Agenda Number: **10 b.**
Meeting Date: **05/12/2009**

UPDATED

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION

Staff Initiating:	**Director:**	**Deputy Commissioner:**	**Commissioner:**
Colleen Riley	Colleen Riley	Diane DeBacker	Alexa Posny

Item Title:

Act on appointments to the Special Education Advisory Council

Board Goals:

Governmental responsibility

Recommended Motion:

It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education act on the appointment of six members to the Kansas State Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)

Explanation of Situation Requiring Action:

The membership requirements for these open positions are established by state and federal law. Based on federal and state guidelines six areas of representation, along with those members continuing through their existing terms, were identified. A list of membership status and nominees will not be available until May 4th, but it will provided to Board members prior to the Board meeting. It is important to note that of the six vacancies needing appointment, five must meet the 50% majority requirement of a parent of a child or person with a disability, to be in compliance with state and federal law. As there are 18 council members, at least 10 continuing and new members need to meet the majority. If the State Board re-appoints all current members then the majority will have been met.

With the continuing membership, State Board Region 9 does not have representation on the Special Education Advisory Council. Statewide representation on the Council is important. Nominations to fill the anticipated vacancies were sought from the field April 1 through May 1, 2009. A mass e-mailing, including parent and advocacy organizations, institutions of higher education, and State Board Members, resulted in over thirty (30) nominations. It is requested that the Board select a nominee to fill each of the open positions as shown on the attached nominations list. To assist the Board in making this selection, the nominations list will also contain all nominees including the areas of representation, and whether or not the majority requirement is fulfilled. Please note that nominations of persons who did not meet the current position requirements or who are not appointed by the Board are kept on file for future reference if positions become vacated or additional members are needed to meet the majority requirement. All of the appointments will be to fulfill vacated positions beginning July 2009 through June 2012.

SEAC Current Membership 2008-09

Board Region	Member Name	Representation	Returning Member	Appointment Expires or Vacant	Re-eligible for Appointment	Meets Majority Requirement
1	Karen Kroh	Private Schools	√			
2	Vicki Sharp	Parent of a Child -with Giftedness	√			√
3	Luanne Barron	State Official	√			√
3	Kendra Bittner	Parent of a Child or Person with a Disability		√	√	√
3	Anne Roberts	Foster Care Agency	√			
4	Dr. Ann Elliott	Administrator of Exceptional Programs	√			
4	Ex-Officio	Parent Training Center				
4	Larry Meyer	Other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to exceptional children	√			
4	Sean Smith	IHE Special Education		√	√	√
5	Janice Frahm	LEA Official		√	√	√
5	Mary Lou Heller	Teacher		√	√	√
5	Penny Hoffman	Juvenile Justice	√			
5	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer	Vocational, community or business organization concerned with provision of transition services	√			√
6	SueAnn Wanklyn	Parent of a child or person with a disability	√			√
7	Susan Clayton	Public Charter Schools	√			√
7	Keith Dise	Adult Corrections		√		
8 & 10	Neil Guthrie	LEA Official	√			
9	Dale Rawson	Parent of a child or person with a disability		√		

SEAC Nominations 2009

Critical areas:

- **Meets majority requires more than 50% of members must be individuals with a disability or parents of children with disabilities as required by the federal law**
- **Every Board Region must have at least one representative**

Representation	Nominee Name, City, Position	Board Region	Incumbent member Re-eligible for appointment	Past member with minimum requirement of 1 year as non-member	Meets Majority Requirement
Adult Corrections **Make 1 appointment**	**Mr. Bill Griffith** Lansing KS Teacher Lansing Correctional Facility	**1**			
IHE Special Education **Make 1 appointment**	**Mr. Sean Smith** Lawrence KS Associate Professor	**4**	√		√
	Ms. Dorothy Fulton Hays KS Teacher	**5**			√
	Dr. Marilyn Kaff Manhattan KS Associate Professor	**6**			√
LEA Official **Make 1 appointment**	**Dr. Linda Aldridge** Oskaloosa KS Executive Director, Keystone Learning Svs.	**1**			
	Mr. George Griffith Almena KS Superintendent	**5**			
	Ms. Susan Scherling Johnson KS Superintendent	**5**			
	Mr. Steve Neely Kinsley KS High School Counselor	**7**			
	Dr. Marcy Aycock Sedgwick KS Principal	**8**			√

Representation	Nominee Name, City, Position	Board Region	Incumbent member Re-eligible for appointment	Past member with minimum requirement of 1 year as non-member	Meets Majority Requirement
	Mr. Bert Moore Howard KS Superintendent & Director Special Education	**9**		√	
	Ms. Kim Juenemann Chetopa KS Superintendent	**9**			√
	Dr. Ron Sarnacki Winfield KS Director Special Education	**10**			
Teacher **Make 1 appointment**	**Ms. Leanna Graham** Bonner Springs KS Teacher	**1**			√
	Ms. Kristy Poplau Kansas City KS Teacher	**1**			
	Ms. Becky Topil Eudora KS Teacher	**1**			
	Ms. Shawn Mackay Shawnee Mission KS Chairperson, High School Special Education & Teacher	**2**			
	Ms. Karen Love Lenexa KS Teacher	**3**			√
	Ms. Meg Brown Topeka KS Teacher	**4**			
	Ms. Tina Gibson Topeka KS Teacher	**4**			
	Ms. Suzanne Knowlton Lawrence KS Teacher	**4**			
	Ms. Kim Zeller Topeka KS Teacher	**4**			√

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	Ms. Mary Lou Heller Beloit KS Teacher	**5**	√		√
	Ms. Darlene Hall Whitewater KS Teacher	**7**			
	Ms. Stephanie McNemar Junction City KS Teacher	**6**			
	Ms. Toni Marie M. Alstrom Marysville KS School Psychologist	**6**			√
	Ms. Jolene Reed Buhler KS Teacher	**7**			
	Mr. Mike Martin Girard KS Principal	**9**			√
	Ms. Vicki Couch Pittsburg KS Teacher	**9**			
	Ms. Mary Martha Good El Dorado KS Teacher	**10**			
Parent of a child or Person with a disability **Make 2 appointments**	**Ms. Carol Farnsworth** Bonner Springs KS Parent	**1**			√
	Ms. Mary Stillwell Kansas City KS Parent	**1**			√
	Ms. Tonia Wade Kansas City KS Parent	**1**			√
	Mrs. Kendra Bittner Ottawa KS Parent	**3**	√		√

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	Ms. Leanna Graham De Soto KS Parent	**3**			√
	Ms. Heather Hicks Gardner KS Parent	**3**			√
	Mr. Matthew Shepker Overland Park KS Parent	**3**			√
	Dr. Marilyn Kaff Manhattan KS Associate Professor	**4**			√
	Mr. Ray Petty Lawrence KS Coordinator Great Plains ADA Center	**4**		√	√
	Ms. Kristie Sigle Topeka KS Parent	**4**			√
	Ms. Kim Zeller Topeka KS Teacher	**4**			√
	Mrs. Janice Frahm Colby KS Vice-President, USD 315 BOE	**5**	√		
	Ms. Toni Marie M. Alstrom Marysville KS School Psychologist	**6**			√
	Mr. Jeffery McCall Concordia KS Parent	**6**			√
	Dr. Marcy Aycock Sedgwick KS Principal	**7**			√
	Ms. Bekki Pribil Pratt KS Parent	**7**			√
	Ms. Rachel Mendoza Banning Wichita KS Parent	**8**			√

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	Mr. Darren Ensign Wichita KS Parent	**8**			√
	Mr. Mike Martin Girard KS Principal	**9**			√
	Ms. Shannon McGuire Pittsburg KS Admin. Assistant	**9**			√
	Ms. Kristy Rasnic Pittsburg KS Case Manager	**9**			√