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Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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| Betty Arnold | Ben Jones |
| Jean Clifford | Ann Mah |
| Michelle Dombrosky | Jim McNiece |
| Melanie Haas | Jim Porter |
| Deena Horst | Janet Waugh |

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

Chairman Porter read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Kansans Can Vision Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Porter asked to vote on consent agenda items d, f and j separately per Mrs. Dombrosky’s request. Additionally, he stated there was a typo on Consent Agenda item “d” as it should reference HB 2466 and not 2266. Under the Chair Report, there will need to be a correcting motion to the graduation requirements that were approved in November. Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the day’s agenda as amended. Dr.Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9 AND 10 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the November 9 and 10 regular Board meeting. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson’s began his monthly report sharing what the top ten largest and the top ten smallest districts currently are. However, regardless of the size of district, there are gains that need to happen. There are 100 Kansas districts with 40% or more of their students scoring in Level 1 on the science state assessment, Watson said. There are 53 districts with 40% or more of their students scoring in Level 1 on the English language arts assessment, and there are 53 districts with

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40% or more of their students scoring in Level 1 on the math state assessment. Actions the State Board can take in future include establishing clear goals for local school boards to discuss monthly, and establishing clear, measurable goals to monitor at the state level monthly and yearly to advance movement in academic achievement, chronic absenteeism and perseverance.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:32 a.m. There was only one speaker this month, Sherri Schwanz with the topic of the Interstate Teaching Mobility Pact. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:36 a.m.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ben Proctor began the discussion with the performance level descriptors for the state assessments: Level 1 – Limited, Level 2 – Basic, Level 3 – Effective, and Level 4 – Excellent. He reiterated Dr. Watson's previous comments about the importance of moving students out of Level 1 and shared that one of the things necessary to do so is to have a balanced assessment system that includes formative tools, interim assessments and summative assessments.

SUNFLOWER SUMMER 2023/2024

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Janine Hron, associate director for KU's Center for Public Partnerships & Research, and Michael Koonce, director, administrative services at Greenbush, told Board members that the 2023 summer will be the last for the Sunflower Summer Program. The 2023 Sunflower Summer Program will include more venues, special events and day camps. The program will begin on Memorial Day 2023 and go through Aug. 6. There is about \$3.5 million remaining for the program. The total cost for the program for the first year was about \$1 million. The second-year cost about \$2.8 million. The program is being funded by federal COVID-19 money to offer summer enrichment activities for Kansas students.

ACTION ON 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Board members and legislative liaisons Deena Horst and Ben Jones led the final discussion on the 2023 legislative priorities that were proposed in November. The discussion will continue during the second day of the meeting (December 14, 2022) with action.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LICENSURE REGULATIONS K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204, and 91-1-209

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Mr. Porter opened the public hearing at 1:35 p.m. He noted that there will not be a vote tomorrow as originally planned but instead will happen on the second day of the Board meeting in January. Shane Carter, Director of Licensure, opened the hearing by giving a summary of the changes to the regulations that are up for approval. Board Member-Elect Danny Zeck presented written testimony as did Virginia Macha. The hearing was declared closed at 2:40 p.m.

ACTION ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

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During the State Board meeting in November, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on one system that was ready for review of an accredited status recommendation. The system that was received by the Board in November is USD 377 Atchison County. Jay Scott brought this one system back to the Board for action. Dr. Horst made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to the system presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIPT OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

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The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended an accredited status for the next three systems awaiting recommendation. Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the three public systems and one private system. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in January 2023. The systems that were received by the Board in December are USD 308 Hutchinson, USD 343 Perry and USD 463 Udall.

STUDENT SHOWCASE – BLUE VALLEY CAPS

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The Director of the Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program, Chad Ralston and three CAPS students presented to the Board information on the program and the students' individual projects. Blue Valley was the initiator of nationally recognized, innovative high school programs that have grown into the CAPS Network of schools. CAPS is an example of how business, community and public education can partner to produce personalized learning experiences that educate the workforce of tomorrow, especially in high skill, high demand jobs.

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM UP-CLOSE

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Kansas Department of Education's Dr. Robyn Kelso and the Kansas Parent Information Resource Center's Dr. Jane Groff and Tamara Huff presented detailed information on the problem of chronic absenteeism. Kelso defined chronic absenteeism as missing 10% or more of school days for any reason – both excused and unexcused – and discussed the ripple effect of these absences. She also suggested items that districts can influence and strategies they can implement to help curb this growing problem. Groff and Huffman believe the many reasons students are absent can be grouped into four broad categories: barriers, negative school experiences, lack of engagement and misconceptions. They gave examples of each category with examples of strategies for overcoming them.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: INTERIM COMMITTEES REPORT

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Deputy Commissioner Dr. Craig Neuenswander gave a legislative update to the Board. He discussed recommendations from the interim committee concerning special education funding options.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERSTATE TEACHING MOBILITY COMPACT

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The Interstate Teaching Mobility Compact (ITMC) is a legally binding agreement among member states to create an agreed-upon regulatory framework for teacher reciprocity. The goal of the Compact is to speed up the application process for licensees moving across state lines and to reduce the time and resources spent by licensing agencies in processing certain applications.

ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

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Assistant Director Doug Bodine reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, which included 6 ESSER II change requests totaling \$3.8 M. As for ESSER III, USD 111 Doniphan was previously conditionally approved by the State Board has now been fully approved after meeting stakeholder consultation requirements. 13 new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value of \$19M. There are 8 ESSER III change requests this month totaling \$24.6M.

Mrs. Arnold moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER II change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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Dr. Horst moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER III expenditure plans as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 a, b, c, e, g, h, i, k, and l. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

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- Receive monthly personnel report.
- Act on personnel appointments to unclassified position(s).
- Authorize out-of-state tuition contracts for students attending the Kansas School for the Deaf.
- Act to approve proposed amendment to the Holton Special Education Cooperative Agreement.
- Act on recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for higher education program approval.
- Act on recommendations for licensure waivers.
- Act on appointments of new members to the Special Education Advisory Council.
- Act on request from USD 216, Deerfield, for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid.
- Act on request from USD 216, Deerfield, to hold a bond election.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to vote consent items 19 d, f and j as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Dr. Horst moved to approve consent agenda items 19 d, f and j. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. In this action, the Board:

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- Act on request to initiate contract bid process for the computer science professional development as required by HB 2246.
- Act to approve proposed renewal of the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (Greenbush) Agreement.
- Act to enter process for procuring services needed to implement the IDEA State Personnel Development Grant award for School Mental Health.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Action on Amendments to the Graduation Year that New Graduation Requirements will take effect —
Mrs. Waugh moved that the Kansas State Board of Education amend the graduation requirements approved on November 10, 2022 to become effective with the Spring graduation class of 2028. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Action on Board Travel —

Mr. McNiece moved to approve travel requests and updates. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Committee Reports —

There were no committee reports this month.

Board Attorney's Report —

There was not a report from the Board Attorney this month.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

There were no requests for future agenda items this month.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:42 p.m. until 9 a.m. Thursday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, December 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

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| Betty Arnold | Ben Jones |
| Jean Clifford | Ann Mah |
| Michelle Dombrosky | Jim McNiece |
| Melanie Haas | Jim Porter |
| Deena Horst | Janet Waugh |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Porter requested that the action on licensure regulations item be removed from the days agenda and be postponed until the January meeting. He also requested that there be time to discuss and have action on legislative priorities added to today's agenda. Mr. Jones moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECOGNITION OF BEN CUTLER AND THE NEODESHA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Board recognized Mr. Ben Cutler who through a generous gift to Neodesha USD #461 created the Neodesha Promise Scholarship Program. In addition to recognizing Mr. Cutler for his contribution to the Neodesha community, Juanita Erickson, Superintendent of Neodesha USD #461, and Rebekah Peitz, Neodesha Promise Administrator and USD #461 College Academic Coach provided information on the program.

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DISTRICT SHOWCASE - CHENEY USD #268

David Grover, superintendent of Cheney USD 268, Greg Rosenhagen, principal of Cheney High School, and Nichole Hendrickson, college and career director for Cheney High School, gave a presentation to State Board members about how the district has increased its postsecondary effectiveness rate and how they're working to sustain that growth.

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RECEIPT OF KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS STATEWIDE DUAL CREDIT AGREEMENT

Daniel Archer, Vice-President of Academic Affairs for the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), attended the meeting to discuss a statewide dual credit agreement. The goal of the agreement is to implement

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a uniform statewide agreement on how some college credits are applied to high school graduation requirements. Systemwide transfer courses have equivalent outcomes and transfer to all public postsecondary institutions offering those courses. A standard application of systemwide transfer courses toward high school graduation requirements, regardless of where students live or which district they attend, affirms equitable results for all. The State Board and KBOR will continue to work together on the agreement.

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CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES WITH ACTION

Discussion led by Board members Dr. Deena Horst and Mr. Ben Jones continued and Chairman Porter moved to accept the priorities as follows:

Academic support efforts

The State Board of Education supports the goal of moving toward providing the first 12 postsecondary credit hours, tuition-free, during high school.

Health and safety issues

The State Board also supports the following:

The ongoing work and recommendations of the School Mental Health Advisory Council, including, but not limited to, bullying prevention; efforts for suicide prevention and awareness; and child abuse and neglect program.

Support for expanded funding for Safe and Secure Schools grant to meet demand.

The legislative recommendations of the School Bus Stop Arm Violation Committee.

The efforts to reduce human trafficking in Kansas.

All efforts to reduce the opioid epidemic in Kansas, including making fentanyl test strips legal.

The ongoing work of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee.

Funding issues

The State Board supports the following:

The recommended funding levels approved by the Kansas Supreme Court.

Education public funds being provided to only public schools.

Following state statute and moving toward funding 92% of the excess cost of special education.

Continued coordination and investment in career and technical education programs that are aligned to workforce needs.

Of opportunities to expand early childhood and kindergarten readiness.

Of funding transportation of students in all unsafe situations, regardless of mileage.

Meeting student needs

The State Board supports the following:

The concept of public-private partnerships with business and industry to allow for internships, mentoring, etc.

Legislation that requires that the State Board of Education and the legislature work together to monitor the success of the Foster Child Report Card.

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Education policy governance

The State Board supports recognition of the following:

The constitutional authority given to the State Board of Education, the Kansas Legislature and the governor.

The governance responsibilities assigned to the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA).

The authority of local boards of education.

The Kansas State Board of Education looks forward to working with the Legislature on initiatives proven to mold a successful Kansas high school graduate including academic preparation, kindergarten readiness, social-emotional learning, individualized plan of study and civic engagement," the Board document states. "Working together, Kansans Can lead the world in the success of each student.

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Mr. McNiece seconded and the motion carried 9-0-1.

CLOSING REMARKS BY DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

At the conclusion of the official Board business, Chairman Porter gave departing Board members Janet Waugh, Jean Clifford and Ben Jones the opportunity make a final statement. He then handed the gavel to Janet Waugh, who has been serving in the capacity of Vice-Chair and is the longest serving Kansas State Board of Education board member (24 years), so that she could adjourn her final meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Waugh adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is January 10 and 11, 2023.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary