reduced resources budget and made recommendations for various cuts. In arriving at these cuts, the Board chose not to delay the science and social studies assessments for another year. Mr. Dennis discussed state general fund projections and the possibility that FY 2000 receipts could be \$80 million below estimates. Board members discussed the percent increase they would recommend for the FY 2001 enhanced budget and agreed to a 1.5% increase over the current services budget, which already reflected the \$50 per pupil increase enacted for FY 2001 by the 1999 legislature. The Board agreed to apportion the 1.5% increase by first funding program priorities, beginning with structured mentoring grants, special education, inservice education, the technology backbone and the 4 year-old at risk program. After making initial recommendations, the Board added increases for Parents as Teachers and discretionary grants, and allocated the balance of the 1.5% increase to Special Education, bringing the percent funded to 86.3% of excess costs.

The Board asked that it be noted that it philosophically supported 100% funding for special education.

Board budget recommendations were as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Structured Mentoring Program: 	→ \$1,265,169 (increase of \$290,169)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Education: 	→ \$248,605,885 (a \$17.5 million increase - 86.3% of excess cost)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inservice Education: 	→ \$6 million (a \$2 million increase plus an additional \$1 million from carryover funds)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technology Infrastructure: 	→ Request \$10.1 million (increase of \$10.1 million over FY 2000)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At-Risk Four-Year-Old Early Childhood: 	→ an increase of \$2,764,152 to fund approximately 3,000 students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Education Program: 	→ \$6,194,833 (increase of \$750,000 to provide services to an additional 1,500 children/families)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discretionary Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kansas Cultural Heritage Center: ● Agriculture in the Classroom: ● Environmental Education: ● Teacher of the Year: 	→ \$150,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → \$35,000 → \$50,000 → \$40,000 → \$25,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Base state aid per pupil: 	→ current services funding which includes a \$50 BSAPP increase approved for FY 2001 by the 1999 legislature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statewide Assessment: 	→ \$120,000 increase for state assessments, including \$50,000 increase for validation of writing assessment, and \$185,000 for 1 st year funding for Kansas history teaching materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transportation: 	→ no funding recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All-day Kindergarten: 	→ no funding recommended

• At-risk Weighting:	→ No increase recommended
• Correlation Weighting:	→ No decrease recommended
• Education Excellence Grants (Innovative Programs)	→ \$1.6 million (no increase recommended)
• Communities in Schools:	→ No increase recommended
• Educable Deaf/Blind:	→ \$110,000 (no increase recommended)

Additionally, no increases were recommended for Teaching Excellence Scholarships, at \$98,000, and Governor's At-Risk Academy, at \$60,000, which were included in the state operations total.

Study of School District Organization

Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the Board approve the draft request for proposals to secure consulting services to conduct a study of school district organization. The motion carried.

VISITING SCHOLAR CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Tompkins reported on the requests for visiting scholar certificates, indicating that he had approved the denial of the request from USD 410, Hillsboro, in accordance with the guidelines for such requests adopted by the Board. He noted that, in this case, he was bound by the Board's existing policy to recommend denial of the request for Julie Crocker to teach 7th and 8th grade Spanish. He stated he did not concur with this recommendation and, under revised guidelines being discussed by the Board Policy Committee, the policy would allow approval of the certificate for Ms. Crocker. Dr. Tompkins asked the Board to reject the recommendation for denial and to approve all three requests for certificates. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the Board issue visiting scholar certificates for Brook Spies, Jr. to teach math concepts beyond Advanced Placement Calculus for the 1999-2000 school year at Leavenworth, USD 452; Julie Crocker to teach Spanish for the 1999-2000 school year at Hillsboro, USD 410; and renewal for Dr. Dixie McReynolds to continue teaching biology, chemistry, physics and general science half-time to 7-12 grade students during the 1999-2000 school year at the Accelerated school in Overland Park, Kansas. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Abrams indicated he thought commercial driver training schools had been transferred to the State Board of Regents, and since he had been informed they would stay under the supervision of the State Board of Education, item 8 r., concerning licenses for two such schools could be returned to the consent agenda for action. Dr. Abrams moved, with second by Mr. Hill, that the consent agenda be approved as modified at the beginning of the meeting. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Received the personnel turnover report for FY 1999.
- Confirmed the appointment of Lucinda Brown to a special projects Office Assistant IV position under the Charter Schools grant, effective June 7, 1999, at an hourly rate of \$8.81.
- Approved school construction plans for McPherson College (2 projects); Leavenworth, USD 453; Paola, USD 368; Goodland, USD 352; Shawnee Mission, USD 512; Winfield, USD 465; Haysville, USD 261; Hillcrest Rural Schools, USD 455; Barton County Community College; Marysville, USD 364; All Saints School, Wyandotte County; and Royal Valley, USD 337.
- Approved the modification of the Forth Hays Educational Development Center Interlocal agreement.
- Approved renewal of the North Central Kansas Education Service Center Interlocal agreement.
- Set the public hearing on proposed school bus transportation regulations for October 12, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.
- Approved Cycle I accredited status for USD 500: Emerson Elementary; USD 454: Burlingame High School; USD 497: Pinckney Elementary; USD 243: Waverly High School; USD 251: Admire Elementary; USD 253: Lowther North Intermediate; USD 321: Delia Elementary, Emmett Elementary and Rossville Elementary; USD 345: West Indianola Elementary; USD 501: Avondale West Elementary, McCarter Elementary, Landon Middle School and Capital City High School; USD 225: Fowler Elementary and Fowler High School; USD 269: Damar Jr. High School, Palco Elementary and Palco High School; USD 318: Atwood Elementary; USD 489: Kennedy Middle School; Felten Middle School, Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy Elementary; USD 383: Frank V. Bergman Elementary; USD 300: Coldwater Elementary, Coldwater High School, Protection Elementary and Protection High School; USD 373: Chisholm Middle School and Newton Sr. High School; USD 435: Abilene High School; USD 259: Enterprise Elementary, West High School and Northwest High School; USD 257: McKinley Elementary and LaHarpe Elementary; USD 413: Royster Middle School; USD 266: Maize Sr. High School and Maize 7-8; Kansas City Catholic Diocese: St. Joseph's Elementary (Shawnee), Sacred Heart Elementary (Larned); and Wichita Catholic Diocese: All Saints Catholic Elementary.
- Approved requests for waiver of state QPA regulations from Emporia USD 253 to utilize the services of John Lexroe to serve as an ESL instructor for the high school, and Jeanna Strum and Jennifer Telfer to serve as ESL instructors at the elementary level; Barton County Special Education Cooperative to utilize the services of Ira Alex Cape to teach Special Education Learning Disabled at the middle school level; Sumner County Educational Services #619 to utilize the services of Ronald K. Wilford to serve as an instructor in the Gifted Program through the service center; and Chase County USD 284 to allow Chase County High School to have a four year Cycle II accreditation cycle in order to align it with other schools in the district and fully utilize the district school improvement process and data collection.

- Approved Ed-Flex waiver requests from USD 305, Franklin/Lowell Elementary, USD USD 210, Hugoton schools, and USD 248, R.V. Haderlein Elementary, for schoolwide programs.
- Approved "Side by Side on the Road to Reading Success" reading pamphlet.
- Approved renewal of a Visiting Scholar Certificate for Mervat Ibrahim to teach Arabic languages for the 1999-2000 school year at Shawnee Mission Center for International Studies.
- Approved Education Excellence grant programs for school reform for the following school districts: Hutchinson, \$96,750; DeSoto, \$26,266; Spring Hill, \$26,850; ESSDACK, \$112,000; Coffeyville, \$42,500; and Topeka, \$58,913; for technology: Olathe, \$90,000; Hutchinson, \$21,725, Independence, \$60,000; Salina, \$122,008; Topeka, \$223,445; Buhler, \$104,000; Emporia, \$36,367; and Leavenworth, \$256,093; and for curriculum assessment and instruction for: Fort Hays Education Cooperative, \$70,124; SEKESC, \$100,071; and Wichita, \$152,245.
- Approved FY 1999-2000 Educate America Act Year Two-Six Local Reform grants in the amount of \$7,000 for Anthony-Harper USD 361, Chapman USD 473, Cheney USD 268, Elwood USD 486, Hugoton USD 210, Nemaha Valley USD 442, Neodesha USD 461, Oakley/Monument USD 274, and Smoky Hill-Ransom USD 302; and for Auburn-Washburn USD 437, \$20,626; Dodge City USD 443, \$20,928; Emporia USD 253, \$19,196; Ft. Leavenworth USD 207, \$7,152; Geary County USD 475, \$25,832; Great Bend USD 428, \$13,096; Haysville USD 261, \$18,192; Kansas City USD 500, \$83,608; Seaman USD 345, \$13,232; Shawnee Mission USD 512, \$125,920; Smoky Hill Education Service Center (Year 5), \$13,276, (Year 6), \$42,972; and Topeka USD 501, \$56,592.
- Approved FY 1999-2000 Educate America Act Year Three-Six Preservice Teacher Education/ Professional Development Partnership Subgrants in the amount of \$25,000 for Canton-Galva USD 419, Colby USD 315, Emporia USD 253, Geary County USD 475, Haysville USD 261,
- Neodesha USD 461, Olathe USD 233, Smoky Hill Education Service Center 629 and Topeka USD 501; and for Derby USD 260, \$19,740; Ft. Leavenworth USD 207, \$24,700; and Northwest Kansas Education Service Center 602, \$125,806.
- Approved new program grant awards for the Parents as Teacher program for Beloit USD 273 Consortium and USD 479 Crest as recommended.
- Approved Education for Homeless Children and Youth program grants for USD 233 Olathe, \$33,625; USD 259 Wichita, \$53,733; USD 261 Haysville, \$9,839; USD 457 Garden City, \$10,000; USD 475 Geary County, \$15,000; USD 500 Kansas City, \$28,625; and USD 501 Topeka, \$33,625.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Certification Review Committee in cases 1719, 1722-1733, and 1736-1737.
- Received the Annual Report of the State Advisory Council for Special Education for FY 1999.

- Issued 1999 Commercial Drivers Training School licenses for Five-Star Driving School, Pittsburg, KS, and Behind the Wheel, Inc., Overland Park, KS.

Contracts Approved:

The Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind was authorized to negotiate and renew the contracts listed below with the contracts not to exceed the amount indicated:

- USD 500 for psychological services, \$20,000;
- Dr. Donald Robinson for speech pathology, \$29,252;
- Dr. Antone Vierthaler for dental services, \$7,000;
- Providence Medical Center for occupational and physical therapy, \$48,013;
- Dr. Joseph Maino for low vision consultation, \$7,140;
- Associates in Ophthalmology for eye care services, \$7,000;
- Accessible Arts, Inc. for services in the arts;
- Northeast Kansas Educational Service Center for membership in Kansas Teaching Consortium, \$1,100;
- Ron Wilson, LSCSW, for counseling and evaluation services, \$12,300 and, addendum to 1998-99 contract, \$860;
- David Wartell, Summer Job Placement for Students, \$4,000;
- Nancy Bailey, Summer Job Placement for Students, \$5,700; and
- Eileen McManus, Oregon Trail Program, \$1,500.

KSSB was authorized to exchange services with:

- University of Missouri - Kansas City for free preventative and minor dental services

KSSB was authorized to receive payment for services from these entities:

- Richmond, Missouri School District for education services (one student), for 1999-2000 school year, \$15,550;
- Oak Grove, Missouri School District for education services and extended day program (one student), for 1999-2000 school year, \$5,600; and 1999 extended school year (one student), \$787);
- Park Hill, Missouri School District for 1999 extended school year (2 students), \$1,574;
- North Daviess R-III Coffey, Missouri School District, for 1999 extended school year and extended day program (one student), \$1,510;
- Cameron, Missouri School District, for 1999 extended school year and extended day program (one student), \$1,510; and educational services and extended day program (one student - tentative), for 1999-2000 school year, \$16,500; and
- Lafayette C-1, Higginsville, Missouri School District, for 1999 extended school year (one student), \$787.

RECESS

There being no further business, Chairman Holloway recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Linda Holloway, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Holloway called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 1999, 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

John Bacon

Mary Douglass Brown

Val DeFever

Scott Hill

Linda Holloway

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell

Harold Voth

Bill Wagnon

Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Holloway noted a roll-call vote on the Quality Performance Accreditation regulations approved by voice vote at the June meeting needed to be added to the agenda. Also, Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Holloway, that an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel be added. The motion carried. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Brown, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

QUALITY PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS

Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the Board adopt revised Quality Performance Accreditation Regulations 91-31-16, 91-31-18, 91-31-19 and 91-31-24. On a roll-call vote, the motion carried as follows:

Dr. Steve Abrams	YES	Mrs. Linda Holloway	YES
Mr. John Bacon	YES	Mr. I.B. Rundell	YES
Mrs. Mary Brown	YES	Mr. Harold Voth	YES
Mrs. Val DeFever	YES	Dr. Bill Wagnon	YES
Mr. Scott Hill	YES	Mrs. Jane Waugh	YES

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE READING STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Assistant Commissioner Freden introduce Kim Young and Stacy Lierz-Ziegler, department staff who had been working with the Reading and Writing Examples subcommittee of the Reading and Writing Curricular Standards Committee. Ms. Lierz-Ziegler handed out copies of the reading and writing standards to the Board. Ms. Young showed how and where the lists of reading and writing examples would be included in the standards document and asked for direction from the Board on the subcommittee's work to date. Discussion followed and the Board instructed the subcommittee to check the appropriateness of the genres assigned to the various books to be included in the appendix of reading samples; to include a preface encouraging teachers to develop their own lists with a variety of themes; to include well-accepted classics; and to include more serious biographical works covering the colonial and civil war periods.

CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR CIVICS-GOVERNMENT, ECONOMICS, GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Dr. Freden introduced Mrs. Jennie Chinn, Co-Chair of the standards writing committee, who introduced other members of the committee who were present. Mrs. Chinn also introduced and thanked Kim Rasmussen, department staff working the committee. Mrs. Chinn asked for Board comments on revisions made since the standards were presented to the Board in June. Mrs. Brown reported she had met with Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Chinn and commended them for the committee's hard work. She stated she felt confident that Kansas was ready with world-class standards and moved that the Board adopt the 5th Draft of the Kansas Curricular Standards for Civics- Government, Economics, Geography and History. Dr. Abrams seconded the motion, which carried.

ASSESSMENT CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Dr. Freden asked Board members for any further questions concerning the assessment contract with the University of Kansas. Mr. Hill moved, and Mr. Voth seconded, that the Commissioner of Education be authorized to continue the contract with the University of Kansas for development and administration of state mathematics, reading, writing and social studies assessment instruments and begin the development of science assessments when standards are adopted, with the contract amount not to exceed \$1,205,000. The motion carried. Board discussion of test security followed and the Commissioner was asked to send a letter to all school superintendents about procedures to be followed on the state assessments. Dr. Tompkins indicated staff would also develop a set of improved protocols for security on the assessments. In other discussion, Board members asked for the opportunity to review the new assessments as they are developed. The Board also briefly discussed how beneficial their meeting with the external assessment reviewers had been. Dr.

Freden indicated they would be returning for another meeting January 13-14, 2000 and offered to ask them to come for another informal visit with the Board at that time.

MATTERS RELATING TO PRECERTIFICATION TESTING

Action on Precertification Test

Mr. Hill moved, with a second the Mrs. DeFever, that the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Professional Standards Board that the three tests, PLT K-6, PLT 5-9 and the PLT 7-12 be adopted by the Board to replace the current NTE Professional Knowledge Test as the assessment required by KSA 72-1388 and SBR 91-1-27a, with candidates to have the option to choose and obtain a qualifying score on the most appropriate test for the level of certification or specialization they are seeking. The motion carried.

Establishment of Cut Scores

Dr. Abrams asked that the Board have an opportunity to review the results of the new precertification tests next year in July. Mr. Bungert, Team Leader, Certification and Teacher Education, suggested that 2001 would be more appropriate because no results would be available by July 2000. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Professional Standards Board of a qualifying score of 161 for the PLT K-6, PLT 5-9 and the PLT 7-12 tests. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Wagon requested that Dr. Abrams report on the activity of the Board Policy Committee. He also asked for status reports from the subcommittees on educator licensure and science standards.

Board Chairman

Chairman Holloway reported a request had been made to Danielle Noe of the Governor's Office for an appointment for the Commissioner, Mr. Voth and herself with the Governor. Mrs. Holloway also indicated Dr. Abrams had been unable to visit the virtual high school in Orlando, Florida and she had attended in his place.

Legislative Coordinator

Mr. Hill commented he felt the Board had done good work on the FY 2001 budget. He noted the interim education committee would start July 21st and its primary focus would be on school finance, the technology backbone, virtual schools and school violence. He reported on his visit to the virtual high school in Florida and that after three years, enrollment was 1,000 students with 67,500 predicted by 2004.

Mr. Hill also reported on attendance at the National Federation of Schools annual meeting in Washington as a representative of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Mr. Hill reported that the educator licensure subcommittee would be meeting again July 26th and have a proposal to the Board at the August meeting. He indicated the subcommittee was still working on cleaning up language to get the proposal ready for submittal. Dr. Tompkins added there were also other associated regulations to be revised or revoked.

Policy Committee Chairman

Dr. Abrams reported that the Policy Committee had met several times and that the Board would receive recommendations in August. He noted the committee was still having discussion on some items, including

how to deal with the development of the agenda and how Board members can get items on the agenda. He indicated the committee saw the need to have guidelines in writing so everyone would be aware of the procedures to follow. Dr. Abrams indicated that boardmanship was another issue to be reviewed. He reported the committee would not bring the Board recommendations on these issues to the August meeting, but was planning to evaluate the existing policy and come up with more definitive language at a later committee meeting.

Science Standards Subcommittee

Dr. Abrams reported that the science standards subcommittee had met with members of the science curricular standards writing committee and that he was hopeful to have language upon which all could agree. Mrs. Waugh noted she had heard there was another draft of Dr. Abrams standards and indicated she would like to see it as soon as it was available. Dr. Abrams reported he was still working on it.

Board Attorney

Mr. Biles reviewed his recent activity on behalf of the Board. He also reported on the progress of personnel training at the Kansas State School for Deaf. Mr. Biles reviewed the school finance litigation, noting that he would be filing a motion to dismiss on July 16th. He indicated the Attorney General would be filing a motion based on the state's immunity from suit in federal court. He also noted that he and the Attorney General would be making presentations on the litigation before an interim legislative committee during the next week. Board discussion and questions followed. Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for June be paid as presented. The motion carried.

Commissioner

Commissioner Tompkins reported that the Board had a remaining at-large nomination to make to the Kansas State High School Activities Association Board of Directors. He also reported that the department had passed its first Y2K test with the beginning of FY 2000, July 1st. He noted that there would be an independent Y2K audit of every agency. He reported the department was getting ready for its audit. Dr. Tompkins also reported that the department was moving ahead in its migration to a single platform, but that he would be bringing a modification to the SoluTech contract to the Board in August because of the number of data files the contractors have encountered. He also reported work on a timeline for Board goals that he hoped to bring to the Board in August.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite travel request. Mrs. Rundell moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the travel requests be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Dr. Wagon reported on an "I Can Learn" program in New Orleans. He indicated it was a self-paced computer program being used for high school algebra by 90% of the students in the New Orleans schools. He reported that students were excited and motivated because they could see the progress they were making. He noted that teachers played a more interactive role one-on-one with students, targeting specific areas where help is needed with a student. He indicated there was the opportunity for students to finish the course early and go on to advanced placement algebra classes with Stanford University via the Internet. He stated that students can feel positive about their progress and are motivated to stay in school. Dr. Wagon also discussed

his reservations about virtual schools and people needed to be aware of the limits of new technology. He also noted an article in the *New York Times* which indicated Kansas is in the top 1/3 of states with home computers and how important it is for the state to move forward with its technology backbone.

Mrs. Brown reported on a joint meeting with Wichita State University and USD 259 on the gifted preschool program and the difficulties encountered in identifying low-income gifted students.

Mrs. DeFever reported on two visits to the Governor's At-Rick Academy. She also reported on an interagency coalition meeting in Chanute. She indicated the group had decided it could make more effective decisions with more information about drop-out rates.

Mr. Rundell reported on his attendance at the Education Commission of the States annual meeting in Denver and thanked the Board for his appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Bacon brought up the possibility of an executive session to discuss the pending school finance litigation. Mr. Biles indicated he was cognizant of the need to be careful with his comments when reporting to the Board in open session and that, though burdensome, the Board could have an executive session to discuss litigation issues any time it wanted one.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hill moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the Board recess into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel are not violated, and to discuss pending litigation with the Board Attorney so that attorney/client privilege could be protected, and that the open meeting of the Board resume at 11:10 a.m. The motion carried. At 11:10 a.m., the open meeting resumed and Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Brown, that the executive session be extended for ten minutes, until 11:20 a.m. The motion carried. At 11:20 a.m., the open meeting resumed and Mrs. DeFever moved, with a second by Mr. Voth, that the executive session be extended for ten minutes, until 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., the open meeting of the Board resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Linda Holloway, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary