

## KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### MEETING MINUTES

**August 13, 2002**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas. The Board stood for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Members present were:

Steve Abrams	Harold Voth
Val DeFever	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
I.B. ?Sonny? Rundell	Bruce Wyatt
Carol Rupe	

Mr. Bacon arrived at 10:14 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Rundell asked Commissioner Tompkins to review several proposed changes in the agenda. Because of a delay in receiving assessment information, it was requested that the item be postponed until the September meeting. Dr. Tompkins asked that the recognition of the 2002 Kansas inductees into the National Teachers Hall of Fame be shifted to after the Citizens? Open Forum and an update on the Fiscal Auditing Team be inserted in its place before the Forum. Items pulled by Dr. Wagnon from the Consent Agenda for further information were approval of recommendations to accredit schools, and approval of local inservice education plans. Those pulled by Mrs. Gamble were approval of contracts for services at the Kansas State School for the Deaf, and approval of recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee. There being no further changes, Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the minutes of the July meeting. Mr. Wyatt moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Dr. Tompkins reported on recent communication from the Department to school districts across the state offering encouragement and support as they face the difficult year ahead. He also reviewed tentative plans for a dinner meeting in September hosted by the Governor's School Finance Task Force that would include the Board, LEPC and gubernatorial candidates. He indicated that the LEPC would also like to meet with the Board, possibly on Wednesday during the September meeting. Reviewing for the Board the report by U.S. Department of Education Secretary Paige on Title I schools classified as "on improvement", Dr. Tompkins indicated that it was possible that the number and mix of Kansas schools identified as being on improvement based on the original adequate yearly progress formula would change when new data is received this fall. The discussion that followed included the timeline for calculating adequate yearly progress (AYP) and the difficulties that schools and the public may have understanding the changes in the definitions of improvement and dealing with choice issues.

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## **UPDATE ON FISCAL AUDITING TEAM**

Michael Murphy, Team Leader of the Fiscal Auditing Team, reviewed the scope of the Audit Team's duties and provided the Board with an overview of its annual activities.

## **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Rundell opened the Citizens' Open Forum at 10:42 a.m. Those addressing the Board included Bill Neunswander, Baldwin City, representing the Kansas Association of Colleges of Teachers Education; Phil Bennett, Emporia; and Peg Dunlap, Topeka, representing the Kansas NEA. Chairman Rundell declared the open forum closed at 10:59 a.m.

The Board took a break from 11:00 a.m. and returned at 11:10 a.m.

## **2002 KANSAS INDUCTEES TO THE NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME**

The Board heard presentations from two Kansas educators who were recently inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. They shared some of their experiences in the profession and ideas about what can be done to improve recruitment and retention of quality teachers. Addressing the Board first, was Lisa Crooks, a fourth-grade teacher at Black Bob Elementary School in Olathe, who besides being an inductee into the National Teachers Hall of Fame, has earned her National Board certification and has been the recipient of several awards including the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching. May Pat Lindquist, Brookville, who taught full time from 1931 until 1976 and since that time has served as a substitute teacher and tutor in homebound situations for the Southeast of Saline schools, shared her love for children and the teaching profession. At the conclusion of their remarks and Board questions, Chairman Rundell and the Commissioner stood for pictures with the guests and presented them with certificates of recognition.

At 11:39 a.m. the Board meeting recessed for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

## ACTION ON PROPOSED REVISION TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE REGULATION

Dr. Martha Gage reviewed the change made at the Board's request to revise K.A.R. 91-1-205, regarding license renewals, so that individuals employed in accredited institutions of higher education meet the same requirements for renewal as others in the teaching profession by going through professional development councils. In the discussion that followed, the timeline for implementation was reviewed. Mr. Wyatt moved that the issue be referred to the Professional Standards Committee. The motion died for lack of a second. Further discussion followed about problems in accommodating higher education professional development through local district professional development councils and existing regulations that don't include higher education representation on the councils. Also stressed by Dr. Wagon was the need to keep higher education renewal issues separate from higher education salary and employment negotiations.

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that the State Board of Education adopt amended teacher licensure regulation K.A.R. 91-1-205. The motion carried 9-1 on a roll call vote as follows:

Janet Waugh, District 1	?YES?	Bruce Wyatt, District 6	?NO?
Sue Gamble, District 2	?YES?	Harold Voth, District 7	?YES?
John Bacon, District 3	?YES?	Carol Rupe, District 8	?YES?
Bill Wagon, District 4	?YES?	Val DeFever, District 9	?YES?
I.B. Rundell, District 5	?YES?	Steve Abrams, District 10	?YES?

Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board direct the Regulations Committee of the Professional Standards Board to reconvene with the express purpose of developing a method to incorporate higher education professionals into the licensure renewal process administered by local professional development councils and to report the recommendations to the Board at its February meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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## **APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, that the Board appoint David Webb to the Professional Practices Commission, filling an unexpired term for a representative of secondary administrators, with his term to run through June 2003. The motion carried.

## **AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS**

Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board approve the submission of amended school bus transportation regulations K.A.R. 91-38-1, 91-38-2, 91-38-3, 91-38-5, 91-38-6 and 91-38-7 to the Department of Administration and Attorney General for review. The motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION OF QPA, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND SYSTEM REDESIGN**

Assistant Commissioner Alexa Pochowski reviewed issues concerning graduation requirements. Provided to assist the Board in its work to establish revised standards or requirements was information comparing current state graduation requirements, requirements for Regents Qualified Admissions and the State Scholarship Program. Also provided was information from 169 districts that responded to a request for information about locally determined graduation requirements. To provide a beginning framework for the Board's discussion, two options had been drafted, one requiring 21 credits and one requiring 24 credits. Requirements for English, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, and fine arts were the same in each, but one required six elective units and the other, nine. Issues raised in the discussion included the factors influencing the number of credits required at the local level. It was pointed out that the number of periods in the school day was the biggest factor in how many credits a school requires and the increase in the number of periods has been a response by schools to the Regents Qualified Admissions requirements by increasing the number of required courses while keeping as many electives available in order to provide students with a broadened education. It was requested that staff provide the Board with the number of schools with six periods and those with seven or more. Also discussed was the financial impact of increasing the math and science credits and adding fine arts and foreign language to the state graduation requirements. To assist with those decisions, information was requested regarding the impact on schools if all high schools were required to provide the number of credits and subjects for the Regents Qualified Admissions program and the State Scholarship Program.

In discussing the career and vocational preparation needs of students not going to college, several Board members spoke of the importance of providing a rigorous academic core for all students and the necessity for the Board to determine the minimum proficiencies for all students graduating from Kansas public high schools. Allowing students who meet the proficiencies to graduate early or extending high school for those not able to meet them within the traditional period of time was also discussed. Dr. Tompkins commented that moving away from a system that was based on unit or credit requirements to one that was rooted in mastering outcomes would take time and would need to be implemented in stages. He also noted that with the elimination of credits, a definition of the outcomes or proficiencies that electives provide would need to be addressed. Also briefly discussed was how to address different learning capabilities. Developing a system that would provide more than one type of diploma was mentioned. He noted that the Board's discussion of the issues surrounding graduation was helpful to staff, providing them with an organizing structure as they begin to develop specific recommendations. Dr. Pochowski reviewed several questions it would be helpful for the Board to address before work on developing detailed descriptions of performance requirements, methods for validating that learning has taken place, and a timeline for implementation of the new system, could move ahead.

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Assistant Commissioner Pochowski reviewed changes made in Quality Assurances of the Revised Framework for QPA as the result of the July Board discussion. Brief discussion of the changes followed and an additional suggestion from Dr. Wagnon regarding a requirement that schools provide an applied vocational/technical curriculum was also discussed. Commissioner Tompkins reviewed how consequences for not meeting quality assurances had been woven into the process for determining conditional accreditation. The cost of technical assistant teams for school on conditionally accredited and on improvement was discussed, as was whether the performance goals contained in the accreditation criteria were realistic. Asked about reactions to the proposed changes from the field, Dr. Pochowski indicated they were being taken very seriously. She also indicated that the North Central Association was very concerned about the switch from a five year accreditation cycle to the two year cycle required to accommodate No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

To assist the Board in its discussion of redesigning Kansas schools, Dr. Pochowski reviewed a summary of Board suggestions. Included were ideas such as having the state define a basic

education and allowing local districts to determine how to realize it; determining what should be learned rather than what should be taken; and providing authentic learning for all students that enables them to pursue multiple options once they have left the public school system. In addition, it was mentioned that school environments should foster student engagement in learning and provide adequate time for teaching and learning to meet the needs of varying learning styles and levels of ability; and that more opportunities for extended learning time should be made available. In terms of staff, it was discussed that teachers should be given the skills needed to be able to challenge students and be provided the results-based staff development that familiarizes teachers with the use of the content standards and assessments to drive instruction. A summary of recurring ideas generated over the past months was provided and were grouped under the general categories of the needs addressed.

Dr. Wagon, who had been serving since the beginning of the year on a NASBE study group exploring restructuring the high school institutions, had staff distribute copies of the group's draft report. He noted that many of the issues studied were those being considered by the Board in its work on system redesign. He suggested that members of the Board might find the report useful as they considered redesign issues and he also asked for any comments they might have for him to pass onto the study group.

Several ideas and issues were reiterated in the discussion that followed. The need for relevance and authentic learning; a system within which learning could be demonstrated and applied; ongoing clarification of parent and community expectations; the need for professional development and more time for planning and collaboration for teachers; maintaining a focus on skill attainment in core areas; and maintaining flexibility in the system to address different student needs and learning styles were all mentioned. Because of the breadth of the issues to be discussed in the areas of graduation requirements, QPA revisions and redesign, and the amount of time and energy needed to produce relevant results, the Board requested that further discussion of the redesign of educational delivery systems be held earlier in the day the next time the issue is discussed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Dr. Wagon, that the Board recess into executive session for a period of twenty minutes for the purpose of consultation with the Board attorney so that the attorney-client privilege can be preserved, and that the open meeting resume in the Board Room at 4:30 p.m. The motion carried. The open meeting resumed at 4:30 p.m.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Wagon indicated he had pulled recommendations to accredit schools from the consent agenda in order to commend school professional staff for the many volunteer hours that were being committed in support of school improvement and student performance through the Quality Performance Accreditation process. He noted that he had pulled the item on local inservice education plans because he would like a presentation to the Board on the approval process of inservice plans and local professional development councils. He noted that he had no further issue with either item and that they could be returned to the consent agenda for action. Mrs. Gamble asked why contracts for services at the Kansas State School for the Deaf were different for different districts. Mr. Maille explained that the tuition was based on fees for services and that the districts requested different combinations of services. Mrs. Gamble asked for further information on the recommendation of the Evaluation Review Committee that approval for the middle school mathematics program at Baker University be denied. Dr. Gage explained that the current students in the program can finish their studies, but that the school could not enroll any new students until approval was granted. She also reviewed the process for reapplying for program approval. Dr. Wagon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

? Received the monthly personnel report.

? Confirmed the appointments of ZoAnn Torrey to the position of Team Leader, Student Support Services, effective September 3, 2002 at an annual salary of \$84,000, pending release from contract; Linda Oborny to the position of Team Coordinator, State and Federal Programs, effective August 18, 2002 at an annual salary of \$60,433; Canda Mueller-Enggheta to an Education Program Consultant position effective July 21, 2002 at an annual salary of \$43,659.20; Sherry Whistler to an Administrative Assistant position effective July 1, 2002 at an annualized salary of \$18,595.20 and Tami Meiners to a Program Consultant I position effective August 19, 2002 at an annual salary of \$25,442.56.

? Approved the application from Lawrence Free State High School (LFSHS), USD 497, for waiver of Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 91-31-16(a) to allow this new school a one-year extension on their Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) cycle so that their first QPA cycle will be completed by June 30, 2003.

? Approved the application from Wellington High School, USD 353, for waiver of Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 91-31-24. Waiver of this regulation will extend their Cycle III NCA/QPA process by one-year, and allow the accreditation visit to be conducted before June 30th of 2007-2008.

? Approved school construction plans for Kansas City, USD 500 (6 projects); Perry Lecompton, USD 343; Geary County Schools, USD 475; Hoisington, USD 4431; Herington, USD 487; Olathe, USD 233; St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Overland Park; Blue Valley, USD 229; Piper, USD 203; Manhattan USD 383; Arkansas City, USD 470; and Holy Cross Catholic School, Hutchinson.

? Approved the inservice education plans from Ashland USD 220, Southern Lyon County USD 252, Newton USD 373, Lyons USD 405, Sedgwick Public Schools USD 439, and Kansas City USD 500.

? Approved model induction program standards.

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? Approved accredited status for the following schools: USD 102 Cimarron-Ensign - Cimarron High and Cimarron Elementary; USD 202 Turner - Junction Elementary, Morris Elementary, Turner Elementary, and Turner High; USD 218 Elkhart - Elkhart Elementary, Elkhart Middle, and Elkhart

High; USD 229 Blue Valley - Mission Trail Elementary, Blue Valley Middle, and Blue Valley North High; USD 246 Northeast - Northeast High; USD 259 Wichita - Griffith Elementary and Adams Elementary; USD 261 Haysville - Campus High; USD 308 Hutchinson - Graber Elementary and Lincoln Elementary; USD 315 Colby - Colby Elementary, Colby Middle, and Colby High; USD 345 Seaman - Northern Hills Junior High; USD 353 Wellington - Roosevelt Elementary and Wellington High; USD 354 Claflin - Claflin Junior/Senior High; USD 365 Garnett - Irving Primary, Garnett Elementary, Greeley Elementary, Westphalia Elementary, and Mont Ida Elementary; USD 374 Sublette - Sublette Elementary, Sublette Middle, and Sublette High; USD 379 Clay Center - Clay Center Community High; USD 427 Republic County - Belleville East Elementary, Belleville Middle, and Belleville High; USD 443 Dodge City - Miller Elementary and Wilroads Gardens Elementary; USD 446 Independence - Eisenhower Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, and Washington Elementary; USD 453 Leavenworth - Richard Warren Middle and Leavenworth Senior High; USD 457 Garden City - Jennie Wilson Elementary, Edith Scheuerman Elementary, and Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center; USD 473 Chapman - Blue Ridge Elementary, Chapman Elementary, Rural Center Elementary, Enterprise Elementary, Chapman Middle, and Chapman High; USD 476 Copeland - Copeland Elementary and South Gray Junior High; USD 488 Axtell - Summerfield Elementary, Bern Elementary, Axtell High, and Bern High; USD 489 Hays - Roosevelt Elementary; USD 493 Columbus - Scammon Elementary; USD 495 Fort Larned - Hillside Elementary, Phinney Elementary, Pawnee Rock Elementary, Northside Elementary, Pawnee Rock Middle, Larned Middle, and Larned Senior High; USD 499 Galena - Galena Middle School; USD 500 Kansas City - Mark Twain Elementary; USD 512 Shawnee Mission - Shawanoe Elementary and Shawnee Mission North High; Larned State Hospital Elementary and Larned State Hospital High; Lutheran Schools - Hope Lutheran Elementary; Dodge City Catholic Diocese - Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary (Dodge City); Kansas City Diocese - Sacred Heart Elementary (Topeka), Atchison Catholic Elementary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Elementary, Hayden High, and Maur Hill High; Salina Catholic Diocese - Sacred Heart Elementary (Colby); Wichita Catholic Diocese - St. Patrick Catholic Elementary (Wichita), Bishop Carroll Catholic High, and Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High; and Accelerated Schools - Accelerated Elementary and Accelerated High.

? Accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for ?Approved? status for Baker University through December 31, 2007 for the Elementary Education (I, K-6), ML Science (I, 5-8), ML English (I, 5-8), Secondary English (I, 6-12), Secondary Mathematics (I, 6-12), US History and Government, and World History (I, 6-12), Biology (I, 6-12), Business (I, 6-12), Chemistry (I, 6-12), Journalism (I, 6-12), Physics (I, 6-12), Psychology (I, 6-12), Sociology (I, 6-12), Speech and Theatre (I, 6-12), Art (I, PreK-12), Foreign Language (I, PreK-12), Health (I, PreK-12), Building Leadership (A, PreK-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Instrumental Music (I, PreK-12), Vocal Music (I, PreK-12), and Physical Education (I, PreK-12); and ?Not Approved? status for Mathematics (I, 5-8).

? Accepted the Commissioner?s recommendation to approve Visiting Scholar certificates valid for the 2002-2003 school year for: Mary Bradshaw to be employed full-time to provide teachers with instructional interventions and to teach in the ESOL program, grades 6-12, at the secondary level in USD 373, Newton; and for Linda Davis-Stephens to teach one class each in Spanish I, II, criminal

justice and, if there is enough student interest, one class in anthropology and/or geography at Jennings High School, USD 295 Prairie Heights.

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? Approved the proposed IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Continuous Improvement Grants: USD 202, Turner, \$35,259.40; USD 229, Blue Valley, \$149,666.74; USD 230, Spring Hill, \$13,015.26; USD 231, Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch, \$25,182.08; USD 232, De Soto, \$28,418.40; USD 233, Olathe, \$181,085.30; USD 234, Ft Scott, \$18,648.21; USD 244, Coffey County, \$18,686.80; USD 250, SEK Cooperative, \$114,049.72; USD 253, Flint Hills Coop, \$72,283.68; USD 259, Wichita, \$421,841.37; USD 260, Derby, \$59,478.34; USD 261, Haysville, \$41,083.79; USD 263, Mulvane, \$17,458.64; USD 273, Beloit, \$23,733.60; USD 282, West Elk, \$16,299.80; USD 290, Ottawa, \$21,639.62; USD 305, Central Kansas Coop, \$136,511.53; USD 308, Hutchinson Public Schools, \$53,127.80; USD 320, Special Services, Wamego, \$27,825.60; USD 321, Kaw Valley, \$10,637; USD 636, NCK Special Ed Coop, \$43,648; USD 330, Wabaunsee East, \$5,865.20; USD 333, Learning Coop Central KS, \$36,555.20; USD 336, Holton, \$34,304.60; USD 345, Seaman, \$29,380.55; USD 353, Wellington, \$18,277.60; USD 364, Marshall County Coop, \$12,535.60; USD 368, East Central Coop, \$75,826.14; USD 372, Silver Lake, \$6,420.16; USD 373, Harvey County, \$46,459.60; USD 379, Twin Lakes Coop, \$31,077.43; USD 383, Manhattan, \$50,066.77; USD 389, Eureka, \$9,752.60; USD 405, Rice County Coop, \$22,778.80; USD 407, Russell County, \$11,594; USD 409, Atchison Public Schools, \$21,210.20; USD 418, McPherson, \$45,046.10; USD 428, Barton County, \$45,640.88; USD 437, Auburn-Washburn, \$45,421.20; USD 442, Marshall/Nemaha, \$15,779.25; USD 450, Shawnee Heights, \$29,590.47; USD 453, Leavenworth, \$108,460.50; USD 457, Garden City, \$68,784.95; USD 465, Cowley County, \$59,303.40; USD 475, Junction City, \$56,530.66; USD 480, Liberal, \$37,445.11; USD 489, West Central Coop, \$39,124.50; USD 490, El Dorado, \$117,102.35; USD 495, Tri County, \$16,181.61; USD 497, Lawrence, \$94,325; USD 500, Wyandotte County, \$216,553.64; USD 501, Topeka Public Schools, \$142,927.40; USD 512, Shawnee Mission, \$269,095.75; 602, NW KS Service Center, \$65,277.48; 603, ANW Coop, \$71,473.60; 605, South Central Service Center, \$73,419.50; 607, Tri County Coop, \$83,829.47; 608, NE KS Service Center, \$45,650; 610, Reno County, \$48,730; 611, High Plains, \$89,506.15; 613, SW Area Coop, \$90,826.92; 614, East Central Coop, \$29,463.50; 615, Brown County, \$20,937.40; 616, Doniphan County, \$14,790.86; 617, Marion County, \$28,848.60; 618, Sedgwick County, \$145,940.60; 619, Sumner County, \$18,683.20; 620, Three Lakes Coop, \$37,357.65; Topeka Juvenile Correction Facility, \$4,569.40; Beloit Juvenile Correction Facility, \$1,773.20; Atchison Juvenile Correction Facility, \$2,591.60; Larned State Hospital, \$4,092; KS School for the Blind, \$3,300; KS School for the Deaf, \$10,980.20; Lakemary, \$4,092; Department of Corrections, \$1,005.88; Rainbow Mental Health, \$886.60; KNI, \$1,432.20; and Parsons State Hospital, \$1,705.

? Approved funding for 2002-2003 McKinney/Vento Homeless Grants for USD 259 Wichita, \$106,825; USD 475 Geary County, \$15,000; USD 500 Kansas City, \$33,328; and USD 261 Haysville, \$10,125.

? Approved recommendations for funding the Comprehensive School Reform Program Grants for 2002-2003 as follows: *Year Two Comprehensive School Reform Continuation Grants, Title I, Part F*: USD 233 Olathe, Fairview Elementary \$75,525; USD 253 Emporia Logan Avenue Elementary \$52,500; USD 259 Wichita, Colvin Elementary \$64,127, Horace Mann Elementary \$140,000, and Lincoln Elementary \$118,447; USD 409 Atchison, Atchison Elementary \$140,000; USD 447 Cherryvale, Lincoln Central Elementary \$150,000; USD 461 Neodesha, Heller Elementary \$89,765; USD 470 Arkansas City, Frances Willard Elem. \$ 71,616; and IXL Elementary \$ 71,943; USD 500 Kansas City, Mark Twain Elementary \$ 95,000; *Year Two Fund for the Improvement of Education*: USD 341 Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa Middle School \$70,890 and Oskaloosa High School \$73,410; USD 430 South Brown, Horton High School \$ 69,393; USD 501 Topeka, Landon Middle School \$78,500; *Year Three Comprehensive School Reform Continuation Grants Title I, Part F*: USD 101 Erie/St. Paul, St. Paul Elementary \$55,000; USD 202, Turner Oak Grove Elementary \$84,054; USD 202 Turner, Turner Elementary \$68,867; USD 259 Wichita, Clark Elementary \$81,635; USD 283 Elk

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Valley, Elk Valley Elementary \$55,000; and *Year Three Fund for the Improvement of Education*: USD 259 Wichita, Funston Elementary \$69,800; USD 501 Topeka, French Middle School \$75,434 and Highland Park High \$97,500.

? Authorized U.S.D. #320, Wamego, Pottawatomie County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.

### **Contracts Approved:**

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

- ? NovaCare Rehabilitation for student occupational therapy, \$32,200; and
- ? NovaCare Rehabilitation for student physical therapy, \$32,200; and
- ? in consultation with the Board's attorney, to negotiate and enter into an agreement in regard to a teacher's contractual rights with KSSD.

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

- ? Center School District, Kansas City MO for the 2002-03 School Year, \$19,867;
- ? North Platte R-1 School District, Dearborn, MO for the 2002-03 School Year, \$11,200; and
- ? Park Hill School District, Kansas City, MO, for the 2002-03 School Year, \$13,100.

The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to:

? negotiate and enter into a contract with Tracy Kinderknecht of TLK Interpreting and Mentoring for the purpose of providing support and mentors to educational interpreters who provide services in Western Kansas public schools with the contract amount not to exceed \$43,120; and

? negotiate and enter into a contract with Council of Chief State School Officers for the purpose of conducting a mathematics enacted curriculum study, with the contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.

There being no further business, Chairman Rundell recessed the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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I.B. Rundell, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

## **KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rundell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, 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	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Harold Voth
Val DeFever	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
I.B. ?Sonny? Rundell	Bruce Wyatt

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Rundell asked for approval of the agenda. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the agenda be approved as proposed. The motion carried.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **Board Chairman ? Designation of NASBE Annual Meeting Delegates**

Chairman Rundell mentioned that the Board designates two Board members annually to represent it as a delegate and an alternate delegate at the National Association of State Boards of Education's annual meeting. Dr. Wagnon indicated he would be attending the meeting because the study group in which he had participated would be presenting its final report on restructuring high schools. He also indicated he had been designated as the Board's delegate for the meeting in 2001 which had been cancelled and he would be pleased to serve again. Mrs. DeFever recommended Mrs. Waugh and Dr. Abrams, with a second by Mr. Bacon, moved that the Board designate Dr. Wagnon as delegate and Mrs. Waugh as the alternate. Mrs. Gamble indicated she had not intended to attend the meeting because of budget constraints, but that her study group on low-performing schools would also be presenting its final report at the meeting and she would like to attend. Mr. Wyatt, with a second by Mrs. DeFever, moved to amend the motion and designate Dr. Wagnon as the delegate and Mrs. Gamble as the alternate. The amended motion carried 10-0.

### **Board Attorney**

Mr. Biles report included an update on the state school finance case pending before the Kansas

Supreme Court. He indicated it would probably be on the Court's docket in late Fall. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Dr. Wagnon, that Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for July be paid as presented. The motion carried.

## **Legislative Coordinator**

Mrs. DeFever indicated she had not attended the Legislative Education Planning Committee meeting but that they had not addressed K-12 education issues at the meeting and that the agenda had concentrated on higher education issues.

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## **Other Board Member Reports**

Mrs. Gamble reported on her attendance at the KaITech training for school administrators. Carol Rupe asked about the status of Kansas' Reading 1<sup>st</sup> grant request. Dr. Tompkins reported that the grant guidelines were very prescriptive and that staff was in the process of reapplying for it to meet US DOE requirements. He also indicated that staff would be working with the twenty-seven districts in the state who would be eligible for grant funds and bring them up to date on the compliance requirements. Carol Rupe also inquired about a National Governors' Association/Broad Foundation initiative which will select six states to create policies that will help turn around their low-performing schools. Dr. Tompkins indicated that staff would get information on the initiative for the Board.

Dr. Wagnon asked for further discussion of the Title I schools on the US DOE improvement list and the issues involved. Dr. Tompkins reviewed how 'on improvement' status was determined. He also indicated that a clearer picture of schools in Kansas would be available next fall when new assessment results could be compared with baseline data. Mr. Wyatt asked for a memo Board members could use to answer the public's questions regarding adequate yearly progress and improvement issues. Later in the meeting Dr. Freden gave Board members copies of a memo to Legislative Research on the subject.

## **Board Policy Committee**

Dr. Abrams reported that the Policy Committee had met and would have a recommendation regarding Board travel at the September meeting. Mr. Wyatt asked if the committee would be addressing the amount for travel appropriated or how it would be allocated. Dr. Abrams noted that the decision about the appropriate spending level for Board member travel was an issue to be addressed by the whole Board and that the committee was developing a recommendations for allocating travel funds. Mr. Wyatt also asked if the Policy Committee had addressed the issue of reimbursement for member time spent in conference call meetings that require a lot of preparation. Dr. Abrams indicated that the issue had been brought up but the committee had reached no consensus. Chairman Rundell asked that it be added to the committee's review of travel. There was some discussion about payment of per diem rate for an FY 2002 conference call on redistricting of Board districts out of FY 2002 encumbered funds. A motion by Mr. Wyatt to approve the payment was withdrawn and Chairman Rundell asked that the suggestion be addressed at the September meeting along with other travel issues.

Mrs. Gamble asked for an agenda item to review the policies on the information required in the quarterly and annual reports for KSSD and KSSB. She also asked that the issue be sent to the Board Policy Committee, noting that the current policies don't reflect changes that have been made in what is reported.

## **Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Wagon asked for an informational presentation on district inservice education plans and professional development councils. He also asked about a possible meeting date with the Board of Regents on a K-16 education system in the state, including graduation requirements and remedial learning needs of students entering college. Dr. Abrams suggested the Board meet with the Regents at their next meeting two to four weeks following the installation of a the new Executive Director for the Regents. Dr. Wagon also recommended that Board members also discuss the issues with any of the Regents they may know on a personal basis.

## **DEMONSTRATION OF WEB-BASED TEACHER RESOURCE**

Dr. Randy McDaniel updated the Board and demonstrated an instructional support website to assist Kansas teachers in understanding and teaching to the Kansas curricular standards being developed under a contract with VRSchoolhouse. He indicated that the third phase of the program was almost completed. In response to a question from Dr. Abrams, Dr. McDaniel indicated that people in other states would be able to access the site, but not use its interactive features. Team Leader of School Improvement and Accreditation Steve Adams, indicated that service centers and department staff

would provide notification to the field and training in using the site's many features. Mrs. Gamble raised the question of recompense  
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for intellectual property provided from the field and usage fees and Dr. Wagnon expressed his feelings that both would be inappropriate and that the Board should stress the service as a public resource that is a collaborative, cooperative enterprise. Mr. Adams indicated the Department will develop a representative group of users to test and assess the site. He also noted that the effort meets one of the goals arising from the futures planning conference of the Department providing access to the field for best practices.

## **KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FY 2002 FINAL REPORTS AND BUDGET REQUESTS**

### Kansas State School for the Deaf

Superintendent Bob Maille, Kansas State School for the Deaf, handed out corrected information on the school's five-year capital budget plan to replace information provided in his report. He reported that the school was in its fifth year for its QPA/North Central cycle and that their site visit was scheduled for March, when it will coincide with the Board's visit. In a review of his written report, he noted that enrollment trend data showed enrollment was rising after dropping over the last two years. Mr. Maille discussed the school's focus of reaching down to earlier ages in order to help deaf and hard of hearing children develop early communication skills, noting the Shared Reading Program which had been demonstrated when the Board visited in March. He reported that the school was facing problems with keeping up with important programs designed to assist parents and encourage their involvements, such as adult mentoring and interventions programs, when the school has to adjust to funding cuts. Mr. Maille reported that he and the Outreach Facilitator had meet or are scheduled to meet with staff in all of the KASEA regions in the state in order to clarify services available through the school and to develop closer working relationships. He indicated that the report of the IEP Coordinator was included in his final report and that parent/school communication was good, with parent attendance of 97% at IEP meetings, compared to 84% for local IEP meetings. He also noted that a survey of staff, students and parents receiving the services of the KSD Outreach Team, showed that customer satisfaction with the team's services was very good. Mr. Maille also shared highlights of school and student life activities for the year, as well as instructional program successes. In the discussion of the school's capital budget plan, Mr. Maille discussed alternatives approaches and associated savings for completion of the Roth Dormitory renovation.

In the Board questions that followed, Dr. Wagnon commended the statewide outreach and early intervention efforts and suggested even more of a focus on service delivery across the state instead of residential services. He also asked about the school's site council, which Mr. Maille indicated that in the past had several members very active in developing the five-year QPA/NCA improvement plan, though they were mostly from the Olathe area. He reported that the site council would be redesigned to merge the site council with the advisory council and he would ask for representatives of statewide organizations. Mr. Wyatt asked that KSSD add columns for the previous year's budget and expenditures to its financial reports. He also asked if the school would be reporting on its priority areas as they were achieved. Commissioner Tompkins noted that the two major priorities, improving outreach and weekend dormitory closing, that had been established when Mr. Maille was hired had been accomplished.

## **Kansas State School for the Blind**

William Daugherty, Superintendent for the Kansas State School for the Blind, reviewed highlights of his quarterly report, noting the change in its format. He reported that the school had finished its QPA cycles and that it was obvious to staff that data had been used effectively to inform instruction. He reported on the QPA visiting team's favorable response to the school's flexibility of approaches in its reading program. He indicated that the school had received recognition from the National Federation of the Blind for the school's work on literacy. Of final quarter highlights reported by Mr. Daugherty, an agreement with Cowley County Special Education Cooperative to have one of its teachers begin work on her certification in Visual Impairment led to development of a summer internship program for the teacher and

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the development of a model the school hopes to expand as it assists districts trying to build their local capacity to serve blind students. On a related topic, Commissioner Tompkins noted that one meeting had been held with the University of Kansas on developing an instate Vision Impairment teacher preparation program. Mr. Daugherty also reported on the two-week Oregon-California Trail trek taken by students. He indicated the program this year had been funded almost wholly by the National Parks Service and that students met with park administrators and staff along the way regarding ways to improve access for those with disabilities. He noted that students would be visiting various Kansas elementary schools during the next school year to share their experiences with students studying the Oregon Trail. Mr. Daugherty reported that the trek next year would be along the Lewis and Clark Trail. He also read a letter from the National Endowment for the Humanities commending the school and the

project. Mr. Daugherty reported that enrollment was remaining steady and that twelve students had been successfully returned to study in their home districts. Mr. Daugherty also reported on outreach activities developed to support provision of appropriate services in local districts. In response to FY 2003 budget cuts, Mr. Daugherty reported that the summer school program has been shortened by one week. In response to a request from Mrs. Waugh for an update on the conditions at Big 11 Lake near the school, Mr. Daugherty reported that the situation had improved and things were now safer. He noted, though, that it would be important to follow-up on the situation in order to guarantee continued improvement.

Mr. Daugherty discussed the school's FY 2004 budget request, noting that the reduced resource target would be \$153,467 less than that funded for FY 2003. After reviewing savings measures undertaken for FY 2003, he outlined in order of priority those things that would be considered to meet reduced amounts. Those included: 1) Continue with shortened summer school; 2) continue holding positions open; 3) increase outreach fees and out-of-state tuition; 4) reduce teacher contract days (inservice); 5) furlough all staff; and 6) eliminate more positions. Mr. Wyatt asked that KSSB, also, add columns for the previous year's budget and expenditures to its financial reports. Mr. Wyatt also inquired about the collaborative effort with other state agencies on infant outreach. Mr. Daugherty reported that there had been a change in staff in the Maternal and Child Health Division of Health and Environment and they will be helping to identify infants for the Babies Count program. Mrs. Gamble asked for KSSB to prepare a description of its summer program and the cost in terms of skill attainment when the program is shortened. Mr. Daugherty stated it would be difficult to measure and quantify and she offered to assist with the project.

## **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

### **FY 2004 Budget**

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed several items with the Board, the first of which a letter from the Division of Budget explaining the FY 2004 budget allocation. He pointed out that the FY 2004 base allocation would be decreased by allotment reductions made to the FY 2003 budget that would be announced later in the week. Mr. Dennis also reported that as he and his staff had been working with districts on their FY 2003 budgets, upcoming current year cuts had been discussed and districts had been advised to look for further ways to cut expenditures in anticipation of additional reductions in the state general fund later in the year.

Mr. Dennis explained a FY 2004 budget request staff had developed to address the Board's desire to have it reflect the Augenblick and Myers, Inc. (A&M) recommendation for base state aid per pupil (bsapp) adjusted for inflation and the more accurately represent enrollment. He noted that the increase for the adjusted A&M bsapp number in the proposal was spread out over three years, with a

total increase over the three years of \$852 million, reaching a bsapp of \$4,935. Also included in the proposal were other programs the Board had included in its FY 2003 budget request which were tied to specific priorities and goals. He asked Board members for any recommended changes or adjustments. The Board discussed how a more effective budget could be developed that would more likely be funded by the legislature. Mr. Dennis suggested that the Board could choose particular areas on which to concentrate when the budget

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bill is being developed. Mr. Wyatt moved, with a second by Carol Rupe, that the Board adopt the first year of an increase in bsapp, equal to \$4,238 per pupil, in order to phase in the Augenblick and Myers, Inc. recommendation over three years. Dr. Wagnon, expressing disagreement with phasing in the increase in bsapp over three years, noted that the A & M study commissioned by the legislature on suitable funding recommended a bsapp of \$4,935 when adjusted for inflation and actual enrollment, and not an amount phased-in over three years. He supported remaining faithful to the Board's three year plan for improvement with the bsapp recommended by A & M, suggesting that the Board would lose credibility if it backed down from its previously held position on goals and priorities for improvement. The recommendation to remain faithful to the Board's goals and use the recommendations from the study by A & M was echoed in comments by Mrs. DeFever and Mrs. Gamble. Carol Rupe pointed out that increase in the bsapp if the motion were approved would have a significant positive impact on local districts. The vote on the motion failed 3-6-1, with Mr. Bacon, Dr. Abrams, Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. DeFever, Mr. Voth, and Mrs. Gamble voting "no" and Mrs. Waugh abstaining.

Mrs. DeFever moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt, that the Board approve the budget as outlined in the staff developed proposal for a total of \$372,149,300 and expressing the Board's strong support for the legislature's study on suitable education funding. After further discussion of a strategy to follow to get legislative support for the Board's budget recommendation, the motion carried on a vote of 8-2, with Dr. Abrams and Mr. Bacon voting "no".

### **State Board Of Education Travel Budget**

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed information on Board salary and travel expenditures over the last three years. Dr. Wagnon moved, with second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board approve a travel budget of \$160,000, with the understanding that the Policy Committee will bring recommendations to the Board on allocating the funds. The motion carried 9-0-1, with Chairman Rundell abstaining.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL**

Mrs. DeFever asked that salary and mileage for a Learning 1<sup>st</sup> Alliance meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> be added to her request. Mrs. Gamble asked that the Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley Foundation breakfasts be deleted. She noted she had included them on her request to make note that she would be using salary she would receive for attending a Prairie Village community meeting to cover the fees for the two events. Mrs. Waugh asked to add salary and mileage for a newspaper interview in Kansas City with a reporter from the Pittsburgh PA Post Dispatch. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Wyatt that the requests for travel be approved as amended. The motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Rundell adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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I.B. Rundell, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary