KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 in the board room of the Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Steve Abrams Wanda Morrison

Kevin Gilmore Bill Musick

Mike Gragert Mandy Specht

Harold R. Hosey Kathleen White

Mildred McMillon

Members absent:

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell (absent due to illness)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Abrams pulled from the consent agenda item l. involving a contract for the Governor's Academy and item q. on a contract involving the Adult Basic Education program. Mrs. Morrison moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. McMillon moved approval of the January minutes as distributed; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried.

POLICY ON CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman White asked the Board to consider moving the time of the Citizens' Open Forum to Tuesday. She noted that the Wednesday meeting of the State Board must conclude at 11:00, the regularly scheduled time for the Forum, since the Council on Postsecondary Education was moved up on the schedule and will meet at 11:15. Mr. Musick moved that the State Board change the time and date of the Citizens' Open Forum to Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. for the February meeting; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried. The Chairman asked the Policy Committee to recommend an ongoing policy at the next meeting.

REPORT ON THE GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY

Mr. Ken Gentry, director of Program Support Services, introduced Dr. Jerry Bailey, Associate Dean, University of Kansas. Dr. Bailey provided information on the summer 1995 program which involved 38 students and 21 mentor/teachers from 21 high schools throughout the state. He reported graduation rates and success in improving the students' grade point averages, as well as describing the training the teachers receive so that they will have greater success in reaching at-risk students. He noted that the Academy has worked with a total of 185 students over the course of 5 summers and has achieved a 75% success rate. Dr. Bailey responded to questions from the Board members.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner reviewed the State Board's appeal of the Governor's budget reductions for fiscal year 1996, and responded to questions.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman White opened the Forum at 10:50 a.m. Within the 30-minute time frame, 15 persons addressed the Board. After lunch, 7 more citizens spoke, making the total number 22.

* Ellen Lener, grandparent

* Barbara Holzmark, Leawood, representing the National Council of Jewish Women and the Governor's Commission on Education for Parenthood

* Nancy Hanahan, citizen

* Celtie Johnson, parent, Prairie Village

* Peg Dunlap, K-NEA

* David Gale, Shawnee Mission, representing the Jewish Community Relations Bureau

* Caroline Davis, citizen

* Marian Davis, representing Mainstream Coalition of Johnson County

* Elizabeth Berkshire, representing Planned Parenthood in Missouri and Kansas

* Ray Bell, Topeka AIDS Project

* Denice Bruce, parent, Wichita

* Juanita Smith, representing YWCA, Topeka

* Lisa Gordon, parent

* Rick Ellis, Washburn University

* Patty Ingrahm, parent

Chairman White closed the Forum at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Musick moved that the State Board re-open the Forum at 1:00 p.m. to hear from those persons who had signed up to speak but had not yet had their turn; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried. Chairman White called a five-minute break.

VOCATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Ferman Marsh, assistant commissioner of Lifelong Learning, introduced two students in vocational organizations. Miss Teiah Allen, FHA State President, related the activities of Future Homemakers of America. Miss Angela Barnett, VICA Secondary State President, described the activities of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

Chairman White called a lunch recess at 11:55 a.m. Board members joined the banquet of the Vocational Student Organizations at the Jayhawk Towers.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman White re-opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 1:15 p.m. Seven more speakers addressed the Board:

* Kathy Slawson, citizen, Topeka

* Corrie Geer, mother

* Monica Neff, representing the National Organization for Women in Kansas

* Kathleen Laverick, parent, Overland Park

* Rev. Paul Evans, Metropolitan Community Church, Topeka

* Rev. Wanda McDaniels, representing Wichita Metropolitan Family Preservation

* Dawn Hayward, citizen

Chairman White closed the Forum at 1:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, provided his monthly report. He mentioned in particular that Mr. Bill Musick had received the Governor's award from the Kansas State High School Activities Association for outstanding contributions in the field of secondary education. Mr. Ken Gentry, director of Program Support Services, reported on potential cuts in federal funding and the effect on Kansas.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Dan Biles reviewed legal matters he has been handling for the Board. Dr. Hosey moved that the State Board pay Mr. Biles for expenses and services as attorney for the Board, according to his itemized

statement; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried.

ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS: human sexuality and AIDS education; special purpose and youth center schools

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner for Learning Services, recommended that the State Board revoke current regulations for special purpose schools and youth center schools. She also reported that the new regulations for Quality Performance Accreditation and those existing regulations which the Board wished to retain for elementary and secondary schools had been forwarded to the Attorney General and the Department of Administration for review.

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education revoke existing regulations for accrediting special purpose schools and for accrediting youth center schools; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Gilmore discussed the proposal he had made in January to change the existing regulation on human sexuality and AIDS education. Several Board members stated their opinion on the topic. Following discussion, Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board of Education hold a study session to address sex education in the schools, investigating innovative programs, including dialogue with the public on all sides of the issue; seconded by Dr. Abrams. The motion failed on a 3 to 6 vote. Voting "no" were: Mr. Gragert, Dr. Hosey, Mrs. McMillon, Mr. Musick, Mrs. Specht, and Mrs. White.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STATE PLAN: fiscal year 1997

Ms. Carol Dermyer, coordinator in Student Support Services, provided information and responded to questions. Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board adopt the State Plan for Special Education and Preschool Grant Application with the recommended staff revisions; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried.

TEACHER LICENSURE REDESIGN: hearing schedule

Mr. Ken Bungert, director of Certification and Teacher Education, provided information about the plan for public hearings on the new system proposed for teacher licensure, and responded to questions.

PROFICIENCIES: Regent Hiebert and KSBE staff

Dr. John Hiebert, chairman, Kansas Board of Regents, offered comments on the State Board's draft proposal on developing proficiencies for high school students. Specifically, he suggested that the Regents and the State Board work jointly and create a single set of proficiencies rather than one for high school graduation and another for college entrance. Dr. Sharon Freden then discussed the details of the State Board of Education draft proposal.

REPORT ON AT-RISK PUPIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: 1994-95

Dr. Freden introduced Ms. Judy Miller, program consultant in Program Support Services. Ms. Miller provided information about the impact of state funded at-risk programs as reported by the local districts, and responded to questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Abrams asked for clarification on adult basic education, item q. Mr. Ferman Marsh responded to questions. Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board approve the entire consent agenda; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

* Received the monthly personnel report.

* Approved construction plans for: Burlington USD 244, Gardener-Edgerton USD 231, Leoti USD 467, Humboldt USD 258, Neosho County Community College, Norton USD 211, Wichita USD 259 (two), Goddard USD 265, Ulysses USD 214, Hillcrest Rural Schools USD 455 (two), Kingman USD 331, Seaman USD 345, Derby USD 260, Highland USD 425, Maize USD 266, Hutchinson USD 308, Holy Cross Lutheran, Santa Fe Trail USD 434, Andover USD 385, Mulvane USD 263, Renwick USD 267, Elyria Christian School, Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative, Renwick USD 267, Peabody Burns USD 398, Royal Valley USD 337, Solomon USD 393, and Nemaha Valley USD 442.

* Confirmed an unclassified special project position and salary: Carla Partridge in Project Partnership effective February 5.

* Confirmed appointment of a team leader for the Community Colleges/Community Education Team, and established her salary effective February 11: Merlyne Hines-Starr.

* Received the quarterly reports of the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.

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* Received minutes of the December 12 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Council.

* Approved the local inservice education plan for Nemaha Valley USD 442.

* Issued certificates of approval to these proprietary schools: New Horizons Computer Learning Center (Wichita), Century 21 South Central States, Inc. (Michigan), Climate Control Institute (Wichita), Commercial Federal Bank (Omaha, Nebraska), Executive Secretarial School (Dallas), Realty School of Kansas (Wichita), and Wright Business School (Lenexa).

* Accredited the Kansas City Kansas Community College as an associate degree granting institution through the 2005-2006 academic year.

* Accredited Neosho County Community College as an associate degree granting institution through the 2001-2002 academic year.

* Approved grants for Kansas Internships for teachers at Pratt Community College/Area Vocational School, North Central Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School, and Cowley County Community College/Area Vocational-Technical School. And approved technology grants for Flint Hills Technical College and Hutchinson Community College/Area Vocational School.

* Issued orders granting authority to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation to five districts: Cheylin USD 103, Ft. Scott USD 234, Ellinwood USD 355, Osawatomie USD 367, and Basehor-Linwood USD 458.

Contracts approved:

The Interim Commissioner was authorized to negotiate and enter into these contracts:

* with Kansas State University of the purpose of coordinating and conducting the 1996 School Food Service Institute with the contract amount not to exceed $68,000;

* with the Kansas State Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of completing on-site inspections of meal preparation and service sites with the contract amount not to exceed $6,750;

* with the University of Kansas, Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation to maintain collection and analysis of information related to Adult Basic Education, and to provide assistance to the field, with the contract amount not to exceed $11,999;

* with the University of Kansas to conduct the 1996 Kansas Governor's Academy, with the contract amount not to exceed $95,000;

* with the Northeast Kansas Education Service Center to provide services during Year 4 of the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed $20,000;

* with the High Plains Educational Cooperative to provide services during Year 4 of the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed $32,805;

* with the University Affiliated Program at the University of Kansas to provide services during Year 4 of the Supported Education in Kansas Severe Disabilities Change Project, with the contract amount not to exceed $4,000.

The Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind was authorized to contract:

* with Family-Centered Alternatives to provide consultant services for students with severe, multiple disabilities concerning eating disorders, with the contract amount not to exceed $3,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Hosey moved that the State Board of Education go into executive session until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried. At 4:30, Mr. Gilmore moved that the State Board extend its executive session by 30 minutes; seconded by Mr. Gragert, and the motion carried. At 5:00 p.m., Mr. Gragert moved that the session be extended 10 minutes; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried.

RECESS

Chairman White opened the Board meeting at 5:10 p.m. and called an adjournment for the day.

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ROLL CALL

Members present:

Steve Abrams Wanda Morrison

Kevin Gilmore Bill Musick

Mike Gragert Mandy Specht

Harold R. Hosey Kathleen White

Mildred McMillon

Members absent:

I.B. "Sonny" Rundell (absent due to illness)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board add as an agenda item selection of the finalists for the position of Commissioner of Education; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Mrs. McMillon moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS: search for Commissioner of Education

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board interview four finalists for Kansas Commissioner of Education on February 29: Ron Fielder, Chief Administrator of Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Iowa; Milt Pippenger, superintendent of schools in Garden City, Kansas; Sandra Terril, superintendent of the Piper

district in Kansas City, Kansas; and Andy Tompkins, Interim Dean, School of Education at Pittsburg State University. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hosey and carried by unanimous vote.

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JOINT MEETING: KANSAS COUNCIL ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Mr. Dennis Shurtz, president of the Council and owner of Shurtz Commodity Trading, Inc., spoke first on the subject of seamless lifelong learning. He urged the State Board to hire a career counseling specialist who could coordinate dissemination of resources to the schools. He stressed the need for career planning and development throughout the elementary and secondary school curricula. Dr. Eddie Estes, president and CEO of Western Kansas Manufacturers Association, then elaborated on the ways schools can enhance work force training through fundamental changes in academic course content. He provided work force projections, and noted that re-training of employees is a crucial task of education in the 21st century.

KANSAS BUSINESS/EDUCATION COALITION: Report of Chair

Mr. Ferman Marsh, assistant commissioner of Lifelong Learning, introduced the new chair of the Coalition, noting that Mr. Russell is director of governmental and public affairs for Sprint/United Telephone. Mr. Russell defined several ways that the Coalition is engaging in dialogue and developing ties between business and education. He reported that the Coalition is participating in the upcoming forum on public education sponsored by the Topeka public schools. A critical part of the forum is information on developing business partnerships. The Coalition has the goal of a partnership for every school building and is developing a profile of various levels of participation to give potential school business partners. He also reported that the Coalition is positioning itself to secure independent funding and hire staff.

CONTINUATION OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Mr. Dale Dennis, Interim Commissioner, reviewed legislative bills that are being debated in committee. Board members discussed in particular the proposed constitutional amendment affecting the operation of the State Board of Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman White reported that the environmental scan will be presented to the Kansas Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education at the meeting in the afternoon. She also reported that the Lt.

Governor will be meeting with her in March to discuss the Governor's Commission on Education for Parenthood. Additionally, she reported that the Corporation for Change is in the process of drafting legislation based on its plan for restructuring delivery of services to children and families.

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Chairman White asked members to report on their assignments with the National Association of State Boards of Education. Mr. Gilmore reported on the NASBE study group on governance, noting that they are engaged in a discussion of charter schools. Ms. Peg Dunlap, K-NEA, added that she is a member of the national NEA committee which has been formed to discuss charter schools, and offered information if needed. Dr. Abrams reported on the Governmental Affairs Committee, noting that the discussions involved block grants.

NEW PROGRAM APPROVAL: North Central Kansas AVTS

Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board approve the recommended new program in Computer Aided Drafting and Design Technology at North Central Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School beginning fall, 1997; seconded by Dr. Hosey, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members reviewed the composite list of travel requests. They discussed who should represent the Board at NASBE's legislative conference in March. It was agreed that Mr. Gilmore and Mrs. White should attend. Mr. Gilmore added a request for salary and mileage to the KASB/KSBE Site Council Conference on February 8. Chairman White asked that all members be granted permission to travel to Topeka, and receive salary and per diem on February 29 when they interview the candidates for Commissioner of Education. Mr. Musick moved approval of Board requests for travel as amended; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES: KSSB and KSSD

Board members volunteered to hand out diplomas at the two special schools. Dr. Hosey will participate in ceremonies at the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Mr. Gilmore will attend the ceremonies at the Kansas State School for the Blind.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.