

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the November meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:01 a.m., November 8, 2011 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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**ROLL CALL**

Members present were:

John Bacon	Walt Chappell	Jana Shaver	Janet Waugh
Sally Cauble	David Dennis	Sue Storm	Ken Willard
Carolyn L. Wims-Campbell	Kathy Martin		

**STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Dennis read the Board Mission Statement and then called for a moment of silence. The moment of silence was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote on the motion carried 10-0.

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**MOTION**

**APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MINUTES**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 10-0.

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**MOTION**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON NEXT GENERAL SCIENCE STANDARDS (NGSS)**

KSDE staff member Matt Krehbiel updated the Board on the progress that had been made on the development of the NGSS and shared with it the list of members of the Kansas review committee. He pointed out the broad representation on the committee. Noting that Chairman Dennis was on the standards review committee, Dr. Chappell asked if, because of his science background he might serve on the committee as well. Mr. Krehbiel explained that representation from state boards was recommended by the NGSS planning standards. Chairman Dennis explained that he was not on the committee as a science expert, but as an interface between the state board and the committee. Mr. Krehbiel explained that a smaller committee consisting of members of business and industry, of which Chairman Dennis would be a part, would meet to discuss building capacity in the state for science education and the committee membership was as it needed to be at this point. Mr. Krehbiel also brought the Board up to speed on the Green Ribbon program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education in which the Department was partnering with KACEE.

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The Commissioner brought the Board up to date on several activities with which she had been involved and also commented on the recently published NAEP scores. She reported how Kansas NAEP scores were statistically significant between 2003 and 2011. The year 2003 was used because it was the year new standards were adopted by the state and Kansas had, for the first time, 100 percent participation from identified schools on the NAEP exam. Dr. Chappell voiced his concerns that the Department's press release lacked balance and was not representative of the full NAEP report, handing out several pages from the NAEP website that showed no significant increases in scores or closure of the gap when examining disaggregated groups. Commissioner Debacker agreed there was still much work to be done, but explained that the Department statements were accurate and had reported what had been in the NAEP report for Kansas which stated areas where scores were statistically significant and that he was using different years for comparison.

**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

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Chairman Dennis declared the Citizen's Open Forum open at 10:30 a.m. First addressing the Board was Rick Morawitz, Wichita, representing his daughter Rhianna, who recently committed suicide because of bullying incidents at school. He shared his feelings of loss and questioned why the state statute regarding bullying was not being enforced equally in every school. He indicated that a petition drive had begun to request the legislature to hold educators responsible for not taking action when cases of bullying occur. Nicole Wilson, Wichita, also spoke about Rhianna Morawitz and stated that changes needed to be made to protect students. Also addressing the Board were Megan Buell of the Kansas World Language Association, who introduced Nora Kelting and her department chair. Nora Kelting had been selected as the World Language Association's Teacher of the Year and spoke about the importance of learning a foreign language. Lastly, Andrea Hillebert, Advance-Ed, Topeka, requested that the Board consider co-accreditation of schools. Mr. Morawitz was asked for additional information about the bullying Rhianna had experienced and the petition drive. Chairman Dennis declared the Open Forum closed at 10:41 a.m.

**PRESENTATION ON MUSIC EDUCATION ON KANSAS (KMEA)**

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Craig Manteuffel, President of the Kansas Music Educators Association, Mike Quilling, Immediate Past President and John Taylor, Past President presented to the Board the results of a survey conducted by Dr. Frederick Barrack on the impact of school budgets cuts on music education in the state. They also answered Board members' questions. Included for staff follow-up was a question from Mr. Bacon who asked if music programs were being disproportionately cut compared to other programs. The Chair was questioned about why only music was represented instead of all the fine arts. He replied that he heard the presentation previously and thought it important that the survey results be shared with the Board. He stated his belief that the results were representative of the other arts in Kansas. Noting that funding may not improve, it was suggested that new ways should be considered to get things accomplished. Noting that reauthorization of ESEA would probably include teacher pay tied to performance, the KMEA educators were asked what should be done with the arts educators. Mr. Quilling responded that they should be held accountable to the standards for the area they teach.

The KMEA representatives requested that the Board use its bully pulpit to carry their message to the Governor and legislature and to local boards.

**LUNCH**

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The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

**RECOGNITION OF BLUE RIBBONS SCHOOLS**

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Kansas State Board of Education had the pleasure of hearing from the five 2011 Blue Ribbon Schools. These schools will be honored on November 15, 2011 at a ceremony in Washington, D. C. They are:

- Louisburg High School, USD 416 Louisburg, Principal Dave Tappan;
- MacArthur Elementary School, USD 480 Liberal, Principal Shawna Evans;
- Oswego High School, USD 504 Oswego, Principal Cindy Sanders;
- Sunflower Elementary School, USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton, Principal Dustin Mortenson; and
- Union Valley Elementary School, USD 313 Buhler, Principal Randy Roberts

The principals briefly shared with Board members innovations that had been introduced in their schools which helped them with the performance that led to the Blue Ribbon award.

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The Board took a break from 2:20 and returned at 2:32 p.m.

**UPDATE ON RACE TO THE TOP EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE GRANT**

Kerry Haag and Gayle Stuber provided the Board with an update on the Race to the Top Early Learning grant application that was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education October 19<sup>th</sup>. They reported that Kansas would be eligible to receive \$50 million in funding for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015. Awards are to be announced in mid- to late-December. The grant is intended for states that create comprehensive plans to transform early learning systems for children birth to age 5 with better coordination and assessment mechanisms, clearer learning standards and meaningful workforce development and family engagement initiatives. KSDE served as the lead agency in preparing the grant request, but the final product was a collaborative effort among KSDE, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Children’s Cabinet. Governor Brownback signed and submitted the grant which was a request for approximately \$24.5 million for the four-year grant period. Brief questions followed.

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The Board took a break from 3:05 and returned at 3:15 p.m.

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**PRESENTATION BY LANDON FULMER ON POSSIBLE SCHOOL FINANCE FORMULA CHANGES**

Gov. Sam Brownback’s policy advisor, Landon Fulmer, shared with State Board members the broad outlines of a proposed school finance formula likely to be debated during the next legislative session. The formula as presented to the Board would remove limits currently placed on local school boards with regard to the amount of property taxes they can levy through their local option budgets and would permit counties to raise sales taxes to support school district budgets.

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In addition, the formula would eliminate the weightings in the current system for such things as transportation, low enrollment and at-risk students. Instead, the proposed formula would establish a number of block grants for which school districts could make application. Some of the block grants would be awarded on a formula basis designed to provide supplemental funds for such things as at-risk students and operational costs, in particular the high transportation costs in small, rural districts that cover a large geographic area. Other block grants would be awarded on a competitive basis and would include such things as innovation.

Board members expressed support for a hold harmless provision in the formula that would ensure a level of funding certainty for districts during the transition to a new funding formula, but had concerns about the ability to equalize funding across the state through the proposed formula. Mr. Fulmer explained that the formula seeks to equalize funding on the front end by reducing the state mandated mill levy and collecting that money into a special revenue fund that would be distributed back to districts based on a formula that would send more funds to property tax poor districts. There was also concern about where the funding for the hold harmless provision and the block grants would come from.

Mr. Fulmer said not all of the details of the plan had been worked through and that numbers had not yet been to put with the plan, although he said he expected numbers might be available before the Board’s next meeting in December. Board members asked Fulmer to come back to the Board when numbers were available so the Board could make a determination as to whether to support the plan or not.

The Board took a break from 4:25 and returned at 4:32 p.m.

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**UPDATE ON ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

Kent Reed, KSDE Education Consultant, reviewed for the Board the results of a survey on how schools across the state had observed Kansas Anti-Bullying Week, the first week of October. He reported that 71 schools had responded and provided information about a wide variety of

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activities, some of which he summarized for the Board. He also reviewed KSDE initiatives, which included the development of a bullying assistance helpline, with the hope it will be on-line by the spring of 2012; and the use of KAN-Dis to collect federally required data and which now includes bullying incidents.

Several issues were brought up in the Board discussion that followed. Those included what Kansas might learn from other states and the growing issues related to cyber-bullying; the importance of education and prevention and questions about the use of Positive Behavior Instructional Support (PBIS) and its use in MTSS; and information available in addition to what was mentioned in the presentation at the state and national level including information for parents from the Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) and information for parents from a nationwide faith-based organization, the Christophers.

Reporting requirements and accountability were also discussed. Two issues were mentioned in that regard. One was the confidentiality requirements under FERPA and the second was how students with IEPs are treated differently than other students – primarily because of the length of the process. The question was raised about the KAN-Dis data collection and what kind of information it will provide to the department and if the information on out-of-school suspensions and other disciplinary actions can be reported and tied to the type of behavior reported. There was concern about the number of students and the time spent out of school.

It was also mentioned by more than one Board member that parents had indicated to them that after reporting to a principal or administrator a bullying incident that nothing happened. A suggestion was made that a statute or regulation similar to K.S.A. 38-2223, reporting of child abuse, might be developed so that educators would be held accountable for non-action when bullying incidents are reported or observed. It was suggested that educator licensure regulations might be developed to address the problem. All agreed that there is a need to ensure that if parents report their child is being bullied that there is follow-up, action taken and the bullying stops. The bottom line is that children need to be safe in school every day.

As a follow-up for staff, Dr. Chappell asked for the results of a survey mentioned that was conducted by Olathe NW High School.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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Deputy Commissioner Dennis reported on state general fund receipts and the FY 2013 projection that there would be \$500 million increase over FY 2011 actual receipts. He also reported on recent meetings of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Study Commission; the Legislative Budget Committee where the topic was the number of out-of-state students attending Kansas schools; and the Special Committee on KAN-ED Study. He also reported that the LEPC will be holding its meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Dennis also explained why an additional \$24.7 million would need to be added to the FY 2012 budget for schools in order to fund the BSAPP of \$3,780 passed by the 2011 legislature. Increases in enrollment, at-risk, ELL, and transportation were mentioned as some of the reasons. He noted it would be up to the Governor to request it in his budget.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Mrs. Campbell moved that after a brief break, the Board recess into executive session at 5:35 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel issues of non-elected personnel so the privacy, confidentiality and other rights of such personnel are not violated, with the open meeting resuming at 6:05 in the Board Room. No action was anticipated when the open meeting resumed. The motion carried. The open meeting resumed at 6:05 p.m.

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There being no further business, Chairman Dennis recessed the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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David Dennis, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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Chairman Dennis called the November meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9:01 a.m., November 9, 2011 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present were:

John Bacon	Kathy Martin
Carolyn L. Wims-Campbell	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Sue Storm
Walt Chappell	Janet Waugh
David Dennis	Ken Willard

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the agenda be approved as presented. The vote on the motion carried 10-0.

**DISCUSSION OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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With an overview by the Commissioner of present requirements, the Board discussed the state's requirements for graduation. The discussion centered around the state's current requirement of 21 credits to graduate and whether it was sufficient to ensure students were college and career ready upon graduation from high school. Information provided by the Department indicated that nearly 98 percent of high schools in the state require more than the minimum 21 credits to graduate and that the average number of credits required to graduate is 25. As a follow-up for staff, two Board members asked if any information was available about any changes schools requiring 21 credits had made to their graduation requirements and how many students in those schools only took the minimum number of credits.

While many members of the Board expressed a preference for keeping existing graduation requirements the same and continuing to allow local districts the flexibility to increase those requirements, there was concern about how schools handle high school juniors who do not pass the 11th grade assessments for reading and math. Board members indicated a preference for having some assurance that those students were receiving instruction that would help them meet standards in those assessments prior to graduation. Additional items discussed included the potential for a course on college and career readiness that would assist students in making the transition from high school to college or other post-secondary pursuits, and adopting a high school assessment that was more geared to determining college and career readiness.

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The Board took a break from 10:05 and returned at 10:15 a.m.

**BOARD REPORTS**

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**Board member Reports**

Several Board members shared information about recent meetings they had attended. Chairman Dennis noted that the Department General Counsel had attended the NASBE/NCOSEA meeting, but he thought it was important that the Board Attorney attend.

Board Attorney Ferguson indicated he would be happy to attend the annual NCOSEA meeting if the Board so desired. He then updated Board members on his recent activities and the status of several legal matters, including issues at the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind. He noted that there was no decision on the Wright appeal before the Kansas Court of Appeals. He reported that there had been no outcome regarding the KOMA complaint in the Shawnee County District Attorney's office. He indicated that arguments in the Petrella appeal would be heard in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver November 17<sup>th</sup>. He also provided information in the Vick case and reported that Vick's attorney had requested a psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Vick – the time of which might postpone the hearing set for December 5<sup>th</sup>. Questions from Board members resulted in a discussion of bullying and cyber-bullying. Mrs. Cauble suggested it could be a NASBE study group topic and Chairman Dennis suggested that Board members share potential study group topics with NASBE.

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The Board took a break from 11:23 and returned at 11:29 a.m.

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### **BOARD REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

It was requested that time be made on the December agenda for Landon Fulmer to return to discuss proposed new school finance formula. Dr. Chappell would like a discussion of the disproportionate representation of race in suspensions and expulsions. Mrs. Martin asked for a presentation on KPIRC and what can be done to make parents more aware of its services.

**Future Agenda  
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### **VIRTUAL SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**

Board members received the annual report on virtual schools and programs in the state. Mark Evans, chair of the Virtual Advisory Council, shared with Board members information on the growth of the number of virtual schools and program in the state since 2009; the growth in the number of students for the same period; and the improvement in student assessment scores. He also reported on the growth of the number of students in charter schools and the increase in assessment scores for those students. Mr. Evans also reported on the results of a survey of members of charter schools and virtual programs and schools regarding the leadership qualities necessary for success. He pointed out that the results reflected the same qualities necessary in brick and mortar schools.

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Board questions followed. In addition to Mr. Evans, staff member Cherie Nicolson, and virtual school directors Brenda DeGroot and Nicole Haas Williams, and Barbara Shinn, Vice Chair of the Charter School Advisory Committee, participated. It was noted that the growth in virtual school programs was occurring in the central part of the state and the type of students responsible for that increase – whether because of being homeschooled, or by preference or circumstance.

Questions discussed included if there was a necessity for hands on experience in science labs It was explained how those were handled in a virtual classroom, with many offering a face-to-face experience if the student requested it. Board members' concern was expressed about the new graduation rate formula's impact on virtual schools. Judi Miller, Assistant Director of Title Programs and Services, explained that a new coding system for homeschooled students or those from non-accredited private schools who move in and out of virtual schools – or regular schools – are coded differently and not included in the four-year cohort. The cost of educating virtual schools students was also explained.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion which, passed on a 9-0 vote, Mrs. Martin absent. She needed to leave to participate in a webinar before the virtual schools presentation was over. In the Consent Agenda the Board:

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- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Confirmed the appointment of Tamara Brown to the position of Administrative Assistant on the Career, Standards, and Assessment team effective October 16, 2011, at an annual salary of \$25,688.00
- Received the FY 2012 first quarter reports from the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- Appointed Deborah Mohler to represent accredited K-12 nonpublic teachers on the Professional Standards Board to serve for a three year period from November 15, 2011 to June 30, 2014.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee to approve provisional licenses for cases 2706, Perry Bryant; 2716, Zachary Hutcheson; 2726, Susan Cherrington; and 2728, Jerryl Adams; and deny requests in cases 2717, Brandi Stewart; 2724, Lisa Orenstein; 2725, Sarah Kaminski; and 2727, Carrie Biggerstaff.
- Approved licensure waivers for *Adaptive Special Education*: Troy Claycamp and Julie Maxwell, USD 202; Lisa Lower, USD 244; Kelly Glanville, Michael Sauer and Lisa Lauer, USD 253; Kenzi Minks, USD 260; Catherine Johnson, Jacob Kelly, Jennifer Campbell, Meghan Hummer, Andi Hall, Lorrienne Westbrook and Rebecca Warkins, USD 261; Kimberly Hodges, USD 282; Ashley Fischer, Johanna Nutter, Lesa Landauer, Luke Hosler, Zoeann Patrick, Melanie Watson and Helen Gregg, USD 305; Joel Naaf and Samantha Parker, USD 364; Carrie Andrade, USD 383; Eric Hoops, USD 418; Nicole Buckingham, USD 449; Mariah Mercil, Matthew Connell, Abby Piha, Amanda Miner, Bethany Nichols, Destiny Saffer, Kevin Hoff and Marcus Summers, SD 457; Jennifer Walls, USD 475; Christy Martens, Alice Swanson, Dane Parcel and Robert Wilson Jr, USD 480; Tera Pflaum and Veronica Hauptman, USD 489; Ann Eck, Stephanie Cheney, Steven Clark, Amanda Burk, Ann Coen and Carolanne Farley, USD 490; Jana Myers, Amy Cebula, Laura Bosserman and Robyn Payne, D0602; Korenne Grzybowski, Madison Barney, Alyce Gawlas and Jeff Fehr, D0603; April Teeter, Ashley Flaton, Bronwyn Perez, Cara Geyer, Eric Burrows, Janee Porter, Kayla Gollhofer, Kona Errebo, Sarah Scott, Shelli Burrows, Stacy Schang and Teresa Lacock, D0611; Whitney Bowen, Amanda Fleener, Carolyn Walker, Cecilia Hodde, David Losey Jr, Jennifer Baker, Jessica Murphy, Lucinda Faubion, Marcy Lynn, Mary Emery, Pamela Burns, Sharon Stockton, and Tammy Peterson, D0613; Shauna Black, D0618; Aaron Poston, Christopher Prost, Diana Converse, Eric Staab, Tracy Norris and Tyler Cordts, D0620; Gary Pingel and Lindsay Delaney, D0636; Nichole Regan and Jamie Wells, D0637; Kristi Chalk, Constance Martin, Daniel Prost, Ashley Shaw, Jessica Hannebaum, Stephanie Saheb, Breanne Avalos, Joseph Beck, Kenneth Beach, Maggie Scanlon, Nathan Girard, Sarah Frohmborg, Steven Smith, Taron Johnson, Teresa Satchell, Todd Klamm and Ty Collins, D0711; *Deaf or Hard of Hearing*: Heather Greene, D0611; *Early Childhood Special Education*: Ashley Bollinger, Michelle Graff and Tara Davis, USD 253; Kayla Hall, USD 261; Grant Allen, USD 457; Alaina Sill, Kristie Mullins and Nancy Guajardo, USD 480; Kimberly Clinesmith and Ashley Tromsness D0603; Theresa Howard, D0611; Lori Howard, Nola Smith, Kimberly Chaussee and Crystal Hoffman, D0613; Dustin Westbay, D0637; Maricela Cerenil, USD 501; Krickit Ketterl, D0602; *English as a Second Language*: Benjamin Davis, USD 457; *Family and Consumer Science - extension on the number of days under a substitute license*: Kimberly Kasson, USD 212; *Functional Special Education*: Jeremiah Milne, USD 229; Sharon Bush, USD 260; Maria Thompson, USD 418; Lauren Ishman, D0618; *Gifted*: Ashley Madorin, USD 261; Ronald Whited, USD 457; Kristi York, USD 475; Garrett Ridder, Heather Holstein, Jessica Lofquist and Ronald Ewy, D0611; Kelly DeWeese, D0620; *Technology Education - extension on the number of days under a substitute license*: Brennan Engle, USD 212; and *Visual Impaired*: Teri Chaney, USD 418.
- Awarded a subgrant with Southeast Kansas Education Service Center for teacher mentoring for special education with the Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) in an amount not to exceed \$856,500 to run from December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

*Contracts Approved:*

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

- enter into a contract for Kuder, Inc. for Career Development Facilitator certification training for participating

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school staff in the Career Ready Kansas (OVAE - RPOS) The contract will not to exceed \$35,000 and will run from December 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012;

- enter into a contract with Kansas Families and Schools Together, Inc. (KFAST) to serve as parental involvement consultants to the State Personnel Development Grant and migrant family activities, in an amount not to exceed \$112,499.00, with the contract period to be from December 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012;
- enter into a contract with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to administer the Kansas Education Data Research Consortium (KEDUC) Research Scholars program with the length of the contract to be eighteen months beginning November 15, 2011 and which shall not exceed \$100,000 over the eighteen month period;
- enter into a contract with HandsOn Network for the development, deployment and one-year license of HandsOn Connect, a technology-based system for tracking volunteers and volunteer activities, with the contract amount not to exceed \$13,500 and the contract period to run from December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012; and
- enter into contract with the Department of Administration for the purpose of providing architectural and design services for the Department at an hourly rate of \$65 with the contract period for these services to run from October 17, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

#### **ACT ON BOARD TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mrs. Wims-Campbell moved, with a second by Chairman Dennis, that the Board approve the Board travel requests. Before action was taken Chairman Dennis gave members an opportunity to make any additions or corrections. He asked for salary, per diem, and mileage to attend a NGSS meeting in Topeka on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Wims-Campbell needed to add salary, per diem, and mileage for the KSDE convention on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to her travel. Mr. Willard asked to add salary, per diem, and mileage to Topeka on December 7<sup>th</sup> to attend the LEPC meeting. Ms. Storm indicated that two meetings appeared to be duplicates on the report. Mrs. Waugh asked for salary for attending the Milken award presentation on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion to approve carried 9-0. (03:15:44)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:20 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

**LUNCH**  
(03:19:00)

#### **WORK SESSION ON ESEA FLEXIBILITY (WAIVERS)**

In addition to their regular meeting, Board members also conducted a work session on the state's ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) waiver application. The State Department of Education is working to complete a waiver request by the end of January 2012, for submission to the U.S. Department of Education in February 2012. It was the consensus of the Board to use 2010/2011 assessment targets for 2011/2012 testing year; use a blended approach for determining priority, focus and reward schools; and seek input from the field on questions regarding educator evaluation in its waiver request. In addition, follow up for staff included a Board request that progress on the waiver request for be brought to the Board every month. Mrs. Martin asked that the Board be updated on a regular basis on progress of the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium – in much the same manner as the monthly legislative report from Deputy Commission Dennis.

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There being no further business, Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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David Dennis, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary