

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 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	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

After calling the meeting to order and calling the roll, Chairman Wagnon asked all present to stand for recitation the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Mr. Bacon left the room at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Rupe made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Willard provided a second and the motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Bacon absent.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Posny covered several items not contained in her written report. Recognizing that several Board members had received communications from physical education instructors regarding the new regulation that would allow an additional endorsement by successfully passing a content test, she reported that she had prepared a written response and would be happy to respond to the issue for Board members.

Commissioner Posny reported that she had been attending all the USA regional meetings across the state and gave Board members copies of the information she was sharing at the meetings. These items included a one-sheet diagrammatic representation of current initiatives underway to implement the Board goal and objectives. A copy of a letter to the Kansas Health Foundation was included inviting the Foundation to participate in the efforts to recruit and retain high quality teachers in Kansas. The letter contained the action plan for the Teaching in Kansas Commission. Additionally, the implementation plan for the recommendations of the Kansas Educational Leadership Commission and the agenda for an upcoming meeting of the Virtual Education Advisory Council were included.

Commissioner Posny reported on "*Jumpstart Read for the Record*", a national campaign to encourage hundreds of thousands of children and adults to read the same book, **CORDUROY**, on the same day to bring national attention to the importance of early childhood education. The hope is to make the reading events of October 2, 2008, the largest shared reading experience ever. The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is participating in the campaign. Employees have been encouraged to arrange with schools to share this book with children. Dr. Posny also invited the State Board's participation on October 2nd.

Dr. Posny also reported on another reading initiative - Kansas All Book Connect (KS ABC). KSDE, in partnership with Renaissance Learning, is launching a web-based book-searching tool this fall to assist students in finding interesting and appropriate books. The KS ABC initiative consists of tools and services to help educators and parents match books to kids to promote successful reading practices. The website www.kansas.bookconnect.com will be unveiled later this fall.

Commissioner Posny provided additional information regarding the request to increase the contract with Cross and Joftus, LLC, in order to add more schools.. The Commissioner reported that database grant proposal is being prepare and a vendor will be in the application. Naming a vendor will improve chances of a favorable view of the application. The vendor named is the one that will likely be brought to the board for contract approval at a later date if the grant is received.

Mr. Bacon returned at 10:30 a.m.

2007 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING PROGRAM NATIONAL FINALISTS

Karla Denny, Director of Communications and Recognition Programs, introduced the National Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching from Kansas. Carrie Newdigger, Macksville High School, USD 351, received the finalist award in secondary science, and Steven Obenhaus, Olathe North High School, USD 233, received the finalist award in secondary mathematics. They shared some of the innovative strategies they use in mathematics and science instruction to foster student achievement and answered Board members' questions.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

No one was present who wished to address the Board.

The Board took a break from 11:50 to 11:02 a.m.

UPDATES ON BOARD GOAL INITIATIVES

Teaching in Kansas Commission (TKC)

Tom Foster, Director of Standards and Assessment, provided the Board with an update on the activities of the five TKC working groups, e.g. Working Conditions, Salary and Benefits, Regulations/ Data, Teacher Preparation, and Image and Promotion, as presented in the Executive Status Report that had been handed out to Board members. Discussion followed about the charge of the TKC, with Dr. Wagnon expressing concern, echoed by some of the other Board members, about the need to put the focus of student learning at the heart of all the work done by the Commission. After some discussion of the issue, the Commissioner reminded the Board of the narrow mission of the TKC which was an outgrowth of the Kansas Teacher Recruitment and Retention Summit held last November to address teacher shortages and keeping good teachers in the classroom. The Commissioner added that the charge to the Commission could be renewed and expanded to include the teacher preparation concerns that Board members had expressed, but that it was also very important that the tasks identified in the TKC implementation plan were completed. Apart from the discussion about student learning, Mrs. Martin expressed interest in what is being discussed in the meetings of TKC work groups. It was noted that minutes of the work groups were available and posted on the Teacher Education and Licensure webpage.

Kansas Educational Leadership Commission (KELC)

Bill Hagerman, Director of the Innovation and Improvement Team, brought board members up to date on KELC activities. He report included information on the focus of the five design teams organized to implement each of the KELC recommendations. He indicated that a kick-off meeting for the implementation work of the teams will be facilitated by Joe Murphy. It was requested that the date of that meeting be provided to the Board.

Integration of Academics into Career and Technical Education

Mr. Hagerman's report on significant accomplishments in the area of integrating career and academics included, among other things, information that the implementation of the Math in CTE is continuing and that an internal initiative, the Professional Learning Project had recently had a kick-off meeting. One of the goals of the Project is to coordinate KSDE conferences so that they contain strands of each of the Board initiatives, such as MTSS, Integration of Career and Academics, Leadership, etc. in order to educate a broader audience. Mr. Hagerman also updated the Board on several upcoming conferences. The discussion that followed included questions about the Regents' Qualified Admissions requirements. Also discussed were credentials for students that might be the outcome of integrated programs.

At 11:50 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Before continuing with the agenda, Commissioner Posny announced that the NCLB Blue Ribbon Schools had just been announced. The Kansas schools recognized included Beeson Elementary School, USD 443, Dodge City; Lincoln Elementary School, USD 298, Lincoln; Syracuse High School, USD 494 Syracuse; Blue Valley North High School, USD 229 Blue Valley; and Ellsworth Elementary School, USD 327 Ellsworth. Those selected will be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 20-21, 2008.

COMPARISON OF GRADUATION RATE FORMULAS

Commissioner Posny gave a presentation on the various graduation rate formulas in use. The formula used by the report *Diplomas Count* was discussed as were the cohort rate formula, the leaver rate formula (used most often by states), the persistence rate formula, the composite rate formula, the national governor's rate formula, the cumulative promotion rate formula, and the NCLB rate formula. The National Governors' (NGA) Rate formula is being promoted as a way for all states to be fairly compared. In order to use this formula, states must be able to track all students. In Kansas, there will be sufficient data to use the NGA formula in two years. It was requested that Commissioner Posny's PowerPoint presentation be forwarded to the Board in the next Friday Letter.

UPDATE ON MTSS

Colleen Riley, Director of Special Education Services reported on the Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) Symposium which was held September 4th and 5th in Wichita. Over 800 interested parties participated. Christi Whitter, Principal of Madison Elementary School, USD 231, Gardner-Edgerton, described the implementation and success of the MTSS program at Madison.

The Board took a break from 2:25 to 2:43 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2009 SESSION

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed two possible proposals for the State Board's legislative package that had been requested by Chairman Wagnon. The first was moving the location of Board of Education positions on the ballot and the second would amend the law and raise the contribution limit from political committees or persons to state board candidates for each primary and general election. The amount of the increase in the contribution limit was discussed. Dr. Wagnon had suggested that it be raised to \$1,000, the limit for state senators. Mrs. Cauble suggested a higher limit, pointing out that one state board district equaled four senate districts and, in her particular case in District 5, the extra expense of running a campaign over such a wide area of the state.

Mrs. Martin request that four additional issues be considered: increasing scholarships for teachers or loan forgiveness programs; multi-year legislative funding for schools; allowing the state health insurance plan as an option for school districts; and a tax credit for private schooling costs. Deputy Dennis indicated that he believed districts could already participate in the state health plan.

Mr. Dennis also handed out the August and September agendas for the Legislative Educational Planning Committee, the 2010 Commission and the Special Education Funding Task Force. He reported on recent meetings of the groups.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Posny indicated that 12 l., the contract with Cross and Joftus, LLC, needed a modification in the title on the agenda document so that it read: "Act on an addendum to the contract for Cross & Joftus, LLC to increase the number of school districts receiving assistance *up* to seven." Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the State Board approve the consent agenda with the modification requested. The motion carried. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the Monthly Personnel Report for July.
- Confirmed the appointments of Brenda Wilson to the position of Information Technology Operations Manager on the Information Technology team effective August 10, 2008, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Amy Gaither to the position of Applications Developer II on the Information Technology team effective August 11, 2008, at an annual salary of \$52,104.00; and Gary Cortez to the position of User Support Technician II on the Information Technology team effective August 25, 2008, at an annual salary of \$34,444.80.
- Approved school construction plans for USD 343, Perry-Lecompton Public Schools; USD 345, Seaman; USD 394, Rose Hill Public Schools; USD 262, Valley Center Public Schools; USD 493, Columbus; and USD 267, Renwick
- Found that a Plan of Change of the method of election and voting plan for USD 381, Spearville, was not timely filed and denied certification;
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2530, 2538, 2541, and 2543.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Interrelated*: Jessica Wagner, Beloit, USD 273; and Shannon Mason. USD 437, Auburn Washburn.

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- Accepted the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education and granted a Visiting Scholar license for the 2008-2009 school year for Gerald LeValley, Jr. to continue to provide instruction in vocational agriculture, teaching two horticulture courses as a .5 FTE instructor at the Wellington High school.
- Approved the in-service education plan for Hutchinson USD 308.
- Approved the request for an Accreditation Regulation Waiver of (K.A.R.) 91-31-34 (g) Athletic practice, from Wichita County Junior High School.
- Approved Charter School Dissemination grants for Thomas County Academy, Colby USD 315, for Project Connect and the Expand Dissemination Project, each in the amount of \$21,506; Stafford High Charter School, Stafford USD 349, for the Stafford Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center (SEED) Dissemination Project in the amount of \$13,976; and Topeka USD 501 for Hope Street Academy Charter Middle School for the Hope Street Charter Middle School Dissemination Plan and Hope Street Charter Academy for the Hope Street Charter Academy Dissemination Plan, each in the amount of \$21,506.
- Approved a change to the charter petition for the Project Extend Charter High School, El Dorado, USD 490, waiving the use of the lottery system for this year and allowing it to add one additional student.
- Approved QPA Performance Targets for the new history-government and science assessments.
- Approved the recommendations for funding the Title I School Improvement Grants for 2008-2009.
- Approved continuation funding in the amount of \$10,000 each for previously successful Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) as part of the Kansas 21st CCLC Sustainability Project: Coffey County USD 243/244, Wellington USD 353, Solomon USD 393, Pratt, USD 382, Abilene USD 435, and Geary County USD 475.
- Approved continuation funding for the Kansas Middle School After School Activity Advancement Grants for 2008-2009 - *School Districts*: USD 244 Burlington, \$25,000, USD 309 Nickerson, \$16,040, USD 475 Geary County, \$25,000, and USD 497 Lawrence, \$25,000; and *Community/Faith Based organizations*: Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson, \$16,929, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, \$20,251, and Boys & Girls Club of Topeka \$25,000.
- Approved funding for the Kansas After School Enhancement Grants for the 2008-2009 school year - *School Districts*: USD 259 Wichita, \$25,000, USD 413 Chanute, \$18,000, USD 240 Twin Valley, \$13,589, USD 204 Bonner Springs, \$17,224, and USD 373 Newton, \$14,997; and *Community/Faith Based organizations*: Inter-Faith Ministries, \$25,000, Boys & Girls Club of Coffeyville, \$25,000, Valley Heights Area Community Education & Action Council, \$25,000, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, \$16,745, Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson, \$25,000, and Extension Education Foundation, Inc. (Wichita), \$15,000.
- Issued Orders authorizing USD 259, Wichita, USD 336, Holton, USD 361, Anthony-Harper, USD 376, Sterling, USD 441, Sabetha, and USD 457, Garden City, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

Contracts Approved

The State Board reauthorized the *Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf* to enter into a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to continue a hearing aid loan bank with the contract amount received from KDHE not to exceed \$47,000.

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

- enter into a three-year contract with MetaMetrics for the purpose of conducting a research-based study that links the Kansas State Assessment in Reading to the Lexile Framework for Reading, with the contract amount not to exceed \$144,000;
- enter into a three-year contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. for the development of Kansas All Books Connect (Kansas ABC), with the contract amount not to exceed \$80,000.;
- add an addendum to a contract with Cross & Joftus, LLC expand the number of school districts served in providing assistance, support and guidance to districts on improvement, with the additional amount not to exceed \$250,000;
- enter into a contract with Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) to conduct trainings on "Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners," with the contract amount not to exceed \$20,000.
- continue a contract with Research & Training Associates, Inc. (RTA) to complete the evaluation of the Reading First Program with the contract amount not exceed \$146,925;
- enter into a contract with KU Center for Research, Inc., to continue to assist in the research and development of the evaluation design for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program, with the contract amount not to exceed \$54,000.

OTHER

Mrs. Waugh handed out a draft of the Policy Committee's proposed guidelines for new board member orientation that would be discussed at the meeting on Wednesday.

RECESS

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

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

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Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 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	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Posny indicated an error had appeared on the agenda, with two items scheduled for 10:30 a.m. She asked that the report from the schools no longer on improvement be moved to 11:30 and adjournment changed to 12:15 p.m. Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the agenda be modified as requested. The motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Wagnon updated the Board on upcoming activities in which he would be involved.

Legislative Coordinator

Mrs. Gamble presented highlights of the Legislative Post Report on the infusion of additional funding and school performance. She mentioned that it showed the need to address the time lag with assessment results.

Mrs. Gamble also suggested that Board members vote on the items for the legislative package for which they wanted staff to develop options.

- *Moving the location of Board of Education positions on the ballot to appear after statewide offices and before state senators and representatives:* The Board agreed unanimously.
- *An amendment to the law that would raise the contribution limit from political committees or persons to state board candidates for each primary and general election:* The Board agreed unanimously
- *Increasing scholarships for teachers or loan forgiveness programs:* The Board agreed, with Mr. Bacon abstaining.
- *Multi-year legislative funding for schools:* The Board agreed unanimously.
- *Encourage school districts to participate in the state health insurance plan:* The Board agreed unanimously.
- *Tax credits for some of the expenses associated with alternative education:* After discussion that suggested it would reduce revenue to public schools and would open the door to vouchers, the idea failed by a vote of 3-6-1, with Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Gamble, Dr. Wagnon, Mrs. Rupe and Mrs. Waugh voting in opposition and Dr. Abrams abstaining.

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Board Attorney's Report

Mr. Biles reviewed the items in his written report providing additional background on a matter involving the School for Blind and the School for Deaf. The issue relates to the appropriateness for nine-month contract employees of newly-created employee bargaining units. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and approve payment for services for August as presented. The motion carried.

Communications Committee

Mr. Willard passed out notes from a Communications Committee meeting on the NASBE electronic newsletter pilot in which Kansas will be participating. He gave a rundown of the type of items that would be included and suggested that Board members provide e-mail addresses for those they wished to receive it. He also passed out a copy of the first message from the Kansas Board Chairman. In the message the Board's podcasts were mentioned and discussion arose about the difficulty with finding things on the Department's website. Many Board members felt the website needed to be more user friendly. Commissioner Posny agreed. Mrs. Cauble suggested that in the section of the newsletter highlighting good things happening in education in Kansas, the award the Board received for the nine motions regarding integration of academics into career and tech ed programs should be included. Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board adopt the Communication Committee's report. The motion carried.

Other Board Member Reports

Mrs. Rupe shared an article in the KU endowment magazine on the UKanTeach program. She also reported on a meeting she had attended in Manhattan with bankers and school administrators on how financial literacy is being taught in schools. She indicated she would like to see what KSDE is doing to inform schools of legislation requiring that it be taught. Mrs. Rupe also handed out a flyer from the Kansas Council on Economic Education on financial literacy software, **Financial Foundations for Kansas Kids**, that school can receive free of charge. Mrs. Shaver agreed with Mrs. Rupe's conclusion that schools are not addressing the financial literacy standards in any systematic way, if at all.

Dr. Abrams reported that he had been in contact with the CTE community in the Wichita area, the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, the Workforce Alliance and the Career Pipeline and there has been a huge effort to work together to get businesses actively involved. He indicated that a lot of progress has been made and efforts are appearing to be very successful.

Mrs. Martin reported on attending a KASB regional meeting where the Legislative Post Audit report on student performance and funding was discussed. She indicated that of the 71% of funds that had been used for instructional purposes, about 77% had gone to teacher salaries and benefits. Mrs. Martin noted that Kansas was still behind where it should be on what teachers are paid and that she hopes people will recognize that better salaries will attract more talented people to the profession. She had also attended a Learning 1st Alliance meeting where the program, *Where We Stand: America's Schools in the 21st Century*, had been previewed. She shared the date and time of the local PBS station broadcast.

Mr. Willard reported on the silent auction that will be held at the NASBE Annual Meeting. He noted he had spoken with Mr. Bacon about getting a GPS unit from Gramin Industries, but suggested because it was NASBE's 50th anniversary celebration, that Kansas might want to make an additional donation. He indicated that proceeds from the auction would go to the NASBE Foundation with the funds used to help pay for study group expenses.

Mrs. Cauble praised Department staff for the professional quality of the MTSS conference she had attended. Mrs. Gamble echoed her praise.

Requests for Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested at the time.

ACTION ON PROPOSED BOARD POLICY CHANGES

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board adopt the amendment to Board Policy No. 2002 – Board-Staff Linkage, to include a reference to the Commissioner’s position description in evaluating the Commissioner’s performance and presenting the Commissioner’s position description to the Board biennially as part of Board member orientation. The motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Bacon voting “no”.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board approve the inclusion of position descriptions for the Commissioner and the Board Secretary as exhibits in the Policy Manual for convenience and that proposed amendments to the position descriptions be approved. The motion carried 8-2, with Dr. Abrams and Mr. Bacon voting “no”.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board adopt amendments to Board Policy No. 1007 – Governance Process (Subsection A), second and third paragraphs to read as follows:

“If the immediate past chairman is not available, the immediate past vice-chairman, if available and on the Board, shall be the temporary chairman. In the absence of the immediate past chairman and vice-chairman, the Board Member with the most seniority on the Board shall serve as temporary chairman and preside for the purposes specified in paragraph A. ***If the temporary chairman cannot be determined based on seniority because two or more Board Members have the same level of seniority, the temporary chairman will be determined by lot between those Board Members with the most seniority.***”

If the Board reaches an impasse on election of a Board Chairman during its organizational meeting, ***the temporary chairman as determined herein will preside at*** each subsequent meeting of the Board until a Chairman is elected.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board adopt an amendment to Board Policy No. 1007 – Governance Process (Subsection E), with a sentence added to the end of the first paragraph, referring to the Board Secretary, which would read, ***“The Commissioner will provide day-to-day supervision of the secretary with input from the State Board.”*** Further, the third paragraph of subsection E would be amended to read:

“The Board may enter into a contract for services with the State Board attorney for a period of no more than two years. The secretary to the Board shall be evaluated semi-annually during the secretary’s first year of employment. Thereafter, the secretary to the Board ***shall be evaluated by the Commissioner with input from the Board. The Board shall provide input, utilizing the form attached to this policy.*** The Board attorney shall be evaluated annually by the Board in consultation with the Commissioner ***and others,*** utilizing the form attached to this policy. ***The position description for the secretary shall be presented biennially as part of the Board member orientation.***”

Mr. Willard indicated he would vote in opposition to the amendment. He said he had no problem with day-to-day supervision by the Commissioner and could see it as beneficial at times. He noted it would be better to have the day-day supervision handled as an agreement between the Board, the Board Chair and

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the Commissioner, rather than as a policy which might mean giving up Board control over the Board Secretary who is employed for the Board's services. The motion carried 6-4, with Dr. Abrams, Mr. Willard, Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Martin voting "no".

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Shaver, that the Board adopt an amendment to Board Policy No. 1010 – Operation of the State Board of Education (Subsection E) Paragraph E(1)(a) to read as follows:

“A State Board Meeting agenda shall be prepared by the Chairman *and the Vice-chairman* of the State Board *in cooperation with* the Commissioner. Any Member of the State Board may request that an item related to State Board goals be placed on the agenda by submitting a request to the Chairman in advance of the agenda preparation. Any such item shall be placed on the State Board agenda within a reasonable period of time.”

Mr. Bacon indicated he did not see the necessity for the change as it had worked well in practice for as long as he had been on the Board. He added that the Vice Chairman was currently included in the agenda planning meetings. In the event the Chairman would be unavailable for the meeting, the Vice Chairman would understand what had been planned and why. The motion carried 8-2, with Dr. Abrams and Mr. Bacon voting "no".

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board adopt new Procedure B – Conducting Evaluations. The motion carried 7-3, with Mr. Willard, Mr. Bacon and Dr. Abrams, voting "no".

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board approve the proposed procedure for identifying Guidelines with Roman Numerals and Procedures with letters and referencing them in the appropriate policy. The motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the evaluation forms for the Commissioner, Board Secretary, and Board Attorney be included in the Policy Book as exhibits for convenience. The motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Bacon voting "no".

Mrs. Waugh explained that the Policy Committee had prepared *Procedure A - Board Member Orientation*. It had been given to Board members before the meeting recessed on Tuesday. She indicated the Committee would bring it back for a vote in October, as per Board policy. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Jana Shaver, that the State Board suspend the rules and immediately adopt Procedure A, as provided in Board Policy 1003. The motion carried 7-3, with Mr. Willard, Dr. Abrams and Mr. Bacon voting in opposition.

Dee Lieber, General Counsel indicated that if Board members would bring their Policy Books to the Department, her office would be happy to update them.

The Board took a break from 10:25 until 10:32 a.m.

LIST OF SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS NOT MAKING ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

Diane DeBacker, Deputy Commissioner of Learning and Innovative Services, presented to the Board the list of districts and schools which did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). She first reviewed the definition of AYP, this year's and next year's targets in math and reading; and who participates in the state assessments. To make AYP all students and all disaggregated student groups must meet or exceed the annual performance targets in reading and math; have at least 95% of students participate; meet the graduation rate for high school, or the attendance rate for K-8 schools.

For the 2007-08 school year, 90% of the state's public schools and 92% of districts made AYP, with the targets for mathematics and reading steadily increasing since 2002. This compares with 89% of public schools and districts making AYP last year and 84 % the previous year. Student achievement continues to rise in Kansas. Mrs. DeBacker said she had trend data that she would share with the Board in October. Mrs. Gamble asked for the number of charter schools on the list of those not making AYP.

REPORTS FROM TWO SCHOOLS NO LONGER ON IMPROVEMENT

Four Title 1 schools came off the improvement list this year. Representatives from three of them, Junction City Middle School, USD 475 Geary County; Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center and Charles Stones Intermediate Center, USD 457 Garden City, shared their experiences in moving their Title 1 schools off improvement. Presenters from USD 475 included Superintendent Ron Walker, Dr. Ferrell Miller, principal of Junction City Middle School, and Wanda Buckland, Brandi Lundgren, and Jeanette Bowen, teachers at the school. Board member Daphne Maxwell was also in attendance. Representatives from USD 457 included Assistant Superintendent Dr. Shelly Kiblinger, Principal Barb Hauschild, Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center, and Principal Janet Smith, Charles Stones Intermediate Center.

STATE BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Mrs. Martin asked to add the 2010 Commission meeting on September 12th to her travel requests. Mrs. Gamble asked to add the Special Education Task Force meeting on September 22nd, the Assessment Conference October 20th – 21st, and *Jumpstart Read for the Record* on October 2nd to her travel requests. Mrs. Rupe also wanted to add the Jumpstart program to her travel. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe that the travel requests be approved as amended. The motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Wagnon asked for a discussion of the teacher vacancy report. Dr. Abrams asked about the SIOP program for English language learners and for literacy acquisition which was mentioned by the Garden City school district. It prompted a discussion about teacher preparation programs and how teacher preparation institutions are keeping up with the latest in best practices. Dr. Abrams asked for further discussion about the teacher preparation issue at a future Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Bill Wagnon, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary

