CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed those in attendance.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Willard moved to approve the one-day meeting agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Dr. Randy Watson retraced the vision tour schedule and outlined steps to review and release the compiled information, starting with the Board retreat and planning session the next day. He plans to revisit 10 tour sites to share results. Board members received lists of original tour participants by location and were asked to name other education partners in their area. Dr. Watson then invited Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis to report on two areas affecting school district budgets under the new block grant funding formula — loss of assessed valuation and growth in enrollment.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD
Dr. Scott Myers presented the recommendation of Jamie Finkeldei to serve a three-year term on the Professional Standards Board. Mr. Finkeldei is an associate superintendent for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita and would represent an administrator of a nonpublic school. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Jamie Finkeldei to the Professional Standards Board for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:17 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Terry Collins, Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators — in support of proposed Emergency Safety Intervention regulations; Joan Robbins, Special Education Advisory Council — in support of proposed ESI regulations/explained purpose of ESI Task Force. Chairman McNiece announced the
At the conclusion of multiple meetings with educational stakeholders, recommendations for the Kansas Assessment Program were presented and discussed. Director of Career Standards and Assessment Services Dr. Scott Smith and CETE’s Director Dr. Marianne Perie described the stages of developing cut scores for state assessments. Dr. Perie explained that cut scores are based on Performance Level Descriptors, which define what students should know and be able to do at each of the achievement levels. The descriptors are written to be fully aligned to Kansas standards and are specific to each tested subject and grade level. Discussion followed. Dr. Perie answered Board members’ questions about the performance levels, makeup of the standard-setting work group, and differences between current assessments and tests under the former No Child Left Behind structure. She also provided performance level information for the Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) assessments. These tests are given to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

At noon, Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Scott Myers introduced the agenda item, noting that revision work groups are completing the task of reviewing content program standards to ensure they reflect new knowledge and skills educators need for effectiveness in today’s world. Board members received three sets of revised standards for consideration: Mathematics 5-8, Mathematics 6-12 and Library Media PreK-12. Representatives from the respective revision committees presented the standards, described structure or content changes, and answered questions. Presenters were Dr. Connie Schrock and Dr. Mirah Dow, both from Emporia State University. Board members will vote on these standards at their September meeting.

Laura Jurgensen and Julie Ehler, staff members with KSDE’s Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team, summarized proposed amendments to Emergency Safety Intervention regulations and stated the approval timeline. Language changes are needed in order to comply with the new Freedom from Unsafe Restraint and Seclusion Act. Board members received the draft regulations in July. KSDE staff members are working to develop resources on this topic for school districts and families. Mrs. Busch moved to approve submission of the amended Emergency Safety Intervention regulations K.A.R. 91-42-1, 91-42-2 and 91-42-4 to the Department of Administration and the Office of the Attorney General for review. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Once the two state offices have completed their review of the proposed amendments, the State Board will set a public hearing date for comments. Mrs. Jurgensen also shared information about the ESI Task Force. Mr. Porter, who was chosen to chair the ESI Task Force, commented on the group’s first meeting.

The Professional Standards Board prompted a recommendation that the State Board adopt a permanent policy regarding who is allowed to teach in kindergarten and prekindergarten assignments. Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Susan Helbert explained that this change is for general education only, and it would allow more flexibility in accommodating licensure needs for these grade-level assignments. Mrs. Cauble moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt a permanent policy allowing elementary licensed teachers (K-6 or K-9) to be assigned to teach general education prekindergarten (4 year olds) and early childhood licensed teachers to be assigned to teach kindergarten. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Ms. Helbert previewed two future licensure considerations — an add-on endorsement and adjusting the level of elementary from K-6 to PreK-6.
ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
The Professional Practices Commission was represented by Chair Linda Sieck. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendations for licensure approval. The three cases presented for action were: 15-PPC-05 Sarah Coursen, 15-PPC-19 Tahra Arnold, 15-PPC-21 Richard Mould. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Ms. Sieck then presented the PPC’s findings and recommendations on three other licensure cases: 15-PPC-17 Kimberly Dinkel, 15-PPC-23 William Maderos-Treaster, 15-PPC-24 Jerry Daskoski. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the recommendations of the PPC and take the following actions: revoke Kimberly Dinkel’s teaching license, suspend William Maderos-Treaster’s teaching license until Feb. 23, 2017, and deny Jerry Daskoski’s application for a professional license. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The Board took a break until 2:45 p.m.

RECEIVE BOARD POLICY GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW
Policy Committee Chair Janet Waugh highlighted the Committee’s recommended changes to the Policy Book Guidelines as detailed in the redline version shared with the Board. She explained that updates were made to sections following examination by other departments. There were also revisions to streamline instructions for new Board member orientation and to update evaluation forms for the Board Attorney, Board Secretary and Commissioner. There was discussion on the criteria levels used on the evaluation forms. It was suggested that sample evaluation forms be collected from national organizations for comparison. Board members are expected to vote on the guidelines in September.

ACTION ON NASBE MEMBERSHIP DUES
Mr. Willard moved to authorize payment of dues for calendar year 2016 for membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education, which includes dues for the National Council of State Education Attorneys, at a cost of $24,965. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for July.
- confirmed the unclassified special project personnel appointments of Tom Stuart as Education Program Consultant on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team effective July 5, 2015 at an annual salary of $56,118.40; and these appointments on the Information Technology team — Mark Dechand as Quality Assurance Technician effective July 6, 2015 at an annual salary of $46,092.80; Deanna Bernauer as Senior Administrative Assistant effective July 13, 2015 at an annual salary of $28,308.80; and Christine Armstrong as Applications Developer II effective Aug. 2, 2015 at an annual salary of $50,918.40.
- received 4th quarter reports (FY 2015) from the Kansas State School for the Blind and Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- approved granting Visiting Scholar licenses to Khalil Mekkaoui (renewal) and Southeast Kansas Education Service Center for Arabic language instruction; William Allen Skeens (renewal) and Blue Valley USD 229 CAPS program for law instruction; Joe Williams and Rural Vista USD 481 for music instruction; Carlie Rooney and Hugoton USD 210 for science instruction, all valid for the 2015-16 school year.
- approved local in-service education plans for Minneola USD 219 and Mill Creek Valley USD 329.

• accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: Kansas State University — Early Childhood Unified (I, B-K) and Agriculture (I, 6-12), both continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2022; Newman University — Early Childhood Unified (I, B-Gr3) and Building Leadership (A, PreK-12), both program upgrades approved through Dec. 31, 2019; Tabor College — Biology (I, 6-12), Chemistry (I, 6-12) and Mathematics (I, 6-12), all upgrades approved through Dec. 31, 2017; University of Saint Mary — ESOL (A, PreK-12), a new program approved with stipulation through June 30, 2017.

• authorized USD 251, North Lyon County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.

• approved recommendations for funding the 2015-16 McKinney-Vento Children and Youth Homeless grants for the following districts in the amounts listed: USD 202 Turner $10,000; USD 233 Olath $35,000; USD 259 Wichita $138,000; USD 261 Haysville $20,000; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden $20,000; USD 457 Garden City $20,000; USD 475 Geary County $19,000; USD 500 Kansas City $95,000; USD 501 Topeka $39,128.

• approved School Improvement Grant continuation awards, 1003(g), for FY 2015 as follows: USD 501 Topeka, Quincy Elementary $547,145; USD 501 Topeka, Ross Elementary, $662,137; USD 501 Topeka, Scott Magnet Elementary $705,643; USD 501 Topeka, Shaner Elementary $860,048; USD 500 Kansas City Kansas, Douglass Elementary $760,000; USD 500 Kansas City Kansas, New Stanley Elementary $760,000.

• approve continuing a contract with the Smoky Hill Education Service Center to support KSDE and the Kansas Professional Learning Team’s 2015-16 Scope of Work in providing professional learning across Kansas with each of the seven service centers to receive $4,000, and individual regional and school district representatives to receive $1,000.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

• authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind to enter into a contract with USD 500 for use of KSSB facilities for the USD 500 local Head Start Program during the 2015-2016 school year in an amount not to exceed $30,000;

• enter into a contract with MetaMetrics for Lexiles and Quantiles Linking Study to report yearly Lexile and Quantile Measures beginning in 2015-16 school year in an amount not to exceed $197,165 annually;

• enter into a contract with the University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. to provide professional development aimed at implementing quality instruction for English Learners for the 2015-16 school year in an amount not to exceed $31,579.

BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Waugh attended the Kansas City Kansas district convocation, the ribbon cutting for the new Lansing High School, and a wrap-up legislative session in Leavenworth; Mrs. Horst attended both new principals’ workshops in Wichita and visited school officials with Commissioner Watson in Salina; Ms. Wims-Campbell attended the TASN summer leadership conference, the assessment cut scores work session, and the Topeka USD 501 staff in-service; Mr. Porter attended the NASBE New Member Institute, the new principals’ workshop, and the Labette County USD 506 Board of Education meeting; Mrs. Cauble attended the council meetings at the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, the new principals’ workshop, and met with Dr.
Watson; Mr. McNiece attended the TASN summer leadership conference, the new principals’ workshop and plans to attend the KASB school finance summit.

Committee Reports: Mrs. Busch shared correspondence from Gene Haydock thanking Board members for attending the new principals’ workshops. She also noted that the invitation list for the KELI mentoring session Sept. 10 has been provided. Mrs. Busch suggested that Board members develop a schedule for annually attending meetings of educational organizations as part of their outreach efforts. Mr. McNiece stated that the Communications Committee is considering options for increased communication with the House and Senate education committees. There was some discussion about the upcoming NASBE elections for a president elect. It was agreed to not take a position as a Board, but let the Kansas’ voting delegate decide on the candidate. Ms. Wims-Campbell shared other officer election information from the NASBE nominating committee.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson gave an update on the scheduling order involving the Gannon school finance litigation and appeal. There will be separate briefings on equity and adequacy beginning this fall. He also shared information on the Petrella local option budget case, which has been remanded back to District Court.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Mr. Porter Sept. 12 Kansas Teacher of the Year regional banquet in Wichita, Sept. 13 KTOY banquets in Overland Park and Topeka; Mrs. Busch Sept. 12 KTOY banquet in Wichita; Mr. McNiece Sept. 16 Kansas Alliance for Education Advocacy and tour revisit event; Ms. Wims-Campbell Sept. 13 KTOY banquet in Topeka, Oct. 21-24 NASBE Annual Conference; Mrs. Waugh Sept. 13 KTOY banquet in Topeka; Mrs. Horst Sept. 10 KELI mentoring session. Mr. Roberts moved to approve the travel list and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Before adjourning the meeting at 4 p.m., Chairman McNiece recognized the start of another school year by encouraging students, teachers and leaders across the state to have a great school year. He reminded members that the annual Board retreat and vision planning would begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary

BOARD RETREAT AND VISION PLANNING
The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12, for a retreat and vision planning session, which was held at the Kansas State High School Activities Association, 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka. Board members in attendance were: Chairman McNiece, Vice Chair Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Willard, Mrs. Busch, Mr. Porter and Mr. Bacon. Facilitators were Commissioner Randy Watson and Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenwander. The agenda included discussion of the results from question one of the community conversation tour about the characteristics, qualities, abilities and skills of a successful 24-year-old Kansan. There were small group discussions and considerations for a new vision for Kansas’ education system. There was no Board action. The retreat ended at 4 p.m.