

## KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2005

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abrams called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

### ROLL CALL

All members were present:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Iris Van Meter
Sue Gamble	Bill Wagnon
Kathy Martin	Janet Waugh
Connie Morris	Ken Willard

The Board stood for recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Abrams noted that item 15 o., approval of the Model Music Standards, had been added to the Consent Agenda and asked for any further changes.? There being none, Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the agenda be approved as amended.? The motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Abrams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting.? Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the minutes be approved as submitted.? The motion carried.

### INTERIM COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Interim Commissioner Dennis reported on several issues.? He reported that teacher salary increases across the state were averaging 5-5 ? percent, including fringe benefits, but that 75 percent of districts were still negotiating. ? He noted there was a large number of new teachers for the coming school year and that 50 percent of teachers will be dealing with assessments for the first time because of the grade levels to be assessed which had been added for the coming year. He indicated that it was hoped that by mid-October sample test items would be released in a format that teachers will be able to use to help them and their students familiarize themselves with the state assessments.? He reported problems with hiring additional staff on short notice for bi-lingual and at-risk programs were benefiting from the increase in state funds.? Mrs. Rupe reported that the Wichita school district had 34 opening for teachers in special education and 13 in math.? The district, she noted, had a program that helps pay for teachers to get the additional education needed to fulfill the requirements of a provisional license for areas where shortages exist.

Mr. Dennis reported that the last of the summer academies had been well attended and that the nutrition workshops across the state had concluded on July 20<sup>th</sup>.? He also reminded Board members participating in

KPERS to keep a record of the their hours worked and indicated that a form had been included with their August Board materials.

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### **UPDATE ON KANSAS INDIVIDUAL DATA ON STUDENTS (KIDS)**

Dr. Sherrill Martinez, Director of Planning and Research, and Kathy Gosa, Director of Computer Information and Communication Services, provided information about the KIDS system, which will be implemented in the 2005-06 school year.? Through KIDS, every student attending an accredited Kansas K-12 school will receive a randomly-generated, unique identification number. That number will stay with the student for as long as he or she attends accredited Kansas K-12 schools. If a student leaves Kansas and later returns to the state, the same number will be assigned to the student. To date, more than 91 percent of Kansas students have been assigned a unique identification number, with plans for the all numbers to be assigned by the start of school.? The KIDS data system will allow for greater accuracy in data reporting and will help minimize the data reporting burden on local school districts and combines the reporting requirements of NCLB, IDEA, and other federal programs. KIDS will allow districts to enter specified information about the student ? gender, ethnicity, free or reduced price lunch status, etc. in place. That information can then be accessed at the state level for any reports or programs that require student demographic information. In most cases, districts will not be required to collect any additional information from what they already collect from students at enrollment, although districts will be able to update the data, if necessary, throughout the year.

Assessment data will also be added to the KIDS system which will allow Department staff to create the aggregate reports which are now being completed by each individual school district. Having student-level information at the state level will also aid in program evaluation, allowing researchers to follow the progress of specific program participants.

Concerns were expressed by Board members about the security of the web-based system.? Other security issues and the confidentiality of the data were also discussed.? It was pointed out that the student name will be tied to the numerical identifier at the district level, but not at the state level. The Board asked that staff contact the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) to request that a reference to the KIDS system be included when KASB advises school districts regarding student confidentiality.?

Board members were given a time line for completing number assignment and for data collections and updated on the kind of assistance that has been provided to schools to familiarize them with the system.? It was noted that vendor groups which have been working with schools have been evaluated and information is available on the KIDS website regarding those vendors whose products meet the quality requirements of the system.

Because several individuals had signed up for Open Forum, the conclusion of the presentation was postponed until later in the day.

### **CITIZENS? OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Abrams opened the Citizens? Open Forum at 10:33 a.m. Those addressing the Board were: Frank Smith, Bluff City; Pat Lamb, Manhattan; Bee Ellington, Olathe, reading a statement from Andrew Ellington, Austin, Texas; John Calvert, Lake Quivira, representing the authors of the Science Standards Minority

Report; Scott Irwin, Emporia; David Owen, Topeka, representing Homeless Come Home; John Martellaro, Lenexa; Kathy Cook, Shawnee, representing Kansas Families United for Public Education; Rodney Sobieski, Emporia; and John Burch, Lawrence, reading a letter from Thomas Wiggans, Palo Alto, California.? In response to comments by David Owen, Chairman Abrams indicated staff would take a look at his concerns regarding the homeless grants.

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### **DISCUSSION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL KLINE AND SENATOR VRATIL**

Senator John Vratil and Attorney General Kline visited with the Board regarding their concerns about State Board Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) regulations that have incorporated requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. Both Sen. Vratil and Attorney General Kline maintained that the 100 percent proficiency requirement was unrealistic and unattainable.? The basis for their concern was that in the recent Supreme Court decision on school finance the Court had ruled that to meet the state?s constitutional requirement of providing for the suitable finance of education, funding must be based on actual costs. In addition, the Court had said any study of actual costs must be based at least in part on student outcomes as established by the State Board of Education.? They suggested that it would make more sense to establish the proficiency percentage as a goal which would allow more flexibility. Sen. Vratil suggested revising the proficiency percentage to something more realistic if the Board decided to keep a mandatory standard.

Attorney General Kline stated he believed the court was intent on funding the standards established by the State Board. He further stated that he believed that if the cost study currently being conducted by Legislative Post Audit proceeds while the current accreditation regulations remain in place, QPA will become the constitutional standard and the State Board will be unable to adjust those standards in the future without the blessing of the Court.

Dr. Wagnon expressed concern about how the change being proposed would affect the Board?s goal to educate all students, including those needing extra time or extra assistance. Mrs. Gamble added she was opposed to backing off from the standards the Board had established, indicating that since it had moved from having goals to having defined, measurable standards, yearly achievement levels had increased significantly. ?She stated that she believed it was important to maintain a common, workable definition of proficiency, a minimum of what is required for every student to achieve.? She pointed out that the Supreme Court, with its decision, had put the focus on learning. ??Mrs. Rupe noted that the Supreme Court had not questioned the Board?s activities and responsibilities.? She also pointed out that additional funds for schools could address the needs created by factors that Senator Vratil cited by as beyond the control of the public education system, which included poverty, at-risk students, non-English speakers, and special education.? Mr. Willard noted he shared some of the same concerns expressed by the Attorney General and Senator Vratil about trying to fund what would be impossible to achieve.? Board members agreed to place the item on a future agenda for further discussion.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:12 and returned at 1:32 p.m.

### **KSSD AND KSSB YEAR-END REPORTS AND FY 2007 BUDGET REQUESTS**

#### **Kansas State School for the Deaf**

##### ***Year-End Report***

Superintendent Maile, Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD), passed out copies of the 2004-2005 KSSD Annual Report and reviewed highlights of his end-of-the-year report, including state assessment results, noting that both the elementary school and high school had achieved proficiency goals in reading and math.? The high school, however, had not reached AYP because of its graduation rate. ?Dr. Maile also reported on North Central

Association accreditation activities; the results of its parents' survey; and outreach participation.?? Asked if outreach activities were increasing as enrollment declined, Dr. Maile reported the school was consciously moving in that direction and more districts were accessing the outreach services of the school.? He indicated there was a full schedule for evaluations in the coming year and the school was expanding its services to parents.? As enrollment had declined, plans to shift more resources to outreach had not been as successful as hoped because funding had also been cut.? He added

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that though not thriving, outreach activities were still doing well, primarily because center-based programming attracts the expertise necessary for outreach.? He mentioned that the school could use an additional outreach team.? Mr. Bacon pointed out that many students had expressed satisfaction with the opportunity to be in an environment with other deaf students, adding that there was a demonstrated need for both a campus and outreach programs.? Dr. Maile agreed that interaction with deaf peers was important for students, indicating that it was important for parents and students to understand the choices available to them.

### ***FY 2007 Budget Request***

Dr. Maile reviewed the option it would consider if the school were required to meet a 5% reduced resource allocation of \$375,367.? They would reduce the school year by four days; maintain 5 additional vacant support positions; maintain 2 additional vacant professional positions; eliminate summer school; and reduce the operating budget.? If an enhanced budget request were to be approved it would include the purchase of two vehicles; development and implementation of programming for the severely multiply-disabled, including additional staff, contract support services and specialized equipment and materials.? He also reviewed the State Institutions Building Fund request.? Mr. Bacon asked how efforts to achieve salary parity would be affected by the 7.3%.? salary increase in the Olathe School District. ?Mr. Maile indicated they would have to rework their budget to meet the requirements of recently enacted legislation for parity with Olathe, but there would be enough money in an enhancement budget if it were appropriated.? Mrs. Gamble indicated she would be unhappy with the elimination of summer school and a reduced school year if a reduced resource budget was necessary.? She also expressed her frustration that KSSD and KSSB could not benefit from increases appropriated for public schools because of their status as state agencies.? With the State Board of Education serving as the Board for the two schools, she indicated it was frustrating to have to beg for adequate funding for them.? Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board approve the FY 2007 KSSD budget request as presented.? The motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Gamble voting ?no?.

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

#### ***Year-End Report***

Madeleine Burkindine, Principal, Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB), presented the end-of-year report.? She reported that both the elementary and high school had achieved AYP in reading and math and the high school had a 100% graduation rate.? She noted that the school missed AYP in attendance, but would appeal it because of two students who had had serious medical problems.? Included in Mrs. Burkindine's report was a review of activities related to the school's four improvement goals: reading, math, writing and independent living skills.? She touched on enrollment data, outreach and parent involvement.? She also updated the Board on transition activities and participation in the VIEWS program.? She reported that through VIEWS, 44 students had the opportunity for a paid work experience.? She also gave an update on the teacher training program for teachers of the visually impaired at the University of Nebraska.? Mrs. Gamble asked if the school had difficulties recruiting teachers.? Mrs. Burkindine indicated that the school advertises and competes nationally with other schools for the

visually impaired, but is holding its own.? She added that the salary enhancement approved by the 2005 legislature had helped.

### ***FY 2007 Budget Request***

Mr. Bob Shaumeyer, KSSB Business Manager, presented the proposed FY 2007 budget request.? He reported that the KSSB plan for a 5% reduced resource allocation would require the school to eliminate two statewide outreach Orientation and Mobility (cane travel) Instructors; eliminate one week of summer school; eliminate the statewide summer vocational program (VIEWS II); and implement a 5-day rolling

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furlough of all staff except contract teachers.? He indicated that the KSSB enhancement budge would request the replacement of the school?s wheelchair accessible van.? Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the State Board approve the FY 2007 KSSB budget as proposed.? The motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Gamble voting ?no?.

### **OUT-OF-STATE HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Interim Commissioner Dennis reviewed for Board members the reason why they were being asked to act on the hardship applications for out-of-state students wanting to attend schools in Kansas, reminding Board members that the Kansas school finance law had been amended in regard to the counting of students who attend Kansas schools from out of state. Under the amended law, he noted, out-of-state students may not be counted for state aid purposes unless they meet one of the following criteria: 1) the student was enrolled in the school in the 2004-05 school year; 2) the student?s parent/guardian pays real property tax in Kansas in the current or preceding school year; 3) the student?s parent/guardian is an employee of the school district; or 4) the student is granted a waiver by the State Board of Education.? Mr. Dennis noted that ten applications had been received to date and that a few more might come before the Board in September.? Board members discussed what parameters they might want to establish for granting waivers.? It was noted that in six of the cases the student already had siblings attending schools in Kansas and there was support from some Board members for using that as the basis for Board approval.? Mrs. Waugh explained some guidelines that are used at the district level for approving requests for students from other districts.? Mrs. Morris stated she would like more information included in the requests, such as the ages of the children for which waivers are requested.? Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that the Board approve waivers for all cases where siblings were already attending Kansas schools.? The motion failed 5-4-1, with Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Van Meter and Mr. Bacon voting ?no? and Mrs. Waugh abstaining.? Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the waiver requests be approved as presented.? The motion carried 7-3, with Mrs. Rupe, Mrs. Martin and Mr. Willard voting ?no??.? 2005-2006 school year applications approved were for the following students: Megg Lebeda (USD 360-Caldwell), Connella Stanfill (USD 362-Prairie View), Maimie Macklin (USD 499-Galena), Casen Cox (USD 499-Galena), Taylor Wares (USD 217-Rolla), Janette King (USD 217-Rolla), David Moreland (USD 509-South Haven), Drew DeWitt (USD 509-South Haven), Bailey McLaughlin (USD 488-Axtell), and Krista Menninga (USD 488-Axtell).? Mrs. Waugh asked that further consideration be given to the type of information that should be included on out-of-state hardship applications.?

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Deputy Commissioner Posny reported that the appointment for the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) was for a new federally mandated position for a representative of a foster care agency.? She reported that two nominations had been received and the individual recommended for appointment was the only one who met the eligibility requirements for the position.? Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that the State Board

appoint Ruth Santner as a foster care agency representative to the Kansas State Special Education Advisory Council to serve from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.? The motion carried.

### **PRELIMINARY LIST OF TITLE I SCHOOLS ON IMPROVEMENT FOR 2005-2006**

Deputy Commissioner Posny handed out the preliminary list of Title I schools on improvement for 2005-2006.? She also handed out the press release that would be issued from the Department.? Dr. Posny reviewed the targets in math and reading that were used in making the AYP determinations.? She also reviewed what choices or services must be offered to students based on the improvement status of the

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school.? She indicated that schools and districts that appear on the preliminary list have until September 2nd to appeal their ?on improvement? status and that the state has 30 days in which to decide the appeal.? Any school, or district, may be removed from the list if an appeal is decided in its favor. ?Dr. Posny explained that because federal law requires that the information on Title I schools and districts on improvement be released each year prior to the start of school, the State Board was receiving the preliminary information at the August meeting.? She indicated that following the appeals process, a final list of Title I schools on improvement will be made available at the October Board meeting.

Dr. Posny reported that the number of Kansas Title I schools on improvement had decreased for the second straight year. ?The number of schools on improvement dropped from 21 last year to 15 in 2005. ?The number of school districts on improvement remained at seven, although one district dropped off the list while another was added.? She reported that of the 21 schools on improvement last year, eight came off improvement this year. ?Six of the schools remained on improvement, but had made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in 2005, explaining that schools must make AYP for two consecutive years to be removed from improvement status. Two schools were on improvement for the first time.? Dr. Posny also shared data on which disaggregated groups missed the AYP targets.? Dr. Posny noted that 10 of the 15 schools on improvement were middle schools and predicted middle schools and high schools will continue to make up the majority of schools on improvement in the future.

In the discussion that followed, Dr. Posny reported that the targets for next year will change because new assessments will be given.

### **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Mr. Dennis handed out copies of the 2005 legislative interim study topics and reported that the Legislative Education Planning Committee (LEPC) would be meeting November 8<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with the November Board meeting.? He suggested that it might be a good time to schedule a meeting between LEPC and the Board.? Mr. Dennis also reported that state general fund receipts were 21% above estimates for the first month of FY 2006.?

Mr. Dennis asked the Board if it had any issues it would like considered by the 2006 Legislature, noting that there was adequate time to work on a proposal before the beginning of the session.

Mr. Willard asked for an update on activities related to the Legislative Post Audit (LPA) Cost study.? Mr. Dennis reported that LPA was visiting with districts around the state and would probably finish the study by its deadline.

The Board took a break from 2:55 to 3:01 p.m.

## SCIENCE STANDARDS

### Discussion and Approval of Draft 2-(d) for External Review

Prior to the Board meeting, members had received copies of several items: 1) a memo from Dr. Posny summarizing discussion and action taken by the Science Standards Writing Committee on August 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2) *Response to the Changes to the Science Curriculum Standards Submitted by the Science Writing Committee*, dated August 2, 2005 and referencing changes adopted by the State Board on July 12, 2005; *Response to KSBE from the KSES (Kansas Science Education Standards) Revision Committee regarding suggestions by Dr. Schrock, ESU*, dated August 2, 2005; and 4) a copy of the *Kansas Science Education Standards, Draft 2-(c)* that incorporated the changes adopted by the Board on July 12<sup>th</sup>. As a preface

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to the discussion, Dr. Posny gave Board members a copy of additional changes she was recommending for incorporation into the standards as *Draft 2-(d)*. *Draft 2-(d)*, she reported, reflected removal of the dedication page and the list of members of the Kansas Science Education Standards Revision Committee as they had requested at their August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; a sentence added to the introduction written by Dr. Posny thanking the Committee for its work; pages reflecting seven additions to the Teacher Notes recognizing the applicability of the standards to botany, anatomy and physiology, and zoology, in response to concerns raised by Dr. Schrock; and pages 89-107 which reflected renumbering of the pages in *Draft 2-(c)* necessary because of the additions to the Teacher Notes.

Mrs. Morris requested that the sentence added to the introduction be made broader than just thanking the writing committee for their work on the initial draft standards to "their work toward the draft standards". Mrs. Rupe asked Chairman Abrams if there would be a response from the Board to the issues raised in the *Response to the Changes to the Science Curriculum Standards Submitted by the Science Writing Committee*, noting that the Committee had commented point-by-point on the changes adopted by the Board in July. Chairman Abrams stated that he appreciated their work. Chairman Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board approve the additions in *Draft 2-(d)*, and that staff ready the draft by checking for typos and grammatical errors and submit them for external review to McRel along with the comments from Dr. Schrock included as an addendum. Mrs. Gamble asked that the question be split for separate votes.

In discussion of the draft under consideration, a several Board members reiterated their belief that only those things that had gained acceptance in the scientific community should be included in curriculum for science classrooms and that controversies that were considered outside the realm of science should be discussed in social studies, philosophy or comparative religion classrooms. That laymen, rather than those involved in the sciences, were deciding what should belong in the science education standards was also seen as inappropriate. Mrs. Gamble asked that the science standards writing committee's comments be included for review, along with Dr. Schrock's, but there was no amendment to the motion. An additional concern voiced by Mrs. Rupe was that high school students did not have enough of a science background to make decisions about what was good science and that it was important to give them the best science foundation possible. Other Board members expressed the opinion that there was nothing in the standards that fell outside the realm of science and that controversies should be discussed where they arise, noting the need to respond to the public and reflect the will of the public.

Mrs. Waugh, with a second by Mr. Bacon, called the question. The motion carried 9-1, with Dr. Wagon voting no. The vote to approve *Draft 2-(d)* for review was 6-4, with Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Gamble, Dr. Wagon and Mrs.

Rupe voting ? no?.

### **Contract for External Review**

Mrs. Gamble indicated she would be willing to send to the standards for external review if the decision to include Dr. Schrock's comments was voted on separately.? Her amendment was not accepted. ?Discussion followed about copywrite issues regarding wording in the standards for which the committee had received permission to include from other organizations.? Mr. Biles, Board Attorney, indicated that if permissions were pulled, the Board would have to have someone familiar with copywrite law assist the Board in making changes.? The timeline for the review was also discussed and it was explained that the external review was expected to take a minimum of thirty days, after which time the Standards Writing Committee and the Board would have an opportunity to review the report from the external reviewer. The standards would probably come before the Board again in October or November.

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Mrs. Martin asked why the standards were to be sent to an external source for review, noting that the contract cost was expensive, in light of the money already spent for the hearings.? Chairman Abrams explained it was part of the standards writing process to ensure that the standards are in order. Dr. Posny further explained that the review would look at the standards to determine if they had the proper amount of clarity and provided enough direction to teachers.?? The vote to conduct the external review was 7-2-1, with Dr. Wagnon and Mrs. Waugh voting ?no? and Mrs. Van Meter abstaining.? The vote also authorized the Interim Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract with the Mid-Continent Region for Education and Learning (McREL) to review the revised Kansas Science Standards in an amount not to exceed \$22,425.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Morris moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board approve the consent agenda.? The motion carried.

In the consent agenda, the State Board:

- ? Received the monthly personnel report.
- ? Confirmed the appointment of Kate Franzen to the position of Education Program Consultant in the Student Support Services team, effective July 1, 2005 at an annual salary of \$46,197.
- ? Approved school construction plans for Troubled Youth School, Topeka; USD 206, Remington-Whitewater; USD 226, Meade; USD 233, Olathe; USD 259, Wichita (2); USD 265, Goddard (2); USD 343, Perry Public Schools; USD 421, Lyndon; USD 431 Hoisington; USD 439, Sedgwick Public Schools; USD 450, Shawnee Heights; USD 456, Marais Des Cygnes Valley Schools; USD 457, Garden City; USD 464, Tonganoxie; USD 475, Geary County Schools (2); USD 481, Rural Vista; USD 487, Herington; and USD 506, Labette County Schools.
- ? Accepted the recommendations of Interim Commissioner Dennis to renew Visiting Scholar licenses valid for July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 for David Eichler to be employed as a behavior analyst for the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center; and Matthew Roberts to teach five periods of Latin a day at Blue Valley

North High School, USD 229. ?

? Approved accredited status for USD 259 Sowers Special Education Center; USD 287 Appanoose Elementary; USD 309 Nickerson High; USD 348 Baldwin Intermediate Center and Baldwin High School; USD 361 Chaparral High School; USD 376 Sterling Grade School, Sterling Junior High School, and Sterling High School; USD 404 Riverton Middle School and Riverton High School; USD 446 Independence High School; USD 474 Haviland Elementary and Haviland High School; USD 500 Thomas A Edison Elementary and Rosedale Middle School; Z0026 Trinity Lutheran School [7344] and Zion Lutheran School [6862]; Z0029 Sacred Heart Elementary [0234] and St. Joseph's Elementary [3964]; Z0031 All Saints Catholic Elementary [1856], Christ the King Catholic Elementary [1864], Holy Cross Catholic Elementary [3144], Holy Name Catholic Elementary [6796], Holy Savior Catholic Academy [1868], St. Andrew Catholic Elementary [6860], St. Jude Catholic Elementary [1890], St. Mary Catholic Elementary [4828], St. Mary Elementary [0940], and St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary [1896]; and Z0032 Lakemary Center, Inc.

? Approved the inservice plan for USD 348 Baldwin.

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? Approved funding FY 2006 IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Continuous Improvement Grants for USD 202, Turner, \$26,443; USD 229, Blue Valley, \$112,200; USD 230, Spring Hill, \$9,761; USD 231, Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch, \$18,887; USD 232, De Soto, \$23,134; USD 233, Olathe, \$135,814; USD 234, Ft Scott, \$13,986; USD 244, Coffey County Special Education Cooperative, \$12,741; USD 637, SEK Interlocal, \$85,538; USD 253, Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative, \$54,213; USD 259, Wichita, \$316,381; USD 260, Derby, \$44,609; USD 261, Haysville, \$30,813; USD 263, Mulvane Special Education, \$13,094; USD 273, Beloit Special Education Cooperative, \$17,801; USD 282, West Elk, \$12,225; USD 290, Ottawa, \$16,229; USD 305, Central Kansas Cooperative, \$102,383; USD 308, Hutchinson, \$39,846; USD 320, Special Services Cooperative, \$20,870; USD 321, Kaw Valley Schools, \$7,978; D0 636, NCK Special Ed Cooperative, \$32,736; USD 330, Wabaunsee East, \$5,865; USD 333, Learning Cooperative, North Central KS, \$27,416; USD 336, Holton Special Education Cooperative, \$25,728; USD 345, Seaman, \$22,035; USD 353, Wellington, \$13,708; USD 364, Marshall County Cooperative, \$9,402; USD 368, East Central KS Special Education Cooperative, \$56,870; USD 372, Silver Lake, \$6,420; USD 373, Harvey County Special Education Cooperative, \$34,845; USD 379, Twin Lakes Cooperative, \$23,308; USD 383, Manhattan-Ogden, \$37,550; USD 389, Eureka, \$7,315; USD 405, Rice County Special Services Cooperative, \$17,084; USD 407, Russell County, \$8,693; USD 409, Atchison, \$15,908; USD 418, McPherson County Special Education Cooperative, \$33,785; USD 428, Barton County Special Education Cooperative, \$34,231; USD 437, Auburn-Washburn, \$34,066; USD 442, Marshall/Nemaha, \$11,834; USD 450, Shawnee Heights, \$22,193; USD 453, Leavenworth County Special Education Cooperative, \$81,495; USD 457, Garden City, \$51,589; USD 465, Cowley County Sp Service Cooperative, \$44,477; USD 475, Junction City/Geary County, \$42,398; USD 480, Liberal, \$28,084; USD 489, Hays West Central Ks Special Education Cooperative, \$29,343; USD 490, Butler Co Special Education, \$87,827; USD 495, Tri County Special Services, \$12,136; USD 497, Lawrence, \$70,744; USD 500, Wyandotte County Special Education Cooperative, \$160,158; USD 501, Topeka, \$107,195; USD 512, Shawnee Mission, \$201,822; D0 602, NW KS Service Center, \$48,958; D0 603, ANW Cooperative, \$53,606; D0 605, South Central Ks Special Education Cooperative, \$55,064; D0 607, Tri County Special Education Cooperative, \$62,872; D0 608, NE KS Service Center, \$34,236; D0 610, Reno County Cooperative, \$36,548; D0 611, High Plains Cooperative, \$67,130; D0 613, SW Area Cooperative, \$68,120; D0 614, East Central KS Cooperative, \$22,097; D0 615, Brown County Special Education, \$15,703; D0 616, Doniphan

County Special Education Cooperative, \$11,093; D0 617, Marion County Special Education Cooperative, \$21,637; D0 618, Sedgwick County, \$109,456; D0 619, Sumner County Interlocal, \$14,012; D0 620, Three Lakes Cooperative, \$28,019; Topeka Juvenile Correction Facility, \$4,569; Beloit Juvenile Correction Facility, \$1,773; Atchison Juvenile Correction Facility, \$2,591; Larned State Hospital, \$4,092; Kansas School for the Blind, \$3,300; Kansas School for the Deaf, \$8,235; Lakemary, \$4,092; Department of Corrections, \$1,006; KNI, \$1,432; and Parsons State Hospital, \$1,705. Rainbow Mental Health declined funding of \$887.

? Approved Kansas Afterschool Enhancement Grants for the 2005-2006 school year.? *Community-Based/Faith-Based Organizations:* Valley Heights Area Community Education & Action Council, \$25,000; Extension Education Foundation, Inc (Wichita),? \$14,737; School Linked Services, Inc. (KCK), \$25,000; Cherry Street Youth Center (Chanute), \$24,820; Olathe Family Resource Center/JCCC, \$23,000; The Greater Wichita YMCA, \$25,000; Catholic Charities (KCK), \$25,000; Inter-Faith Ministries (Wichita), \$25,000; Shawnee County (Topeka), \$12,958; Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson, \$20,000; *Local Education Agencies:* Nickerson-South, Hutchinson USD 309, \$25,000; Wichita Public Schools USD 259, \$25,000; Geary County USD 475, \$12,324; Liberal USD 480, \$25,000; Chanute Public Schools USD 413, \$18,764; Bonner Springs Elementary USD 204, \$17,200; Tescott Grade & Junior High School USD 240, \$19,743; and Newton Public Schools, \$11,454.

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? Approved funding the Comprehensive School Reform grants for FY 2006. *Year One:* USD 259, Wichita North High School, \$110,326, and Hadley Middle School, \$106,628; USD 453 Leavenworth, Earl M. Larson Elementary, \$75,000; USD 497 Lawrence, Cordley Elementary, \$150,000; USD 501 Topeka, Robinson Middle School,? \$130,623 and Highland Park and Central Elementary, \$131,229;? *Year Two:* USD 259 Wichita, Kelly Elementary,? \$75,000, Lawrence Elementary, \$68,336, Pleasant Valley Middle, \$95,367, and West High School, \$102,819; USD 290 Ottawa, Hawthorne Elementary \$58,064; USD 453 Leavenworth, Nettie Harnett Elementary, \$75,000; USD 470 Arkansas City, Roosevelt Elementary, \$80,750; USD 500 Kansas City, Central Middle School, \$82,425; USD 435 Abilene, Abilene High School, \$130,000; USD 470 Arkansas City, C-4 Elementary, \$78,842; USD 500 Kansas City, Schalgle High School, \$100,000, and USD 501 Topeka, Chase Middle School \$105,782; *Year Three:* USD 258 Humboldt,? Humboldt Elementary, \$70,646; USD 259 Wichita, White Elementary, \$56,062; USD 330 Mission Valley, Mission Valley East Elementary, \$85,000; USD 380 Vermillion, Centralia Elementary, \$68,993; and USD 475 Geary County, Lincoln Elementary, \$50,000.

? Approved Stewart B. McKinney/Vento Homeless Grants for 2005-2006 for USD 233 Olathe, \$35,080; USD 259 Wichita, \$120,452; USD 261 Haysville, \$20,000; USD 457 Garden City, \$9,473; USD 475 Geary County, \$13,860; USD 500 Kansas City, \$72,045; and USD 501 Topeka, \$53,872.

? Approved a 2005-2006 Learn and Serve America Community-based grant for Columbus USD 493 in the amount of \$10,000.

? Approve the recommended Wellness Policy Guidelines required by Public Law 108-265, Section 204.

? Approved requests from USD 204, Bonner Springs, USD 385, Andover, and USD 446, Independence, granting them authority to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts? general bond debt limitation.

? Adopted Model Music Standards.



### **Board Attorney's Report**

Mr. Biles gave a brief update on activities associated with the school finance case and reported on participation in a national forum on school finance litigation sponsored by the Education Commission of the States. Dr. Wagnon indicated he would like a presentation on actions taken by courts in other states regarding school finance. Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board pay Mr. Biles' fees for services and expenses for July as presented. The motion carried.

### **Policy Committee**

Mr. Willard, Chair of the Policy Committee, submitted to the Board a suggested addition to State Board Policy 1006, Boardsmanship Expectations. The change would establish a procedure to follow when a Board member believes the policy on boardsmanship has been violated. He indicated it would be brought back for Board approval in September.

Mr. Willard also reviewed progress in the search for a new Commissioner of Education. He reported that the position was being advertised nationally and the last day to submit an application would be August 26<sup>th</sup>. All applications will be reviewed by Brenda Welburn, Executive Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Mr. Willard stated that the contract with Mrs. Welburn would be no more than \$7,000. Mr. Willard answered questions about the timeline and how the position was being advertised. He proposed that the Board hold a special meeting to review candidates for the position with Ms. Welburn the first week of September. Available dates were discussed and Dr. Wagnon moved, with a second by Mrs. Morris, that the Board hold the special meeting at 8 a.m on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried. The Board also discussed possible dates to interview candidates in September, but did not finalize any plans for interviews.

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Mr. Willard moved that the Board adopt the Guideline Restricting Expenditures and Use of Equipment that had been proposed by the Policy Committee in July. Mrs. Morris seconded the motion. Discussion followed about restrictions on email usage on the computers supplied by the Department. Mr. Biles indicated that any use of the computers for political activity was prohibited, but that incidental personal email would be allowable. He noted that he had prepared an advisory letter to Board members regarding the subject several years ago. Dr. Wagnon asked that a copy be sent to him. (Mr. Biles handed out copies of the letter at the end of the meeting.) The motion carried on 10-0 vote. ?

Mr. Willard also shared with the Board that the Policy Committee had again reviewed policies related to Board travel and reimbursement and determined that no changes were necessary.

### **Other Board Member Reports**

Mrs. Martin reported that she had attended the NASBE new member meeting and an event at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene at which a commemorative stamp had been issued. Dr. Wagnon shared issues that had been discussed at the Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Policy Forum he had attended. Mrs. Gamble had also attended the ECS meeting and reported on sessions she had attended. Mrs. Gamble reported that she had represented the Board at an awards ceremony at a Vo-Tech Conference in Overland Park, as well.

Mr. Bacon reported on an issue concerning books on a recommended reading list in the Blue Valley school district. He indicated he had met with a group of parents and constituents who found some of the content or

subject matter objectionable or obscene and inappropriate for students.? Mr. Bacon stated that he believed it was a local district policy issue and indicated that Blue Valley had a policy in place which apparently was not being followed. ?Mrs. Waugh reported on a phone call regarding the disappearance of funds from a booster club account.? She indicated that the district had formed a 401(c) (3) account to protect the funds and asked Mr. Dennis if that was allowable.? He indicated that it wouldn't be legal for a local board to assume control of booster club funds.? Mr. Willard asked several questions regarding immunizations, particularly of immigrant students, and health assessments of food service workers.? Dr. Posny said the oversight for both fell under the responsibilities of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and that she would get information to the Board regarding the laws and regulations.? She pointed out that lack of records for migrant students who moved from school to school had resulted in many of those students being immunized more than once.? Mrs. Gamble asked if that information could be part of the KIDS database.? Dr. Posny noted that immunization information would be added to the system

### **Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Bacon asked that consideration of audio streaming Board meetings over the Internet be added to the September agenda. ?A discussion of performance standards in light of the issues raised by Attorney General Kline and Senator Vratil was recommended for the October Board meeting.? A discussion about how to work with local boards to encourage them to tie their budgeting to improvement goals was requested.? It was suggested that KASB be involved in the discussion. ?A presentation by Legislative Post Audit on the cost-study ordered by the Supreme Court was also requested.

The Board took a break from 10:29 to 10:37 a.m.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF CORE PRINCIPLES WHITE PAPERS**

Dr. Alexa Posny, Deputy Commissioner for Learning Services, shared with the State Board an executive summary of the seven white papers commissioned to highlight the current research, trends and assumptions regarding each of the Board's core principles for system redesign. Although many of the recommended actions contained in the white papers pertained to actions for schools and districts to take, there were some that would be appropriate actions for the State Board. Dr. Posny had integrated those actions into the action plan for the State Board's 2005-06 goals and objectives in order for Board members to see where they might fit with the priorities they had already established.

Board members discussed the merits of the recommendations and the appropriate placement of the recommendations in the Board's goals and objectives. It was asked that the item be brought back to the Board for further consideration.?

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL**

Mrs. Gamble asked that her travel be amended to include salary and expenses for a McRel conference September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.? Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mr. Bacon, that the Board travel requests be approved as amended.? The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

