KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. April 16, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. The State Board met on an irregular Thursday-Friday schedule this month.

ROLL CALL
All members were present:
John Bacon                      Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch                     Jim Porter
Carolyn Wims-Campbell           Steve Roberts
Sally Cauble                    Janet Waugh
Deena Horst                     Ken Willard

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman McNiece read the Board Mission Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA
Chairman McNiece announced the following changes to the day's agenda: addition of Item 16 Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, addition of Item 17 “Act to issue a Notice of Intent to Non-Renew Contract of a Kansas State School for the Blind teacher,” and a status change on Item 10 from Action to Discussion only. Mr. Porter requested a separate vote on Consent Agenda Item 15 “d” for approval of state pre-kindergarten program grants. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts opposed.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the March Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Interim Commissioner Brad Neuenswander reported that work continues with researchers at K-State to organize information gathered during the Community Conversation tours. He provided numbers on participant attendance and constituency representation at each site. In an effort to obtain more input from business and industry, additional meetings with several Chambers of Commerce are being planned. A tentative schedule was distributed. In other highlights, Mr. Neuenswander:
• updated members on Congressional work toward reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and shared a printout comparison of the current law with proposed bills;
• reported on a meeting with congressmen, President Obama and other chief state officers while he was in D.C. for the CCSSO conference;
• provided a three-year timeline of learning services initiatives, including work on accreditation, assessments and standards;
• announced his selection as part of the U.S. delegation to meet with education leaders in China this May.
CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:25 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Dr. Paul Adams, Fort Hays State University — work of residency programs to fill teacher shortages, particularly in elementary education; Ken Weaver, Emporia State University—concerns with Innovative Districts’ proposal to decrease licensure standards; Tammy Bartels, Kansas PTA — concerns with Innovative Districts’ proposal to alter teacher licensure requirements; Dr. Shane Kirchner, Kansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education — concerns with Innovative District’s proposal to modify licensure; Nancy Damron, MidAmerica Nazarene University — encouraging input of education preparation program deans and unit heads in solving teacher shortages; Eric Magette, KNEA/Eudora teachers — opposition to Innovative Districts’ proposal on licensure; Kate Thompson, KNEA — opposition to Innovative Districts’ proposal on licensure; Dayna Richardson, Kansas Learning First Alliance — importance of professional learning and community engagement; Nancy Boltz, Kansas Learning First Alliance — importance of licensed teachers to school accreditation; Ethel Edwards, Topeka — opposition to Innovative Districts’ proposal on licensure; Alvin Peters, KNEA — concerns with Innovative Districts’ proposal on licensure; Joan Bolt, Kansas Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance — “Read to Play” program; Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) — increasing financial literacy for Kansas students; Mark Tallman, KASB — support for flexibility within Innovative Districts’ licensure proposal; Gwen Landever, Professional Standards Board — opposition to Innovative Districts’ licensure proposal; Terry Collins, Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators — update on Emergency Safety Interventions; Harry McDonald, Olathe — opposition to Innovative Districts’ proposal for licensure; Jill Jones, Emporia State University — importance of content knowledge and pedagogy in the classroom; Nikki Meier, Topeka — concerns with Innovative Districts’ specialized certificates; Kirk Fast, Ozawkie — alternative licensing and value of statewide listening tours; Dave Trabert, Kansas Policy Institute — school employment reporting. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 11:30 a.m.

BREAK

The Board took a break until 11:40 a.m.

KANSAS MTSS EXTERNAL EVALUATION REPORT

An external evaluation measuring the statewide implementation of Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) for the past four years has been completed. The purpose was to assess progress and provide information to KSDE for improving and sustaining MTSS at the school, district and state levels. The organization conducting the evaluation was WestEd, a national nonpartisan, nonprofit research, development and service agency. Kristin Reedy and Natalie Lacireno-Paquet, project co-directors from WestEd, presented specifics of their findings that addressed scope, implementation, student outcomes, infrastructure and sustainability. They also discussed the alignment of college and career ready standards to MTSS and identified challenges.

LUNCH

At 12:43 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:45 p.m.

COALITION OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICTS’ REPORT

The Coalition of Innovative Districts Board is required to report twice a year to the State Board of Education and once to the legislature on the status of the Innovative Districts’ efforts. Dr. Randy Watson, Superintendent of McPherson USD 418 and the first Coalition Chair, explained that six innovative districts have become part of the Coalition since the law went into effect. They are USD 333, USD 418, USD 229, USD 500, USD 210 and USD 364. He provided a timeline summary of year one and reviewed success indicators, noting that the goal is to raise success of students as they leave high school. Two members of the Coalition Board shared about work in their districts. Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent of Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, spoke about USD 500’s Diploma Plus program. Bill Mullins, Superintendent of Marysville USD 364, reported on his district’s goals, including more career and technical offerings. The three presenters then answered Board members’ questions.
DISCUSSION ON COALITION OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICTS’ RECOMMENDATION
Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent of USD 500 Kansas City Kansas, gave an overview of the Coalition Board’s proposal for a Specialized Teaching Certificate that Coalition of Innovative Districts could issue to individuals in their school districts. These individuals could be hired as non-licensed professional employees or licensed professional employees authorized to teach in areas outside of their area of licensure. She explained that the intent is not to hire less qualified professionals, but to recruit and hire professionals who will make the most impact on student learning and future success. Examples of how the Specialized Certificate could be used were given. A time for questions and answers followed. No action was taken.

The Board took a break until 3:07 p.m.

IMPLEMENTATION OF KCCR SCIENCE STANDARDS QUARTERLY UPDATE
Education Program Consultant Matt Krehbiel addressed the Board through a virtual presentation from Chicago. He updated them on science standards implementation activity occurring since his last report, particularly the work with districts on course mapping and course sequencing at the middle school and high school levels. He announced that there will be a Kansas Excellence in Math and Science Teaching Conference June 22-24 in Hutchinson.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE
In their presentation, Dr. Scott Smith and Beth Fultz from KSDE reported on operational testing progress for this spring’s assessments, the scoring process, and a typing study conducted by the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) which observed if typing at third grade level interfered with a student’s ability to respond to writing prompts. Overall, there have been no issues with bandwidth, connectivity or cyberattacks. Mrs. Fultz then reviewed the process for establishing the standard setting panels for state assessments in English language arts and mathematics. Recommendations on “cut scores” are expected to be presented to the Kansas State Board of Education in August. General information about assessments and any issues being addressed can be viewed at www.ksassessments.org.

RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING
KSDE Consultant Kent Reed presented the draft of the Kansas Curricular Standards for School Counseling to the Board for review. The 2006 standards, which were scheduled for revision, now align with changes in the academic, career development, and social-emotional domains. The revision committee was comprised of Kansas K-12 and higher education representatives. Two committee members Dr. Ken Hughey from Kansas State University and Roseanne Haberman, Past President of the Kansas Counseling Association and recent KCA Hall of Fame inductee, assisted with the presentation. The State Board will vote on the Kansas Curricular Standards for School Counseling in May.

The Board took a break until 4:17 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reviewed the status of several bills pertaining to education that could be addressed when the Legislature reconvenes at the end of April. He distributed a comparison of school district finances for fiscal years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 as affected by the proposed block grant program. Mr. Dennis responded to questions. He reminded Board members of the scheduled May 7 hearing with the Shawnee County District Court on K-12 finance issues. In other news, Mr. Dennis:

- presented a proposed amendment to House Bill 2135 (appropriation bill) that includes vendor specifications regarding the Kansas reading success program. The State Board will select the vendor based on the legislature’s specifications.
discussed briefly concerns with the state general fund revenues.

shared a proposed letter of support for strongly encouraging local school boards to pass and implement a policy on financial literacy instruction suitable for their districts.

announced that the Microsoft Certification Program has been moved from the Kansas Board of Regents to KSDE.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 15 “d” (state pre-kindergarten grants). Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for March.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointment of Andrew Higgins as Technology Support Technician II on the Information Technology team effective March 2, 2015 at an annual salary of $41,870.40.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: Adaptive Special Education — Elizabeth Arnce, USD 259. Early Childhood Special Education — Whitney Curry, USD 475. Visual Impaired — Carol Davis, USD 259.
- authorized the following school districts to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation: USD 261 Haysville, USD 266 Maize, USD 312 Haven, USD 431 Hoisington, USD 433 Dodge City, USD 462 Central.
- endorsed a Certificate in Child Nutrition Program Management as a state-recognized certificate replacing the current Child Nutrition Manager Certificate Recognition program.
- issued a Calendar Year 2015 license for a commercial driver training school to Schuetz Driving School, Olathe.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with eScholar LLC for renewal of maintenance and support for generation and tracking Teacher IDs in an amount not to exceed $120,000 over a four-year period (June 15, 2015-June 14, 2019);
- continue a contract with Kansas State University to provide Carl D. Perkins Leadership grant activities with a contract amount not to exceed $70,427.30 for the position of Executive Director of FFA.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

A separate vote was taken on Consent Item 15 “d.” Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to approve State Pre-Kindergarten Program (four-year-old at-risk) grant applications for 2015-16. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. Mr. Porter recused himself from the vote.

The 181 grantees and the number of slots requested are: USD 101 Erie, 12; USD 102 Cimarron-Ensign, 25; USD 107 Rock Hills, 16; USD 110 Thunder Ridge, 5; USD 111 Doniphan West, 12; USD 112 Central Plains, 35; USD 113 Prairie Hills, 23; USD 114 Riverside, 18; USD 115 Nemaha Central, 18; USD 200 Greeley County Schools, 8; USD 202 Turner-Kansas City, 163; USD 203 Piper, 8; USD 204 Bonner Springs/Edwardsville, 50; USD 206 Remington, 17; USD 209 Moscow Public Schools, 10; USD 210 Hugoton Elementary School, 60; USD 212 Northern Valley, 5; USD 214 Ulysses, 62; USD 215 Lakin Grade School, 13; USD 216 Deerfield, 18; USD 218 Elkhart Public Schools, 20; USD 220 Ashland-Englewood, 10; USD 225 Fowler, 8; USD 224 Clifton-Clyde, 5; USD 226 Meade Schools, 12; USD 230 Spring Hill School District, 16; USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton, 18; USD 232 De Soto, 24; USD 233 Olathe District Schools, 60; USD 234 Fort Scott, 36; USD 235 Uniontown, 14; USD 240 Twin
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and to consult with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship, in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communications.
with its attorney on legal matters. The session would begin at 5:17 p.m. and the open meeting would resume at 5:27. Brad Neuenswander and Mark Ferguson were invited to join the session. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**ACTION ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO NON-RENEW CONTRACT**

Mr. Roberts moved to issue a Notice of Intent to Non-Renew the contract of Angela J. Greer, a certified teacher for the Kansas State School for the Blind, which will trigger the procedural rights and obligations under K.S.A. 76-11a05 and 76-11a06. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**RECESS**

At 5:29 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed Thursday’s Board meeting until 9 a.m. Friday.

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Jim McNiece, Chairman                              Peggy Hill, Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the Friday, April 17, meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL
All members were present:
John Bacon Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch Jim Porter
Carolyn Wims-Campbell Steve Roberts
Sally Cauble Janet Waugh
Deena Horst Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

UPDATE ON K-12 ACCREDITATION PROCESS
Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, provided an overview of the new accreditation model, which is focused on growth and a multiple-year approach. An adoption timeline was reviewed as part of the development update. It is anticipated that the first cycle will begin in July 2016 for all districts. Education Program Consultant Kelly Slaton described the availability of staggered implementation for school districts. She then reviewed foundational requirements and non-negotiables as recommended by the Accreditation Advisory Council. The Council also recommends that all schools maintain their current accreditation status for 2015-16 during this transition period to the new model. Board discussion followed on such topics as outside evaluation teams, rubrics, advising efforts, and a request for a crosswalk comparison between the old model and the new one.

RECEIVE PROGRAM STANDARDS: EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED, LEADERSHIP, SPECIAL ED.
Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Director Scott Myers introduced review committee representatives to present revised educator preparation program standards for Birth-Kindergarten Early Childhood Unified, Birth-Grade 3 Early Childhood Unified, Building Leadership, District Leadership, Low Incidence Special Education and High Incidence Special Education. These standards help establish what is taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. Presenters were Dr. Mary Devin, Dr. Sally Roberts, Dr. Eva Horn. Board members received the revised standards for review, the previous standards and a comparison of the two versions. The Board is expected to vote in May on these program standards.
UPDATE ON BOARD ATTORNEY BID PROCESS
Dale Dennis informed Board members of the status of the request for proposals for the Kansas State Board of Education’s Board Attorney services. The bid closing date was extended to April 21. Afterwards the Board Chair and Vice Chair will review submissions working with the assigned State Procurement Officer, and help to recommend a vendor by the May meeting. The current State Board Attorney contract expires June 30, 2015.

DISCUSSION ON BOARD’S TRAVEL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES
Members of the State Board’s Policy Committee are currently reviewing the Guidelines which are included as part of the Board’s Policy Book. Committee Chairman Janet Waugh led a discussion of the travel guidelines, focusing on description of travel requests (i.e. assigned activity versus discretionary attendance), the distribution of funds per Board district, and category listings on the monthly expense summary. A recommendation was made to differentiate between types of travel activities for a pilot year beginning July 1. No action was taken.

BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Communications — Mrs. Cauble reported on creation of a single-page Education Fast Fact sheet for Board member use and the conclusion of the public information postcard series to legislators. During discussion, Mrs. Waugh asked that the Communications Committee consider ideas to boost morale of individuals working in the state’s education system.

Other — Mrs. Busch reported on the NASBE leadership stipend directed at collaborative work to support superintendents in rural districts and those who serve in dual positions. She provided handouts of upcoming activities, including a Sept. 10 event with participants of the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute, as well as a list of known superintendent changes for 2015-16.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson noted that his monthly summary had been provided. He updated Board members on negotiations activities with the Kansas State School for the Deaf NEA, including recent negotiations training.

During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Busch announced that the Coordinating Council meeting has been postponed until June; Mrs. Cauble attended the KACCTE meeting in Hillsboro; Mr. Roberts attended the Kansas Master Teacher Program at Emporia and will attend the Kansas STEM Call-to-Action conference in Wichita June 2-3; Mrs. Horst participated in the NASBE regional meeting in Kearney, Neb.; Mr. Porter attended the Professional Standards Board meeting and met separately with licensure staff; Mrs. Waugh reminded members of the Governor’s Scholars program May 3; Ms. Wims-Campbell attended the KSHSAA Executive Board meeting, NASBE’s data privacy workshop in D.C., and the Kansas Volunteer Commission meeting.

For internal Board business, Chairman McNiece confirmed delegates Jim Porter to attend the Kansas State School for the Blind graduation and John Bacon to attend the Kansas State School for the Deaf graduation. He also asked for nominations to replace his term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors which expires June 30. Mr. Porter moved to nominate Mrs. Busch to serve a two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors representing the State Board. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

He also announced the dates of the annual Board Retreat as Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 12, and all day Thursday, Aug. 13. He commented on the letter of support presented the previous day from the Chairman of the House Education Committee to strongly encourage local school boards to pass and
implement a policy on financial literacy instruction suitable for their districts, without a mandate. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the letter of support for financial literacy instruction. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

During his Chairman’s report, Mr. McNiece announced that Ms. Wims-Campbell has been asked to serve on the NASBE nominations committee and Mr. Bacon on the finance committee. Mr. McNiece and Mr. Willard both attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting in March, and joined Ms. Wims-Campbell for the legislative forum.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:** Mr. Willard would like a presentation from Dr. Ed Berger with the Kansas Cosmosphere on space science education; Mrs. Cauble requested that the Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education be invited to give regular updates to the Board; Mr. Roberts asked for a presentation on the new law which allows professionals in STEM fields to teach in the classroom; Mr. Porter asked for a presentation on the various methods of alternative licensure.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch April 30 Coalition of Innovative Districts; Mrs. Horst, May 3 Governor’s Scholars Program, May 5 Manhattan Chamber Community Conversation, May 6 KSSD negotiations. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The business of the Board concluded at 12:35 p.m.

**POST-MEETING ACTIVITY: DATA PRIVACY INFORMATIONAL REVIEW**
The National Association of State Boards of Education offered to provide an informational review of education data privacy policies and procedures, as well as a national perspective on the topic. NASBE’s Director of Education Data and Technology Amelia Vance discussed existing laws and current federal actions on student data privacy. She also congratulated KSDE for its data governance program and protection of student data. KSDE Director of Technology Lane Wiley gave an overview of the Student Data Privacy Act in Kansas and the agency’s efforts to comply. There was time for discussion and questions. The session began at 12:50 p.m. in the Board Room and continued until 3:10 p.m. Board members in attendance were: Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Willard, Mrs. Busch, Mr. Porter and Mr. McNiece.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary