KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 1996

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathleen White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 1996 in the board room of the Kansas State Board of Education in Topeka.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman White added to new business: discussion of the state board's role in light of proposals by the Speaker of the House concerning its elimination; and a recognition ceremony for outgoing board members. Dr. Abrams pulled from the consent agenda item g. on the Community Service Consolidated Plan. Mrs. Morrison moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Gilmore, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Musick moved approval of the November 12-13 minutes as distributed; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried.

RECOGNITION: Kansas Teacher of the Year and

Kansas Superintendent of the Year

Commissioner Tompkins introduced the two guests for whom the Board gave a standing ovation: Dr. Ron Wimmer and Ms. Nancy R. McRoberts. Ms. McRoberts described her experiences teaching Family and Consumer Science at Olathe North High School, specifically mentioning the teen parent program she started. Dr. Wimmer described accomplishments within the Olathe district where he has spent his career as an administrator. Each person responded to questions from the Board members.

Chairman White called a ten-minute break at 10:50 a.m. At 11:00, she opened the Citizens' Open Forum. No one appeared to speak. Mrs. White closed the Forum at 11:01 a.m.

ACCREDITATION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Discussion of Proposal

Dr. Sharon Freden, assistant commissioner of Learning Services, introduced Mr. Charles Jedele, President of the Kansas Association of Non-Public Schools. He and Mr. Bob Voboril, superintendent of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, asked the State Board to consider alternative state accreditation for schools whose accreditation is recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation. Dr. Charles O'Malley, executive director of the National Council for Private School Accreditation, explained the kind of assistance that his council can provide in the area of accreditation for private schools. Chairman White requested more information from the Kansas Association, in preparation for further discussion.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD: Appointment

Mr. Ken Bungert, Team Leader of Certification and Teacher Education, presented the recommendation for appointment, and responded to questions. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board of Education appoint Dr. Milt Pippenger, superintendent of Garden City Public Schools, to replace Dr. Sandra Terril on the Teaching and School Administration Professional Standards Advisory Board as a representative for the district school administrators; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman White called a lunch break at 12:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:30.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS NETWORK

Mr. Ken Gentry, Team Leader of Program Support Services, reviewed the history of the Healthy Schools Network, an initiative of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Fifteen states are now members. The focus is on interagency collaboration for the purpose of providing school health education. Participating groups in Kansas include: the Department of Health and Environment, the Koch Crime Commission, the Attorney General's Office, Social and Rehabilitation Services, local schools, higher education, health foundations, and the State Department of Education. Mr. Gentry reported that the Kansas committee, recently named "Healthy Children, Ready Learners Council," developed a mission statement and a work plan during a December session with staff from NASBE. Mr. Gentry asked the Board to appoint a representative in January, noting that Mrs. Hubbell and Mrs. White previously worked with the Healthy Schools initiative.

Mr. Gentry introduced Dr. Darrel Lang, a health specialist in the Outcomes Education Team, and Ms. Joyce Markendorf, school health consultant with Department of Health and Environment. Dr. Lang addressed the issue of comprehensive school health education which includes nutrition; family life; personal health; environmental health; injury prevention and safety; consumer and community health; tobacco, alcohol and other drug issues; individual growth and development; and communicable and chronic diseases. Ms. Markendorf reported Kids Count data from 1996 about health issues and discussed the questions she most often receives at the Department of Health and Environment. Each participant responded to questions from the Board. It was agreed that the Chairman should appoint someone to the Council in January.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Freden presented recommendations of individual performance levels in response to a legislative directive, but also suggested that the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation conduct a study related to setting individual student standards of excellence in the mathematics, reading and writing components of the state assessments. Mr. Gragert moved that the State Board tentatively adopt the recommended individual student standards of excellence in mathematics, reading and writing as presented by staff on the attached memorandum; seconded by Mrs. McMillon, and the motion carried on a 6 to 4 vote. Voting "no" were Dr. Abrams, Mrs. Specht, Mrs. Morrison, and Mr. Gilmore.

COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSITIONAL APARTMENT PROGRAM: State School for the Blind

Mr. Bill Daugherty, superintendent of the School for the Blind, presented the recommendation for an independent living arrangement for two residential students at a time. He discussed the location of the apartment, the rules of behavior that will be required, and the educational model they are using. He responded to questions from Board members. Mr. Rundell moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Kansas State School for the Blind's community-based transitional apartment program; seconded by Mr. Musick, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

EVALUATION REVIEW COMMITTEE: recommendations

Mr. Ken Bungert, Team Leader of Certification and Teacher Education, presented recommendations concerning eleven teacher education programs, and responded to questions.

Mr. Gragert moved approval of each recommendation of the Evaluation Review Committee; seconded by Mr. Rundell, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The motion included these actions:

- A one-year extension of "provisional approval" status for Tabor College through June 30, 1998 for the Speech Communications program;
- Approved status for three programs at Pittsburg State University: Middle-Level Industrial Technology, Foreign Language elementary level in French and Spanish; and Foreign Language secondary level in French and Spanish;
- A one-year extension of "provisional approval" status for two programs at Pittsburg State University through June 30, 1998: Adaptive Physical Education (undergraduate level) and Early Childhood Education (graduate level);
- A one-year extension of "provisional approval" status for Southwestern College through June 30, 1998 for the Mathematics program;
- A one-year extension of "provisional approval" status for MidAmerica Nazarene College through June 30, 1998 for the Computer Studies program;
- Permission granted to the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas for their students in categorical special education to complete their program under the specified stipulations until May 31, 1999;
- Approval status granted to 16 programs at Benedictine College through December 31, 2000:

Computer Studies, French, Latin, Spanish, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science, Physics, Social Studies, Journalism, Special Education, Health, Mathematics, Music, and Building Administrator (graduate); and "approved with stipulation" status for 6 programs through June 30, 1998: Elementary Education, English, Physical Education, Drama, Psychology, and Computer Studies (graduate);

- "Continuing accreditation" status for Saint Mary College through December 31, 2000;
- Approval of 13 programs at Kansas Wesleyan University through December 31, 2001: Elementary Education, Art, English, Health, Physical Education, U.S. History/World History/U. S. Government, Spanish, Mathematics, General Mathematics, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics; and granted "approved with stipulation" status for 3 programs: Speech Communication, Drama, and Computer Studies;
- Granted "approved with stipulation" status for the new school social worker program at Washburn University through June 30, 1998;
- Approved 13 programs at Friends University through December 31, 2000: Computer Studies, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Foreign Language - Spanish, Mathematics, Music, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Social Studies, Psychology, Business Education, Physical Education; and granted "approved with stipulations" status for 3 programs through June 30, 1998: Art, English and Health.
- Granted "approved with stipulation" status for the new building administrator graduate program at Kansas Newman College through June 30, 1998.

SCHOOL SAFETY REPORT

Dr. Ann Harrison, Team Leader of Planning, Research and Evaluation, presented the data collected in response to the 1995 School Safety and Security Act concerning crimes occurring in or on school property or at school-supervised activities.

Chairman White called a five-minute break at 3:12 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, reviewed the legislative brochure with the Board members for final comment. He then discussed committee assignments to legislative committees, and reviewed the Board's budget appeal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Abrams indicated that his questions had been answered. Mr. Rundell moved approval of the entire consent agenda; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION TAKEN IN CONSENT AGENDA

- Received monthly personnel report.
- Approved school construction plans: Halstead USD 440, Shawnee Mission USD 512 (two), Lawrence USD 497, Cheney USD 268, Ottawa USD 290, and Vermillion USD 380.
- Confirmed the appointment of, and established the salary for, Angela D'Attilio-Pabst to an unclassified special project position.

Approved The Learning Consortium Educational Cooperative Interlocal Agreement (Hesston), involving USD's 411, 419, 423 and 460.

- Approved the Quality Performance Accreditation waiver request from the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- Approved the inservice education plan from Argonia USD 359.
- Acted on the Kansas Unified State Plan on Community Service and Volunteerism.
- Issued certificates of approval to these proprietary schools: U.S. Dent, Inc. in Olathe; Office Edge Learning Center in Fairway, Kansas; Eugene D. Brown Company in Overland Park; Metropolitan Kansas City Board of Realtors; Midwestern Real Estate Institute in Leavenworth; American Institute of Baking in Manhattan; Sterling Gaines & Karen S. Gaines School of Court Reporting in Overland Park; and American Airlines Travel Academy in Fort Worth.
- Issued a 1997 license to these commercial driving training schools: Cyr's Driving School, Inc. in Wichita; Drive-Right School of Wichita; Hyplains Driving School, Inc. in Garden City; Kansas Driving School, Inc. in Overland Park; Little Apple Driving School, Inc. in Manhattan; Midwest Driving Schools in Lawrence and Topeka; Royal Driving School in Salina; Swartz Driving Academy in Leavenworth; Topeka Driving School; Twin City Driver Education in Overland Park; Varsolona Driving School in Frontenac; and Wichita Collegiate School.
- Received the fiscal year 1996 report on Kansas Vocational Education Performance.
- Approved a grant for a Kansas Internship involving a teacher at Northeast Kansas Area Technical School.
- Approved the transfer of the Associate Degree Nursing Program in Hays from Barton County Community College to North Central Kansas Technical College to begin Spring, 1997.
- Rescheduled the public hearing on the proposed amended general education development (GED) regulation 91-10-2 for February 11, 1997 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in the State Board Room.
- Issued orders granting these districts authority to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: Elk Valley USD 283, Marmaton Valley USD 256, Uniontown USD 235, South Brown County USD 430, and Axtell USD 488.
- Approved the request from Gelmis Cole to teach Spanish as a visiting scholar for Parsons USD 503 during the 1996-97 school year.
- Approved the procedures and criteria as submitted for the 1997-98 School Breakfast Program Waivers.
- Received preliminary review of the fiscal year 1997 Summer Food Service Program Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Role of the State Board of Education

Chairman White recommended that she and the Vice Chairman and the Legislative Coordinator seek an appointment with the Speaker of the Kansas House, the President of the Senate, and the Governor in order to clarify recent statements about the role of the State Board of Education. She asked the Board for approval to proceed. Members discussed how they might respond to public statements of this nature. It was agreed that the State Board's leadership should meet with the stated officials as discussed.

B. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members.

Mrs. Morrison assumed the role of chairman and introduced each of the four outgoing Board members who were recognized for their service. Mrs. McMillon thanked Mrs. Armbruster for her service, and Dr. Tompkins awarded her a certificate of appreciation. Mrs. White recognized the service of Mr. Gragert, and Dr. Tompkins presented to him a plaque. Mr. Rundell recognized the service of Mr. Musick, and Dr. Tompkins presented to him a plaque with gavel, as a former chairman. Mrs. Specht recognized the service of Mrs. White, and Dr. Tompkins awarded her a plaque with gavel.

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Chairman White called a recess for the day at 5:00 p.m.

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Kathleen White, Chairman Joy Simpson, Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathleen White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 1996 in the board room of the Kansas State Board of Education in Topeka.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. McMillon asked to add a report about the Education Commission of the States. Mr. Gragert moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Mrs. Morrison, and the motion carried.

STUDY SESSION: Training Needs for the Present and Future Workforce

Mr. Ferman Marsh, assistant commissioner of Lifelong Learning, introduced the study session and participants. Ms. Candy Shively, Deputy Commissioner, Income Maintenance/Employment Preparation Services in the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, reviewed the components of the new welfare reform law. Dr. Charles Krider, Institute for Public Policy and Business Research at The University of Kansas, presented his research concerning the needs of employers in Kansas, a study conducted for Kansas, Inc. Dr. Charles Warren, President of Kansas, Inc., outlined a strategic plan for economic development. Participants then formed a panel and responded to a variety of questions from Board members.

APPROVAL OF BOARD TRAVEL

Members added several requests: Mrs. McMillon requested salary, mileage and per diem on December 3 - 4 to the conference of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee. Mr. Gilmore and Mrs. McMillon requested salary and mileage for the legislative tour at the Kansas State School for the Deaf on December 17. Mrs. McMillon requested salary and mileage for a meeting of the Community Service Board on December 12. Dr. Abrams requested a correction regarding the Cowley County Community College legislative forum. The correct date is January 9. Mr. Gragert requested per diem for attending the meeting of the Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education on January 7. Mr. Rundell moved approval of the requests for Board travel as amended; seconded by Dr. Abrams, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Mrs. White discussed governance issues before the Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education and asked the Board if it supported the position of codifying the Joint Committee on Governance. Following discussion, members generally indicated that they favor retaining the current arrangement between the State Board of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents, or would favor codifying the Joint Committee on Governance, though not as strongly.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOARD ATTORNEY

Mr. Dan Biles reported on current litigation. Mrs. Morrison moved that the State Board pay Mr. Biles for services and expenses in his capacity as Board Attorney, according to his itemized statement; seconded by Mrs. Specht, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tompkins briefly reviewed his written monthly report to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Kathleen White, Chairman Joy Simpson, Secretary