CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He recognized special guests, including education students from Baker University.

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

Board member John Bacon was delayed.

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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Vice Chairman Wims-Campbell asked for a point of personal privilege to acknowledge that February is Black History Month. She shared some local history and personal experiences with the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Roberts expressed disappointment that the January minutes did not include his announced plan to personally write new math standards. He did not request that the minutes be amended, but that his plan be referenced in the February record.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Interim Commissioner Brad Neuenswander reported on the community conversations being held across the state in recent weeks. He mentioned several highlights such as the number of attendees, diversity of audience participants and topics of dialogue from the various locations. Mr. Neuenswander reported on a presentation he and incoming Commissioner Dr. Randy Watson gave to the House Education Committee during which they also talked about the community conversations and plans to share collected information once the statewide tour has concluded. Board members, who helped co-facilitate the conversations, individually reported on tour stops in their Board districts. Next, Mr. Neuenswander commented on the creation of a Career Pathways Coordinator to focus on alignment between high school and postsecondary. This will be a shared position with KSDE and the Kansas Board of Regents. He also described a new online opportunity for citizens to study and submit feedback on the current Kansas College and Career Ready Standards for math and English language arts in advance of the revision committee’s work. Content standards are reviewed in Kansas every seven years. Join the Conversation! was expected to launch Feb. 16.
CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:37 a.m. Those speaking were: Crystal Davis of Emporia representing the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network about the positive benefits of consistent leadership; John Richard Schrock of Emporia about the shortage of science teachers; Kirk Fast of Ozawkie in support of proper funding for education; Cassandra Barton of Gardner representing Insight School of Kansas and Kansas Virtual Academy about the Legislative Post Audit on Virtual Schools and Programs. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:49 a.m.

Board member John Bacon arrived during the Citizens’ Open Forum.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2015 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis welcomed the 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team. Honorees introduced themselves and each one shared remarks related to his or her specific area. These included addressing needs of students with autism, benefits of inquiry-based learning and increasing opportunities for students to apply knowledge in real-life settings. Those presenting were Kansas Teacher of the Year Shannon Ralph, a biology teacher at Dodge City High School (USD 443), and team members Beau Bragg, a physical education teacher at Bonner Springs Elementary School (USD 204); Abby Hedrick, a 7th-grade mathematics teacher at Paola Middle School (USD 368); Jennifer Hofferber, a special education teacher at Sunflower Intermediate School in Liberal (USD 480); Lisa Holt, a special education teacher at Country View Elementary School in Winfield (USD 465); Jamie McDaniel, a 5th-grade teacher at Sunflower Elementary School in Paola (USD 368); Dennis Munk, a physical education teacher at Campus High School in Wichita (USD 261); and Kimberly Nelson, a 6th-grade English language arts teacher at Robert E. Clark Middle School in Bonner Springs (USD 204).

At 11:41 a.m., the Chairman recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman McNiece called the afternoon meeting to order. Cara Ledy was introduced as the 2014-15 Kansas High School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals. Mrs. Ledy is administrator at Wichita South High School (USD 259). She discussed her school’s emphasis on staff development and answered Board members’ questions about programs at Wichita South.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE ROSE STANDARDS

Board members learned more about the Rose Standards (also called capacities) from Mark Tallman, associate executive director for advocacy with the Kansas Association of School Boards. The Rose Standards were referenced in the Supreme Court’s decision in the school finance case for Kansas and are now being used as a benchmark for adequate or suitable funding. The Kansas Legislature adopted the seven capacities as state education goals. Mr. Tallman summarized information collected at KASB’s regional summits on the Rose Standards, explaining that they are not a radical change from current practices, but rather a broader description. He also shared historical information on the change in educational expectations related to the job market and projections for 2020. A time for questions and answers followed.

The Board took a break from 2:40 to 2:50 p.m.

UPDATE ON STATE ASSESSMENTS AND ESEA REAUTHORIZATION

Dr. Marianne Perie with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation reported on the Jan. 29 Break KITE Day Two during which about 35,000 Kansas students along with students from 19 other
states simulated online testing conditions in advance of this spring’s state assessments. The opportunity to involve the state’s testing engine KITE helped determine and resolve local technical issues. Dr. Perie discussed the new field-tested multi-disciplinary performance tasks for math, training of teachers for hand scoring test items, and a third grade keyboarding study being conducted. She answered various questions from Board members. Next, Assistant Director of Career Standards and Assessment Services Beth Fultz reported on standards implementation review with the Educational Delivery Institute. She also discussed updates to the state’s current waiver renewal application in preparation for the March 15 deadline. Dr. Scott Smith added that one new section of the waiver will incorporate the Coalition of Innovative Districts’ proposed assessment schedule as a pilot. This would only be for the six districts in the Coalition.

Mr. McNiece then presented to Board members a draft letter for the state’s Congressional Delegation describing what Kansas advocates for testing options in the new ESEA reauthorization. Discussion occurred and suggestions were shared for revising the letter. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander provided a handout that compared current law with proposed federal legislation for ESEA reauthorization. Board members talked about select elements of both the House and Senate drafts. It was decided to resume this discussion on Wednesday.

The Board took a break from 4:25 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Bacon left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
This scheduled agenda item was tabled until Wednesday’s meeting.

ACTION ON SPECIFICATIONS FOR STATE BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT
Mr. McNiece asked Board members to consider the specifications presented to them as preparation for the process to select the State Board of Education Attorney. The current contract expires June 30. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to approve the specifications to be used in the Request for Proposal process for selecting the State Board of Education Attorney. Pursuant to state law, the RFP process will be conducted by the Kansas Department of Administration, Office Procurement and Contracts. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Roberts asked that consent item 14 d. (licensure waivers) be considered separately and then moved to approve the consent agenda excluding 14 d. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. During discussion, Mr. Willard asked to amend the motion to also separately vote on consent item 14 g. (bond elections). The motion was amended to approve the consent agenda excluding items 14 d. and 14 g. Mr. Roberts and Ms. Wims-Campbell accepted the amendment. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent.

In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- Received the monthly Personnel Report for January.
- Confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointments of Michael Jordan as Quality Assurance Technician on the Information Technology team effective Feb. 1, 2015 at an annual salary of $46,092.80; and Ryan Weir as Public Service Executive II on the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team effective Feb. 1, 2015 at an annual salary of $53,414.40.
- Received the 2nd quarterly reports (FY 2015) from the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf.
• Issued a Calendar Year 2015 license for a commercial driver training school to Horizon’s Driving Academy, Salina, valid until Dec. 31, 2015.

• Approved the recommendations of the Mathematics Partnership Review Committee for the new and additional funding for the 2015-16 Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants for the following applicants and award amounts: USD 501, $149,027, in partnership with Fort Hays State University and Westar Energy; Newman University, $123,000, in partnership with USD 461, USD 264, USD 490, USD 357, Diocese of Wichita Catholic Schools, Westar Energy and IBM; USD 259, $145,960, in partnership with Fort Hays State University and Exploration Place.

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and
• enter into a contract with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the purpose of completing on-site health inspections of unlicensed Summer Food Service Program meal preparation and service sites at the rate of $150 per inspection, not to exceed $19,500;

• continue an assessment development contract with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation in an amount not to exceed $5,800,000;

• enter into a contract with the Kansas Board of Regents to fund services of their newly created Career Pathways Coordinator, in a total amount not to exceed $166,667, effective March 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Licensure Waivers — Mr. Porter moved to accept the recommendations for licensure waivers as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent.

The licensure waiver recommendations, valid for one school year, are as follows: Adaptive Special Education – Charissa Simone, Doungchangany Lu, Malia Lindner, Michael Lear, Paul White, Susan Stauffer, Deborah Perdue, Erin Saunders, Jim Barthel, Julia Duncan, Tyson Scroggin, USD 259; Beatrice Sahlfeld, USD 273; David Hughes, USD 333; Michael Ragsdale, Cheryl Booth, Ryan Foxhoven, USD 345; Pawandeep Kaur, Jacey Juden, USD 353; Jessica Fairbanks, USD 368; Trisha Stover, USD 405; Amy Dale, USD 469; Allison Kern, Jason Longberg, Meghan Murtaugh, Juraj Trubiroha, Allison Stroh, Brandon Goodwin, Mary Green, Megan Kiefer, Melanie White, Novelette Osbourne-Luster, USD 500; Anthony Wunder, James Collins, USD 501; Ann Smith, D0603. Adaptive Special Education (extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license) — Emmanuel Adigun, D0605. Agriculture (extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license) — Megan VanGordon, D0345. Chemistry — Jessica Kauffman, USD 259. Early Childhood Special Education — Keeley McVey, USD 500. Earth Space Science — Katherine Schaeake, USD 259. Functional Special Education — Susan Bass, USD 231; Marie Wilson, Mary Elliott, Meghan Melchor, Ryan Bourque, Kelli Marion, Rhonda Zellers, Stephanie Moore, USD 259; Amanda Edwards, USD 469. Gifted — Laurel Nichols, USD 259. Physics — Lexie Baldwin, USD 259.

Bond Elections — Mrs. Cauble moved to authorize 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 211 Norton, Norton County; USD 235, Uniontown, Bourbon County; USD 239, North Ottawa County, Ottawa County; USD 357, Belle Plaine, Sumner County; USD 404, Riverton, Cherokee County; USD 458, Basehor-Linwood, Leavenworth County; USD 495, Ft. Larned, Pawnee County. Mrs. Waugh seconded. During discussion, Mr. Willard asked to go on record that he supports a fix to an issue he considers to represent an open line in the state’s checkbook. Mrs. Cauble in making her motion supported allowing local voters in the school districts to have a say in their local control. Motion carried 7-0-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Willard abstaining and Mr. Bacon absent.

MOTION (02:48:39)

MOTION (02:52:48)
RECESS
At 4:45 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed Tuesday’s Board meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Board members were invited to join members of the House and Senate Education committees for dinner and to make acquaintance at the Topeka Country Club. State Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reminded Board members of the dialogue parameters associated with the Kansas Open Meeting Act.

There was no set agenda and no action was taken at the evening activity. Those in attendance from the State Board of Education were: Kathy Busch, Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh and Ken Willard.

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Jim McNiece, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Feb. 11, 2015 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 AMENDED AGENDA
Chairman McNiece announced recommended changes to the day’s agenda as follows: replace Item 4 with Legislative Matters, which was postponed from Tuesday; reschedule presentation on Diverse Student Populations in Kansas to the March meeting; add continued discussion of ESEA Reauthorization as Item 7 a., and add an action item as 7 b. for consideration of a waiver to USDA’s Interim Final Rule on Nutrition Standards for All Food Sold in School. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Ms. Wims-Campbell in opposition.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
Board members received a summary and status report of current education legislation in both the House and Senate from Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis. He explained specifics about many of the two dozen bills being monitored. Mr. Dennis also provided a printout showing the approximate financial impact of the Governor’s announced allotment for each school district. The allotment reduces general state aid for the 2014-15 school year by 1.5 percent. He then answered questions about specific bills and hearings.

UPDATE ON VIRTUAL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS
Education Program Consultant Jessica Noble provided the Board with an update on virtual schools and programs as well as charter schools in Kansas. She explained the difference between charter and virtual schools, but her presentation was primarily on virtual schools. There are 94 virtual schools and programs in Kansas. She gave an overview of locations, enrollment figures, funding calculations and other statistics. In addition, Mrs. Noble reviewed the questions and findings outlined in the recent Legislative Post Audit report: K-12 Education: Reviewing Virtual School Costs and Student Performance. In the report, there was a comparison of the three models of virtual schools — full-time K-12, adult diploma completion and part-time K-12. A time for questions and answers followed.

The Board took a 10-minute break at 10:50 a.m.

ACTION ON INNOVATIVE DISTRICT APPLICATION FROM USD 364 MARYSVILLE
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the application of USD 364 Marysville and grant authority for the district to operate as an Innovative District working within the Bylaws of the Coalition of Innovative Districts Board. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Ms. Wims-Campbell in opposition and Mr. Willard absent for the vote.
ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

ACTION ON POLICY WAIVER FOR SCHOOLS IN OTHER TIME ZONES
The time restrictions listed in USDA’s Interim Final Rule on Nutrition Standards for All Food Sold in School affects Kansas schools in the Mountain Time Zone when coordinating events with other Kansas schools in the Central Time Zone. Mrs. Cauble moved to waive the policy for the number of non-nutritious fundraisers for the school districts in another time zone, due to unforeseeable circumstances that arise with time zone differences. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ESEA REAUTHORIZATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION
Board members discussed congressional legislation proposed for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), particularly references to the assessment schedule and accountability. Mrs. Cauble moved to authorize the Board Chairman to work with staff to prepare a letter for the congressional delegation on Kansas’ recommendations for ESEA reauthorization. Discussion followed about specific elements to include in the letter, including support for the bill presented by Senator Lamar Alexander. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Legislative — Ken Willard asked for the audited financial statement from the Kansas State High School Activities Association and that copies be distributed to Board members. It was announced that the hearing on House Bill 2170 (Emergency Safety Interventions, seclusion and restraint) would be Feb. 19 and Board members were invited to attend.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the Policy Committee had met and would be concentrating on guidelines, particularly travel. She welcomed comments or suggestions.

Communications — Mr. McNiece reported on the prior evening’s gathering with House and Senate Education Committee members; announced plans to create an Education Fast Fact Sheet for Board members’ use; and stated that the next message in the informational postcard series would feature the online location for submitting feedback on standards.

Other — Mrs. Cauble reported on a meeting of the Interstate Migrant Education Council and the group’s plans to host a migrant symposium in October.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT
Board Attorney Mark Ferguson noted that his monthly summary had been provided.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS
During individual Board member reports, Mr. Roberts discussed STEM initiatives with Cessna in Wichita, attended a Communities in Schools event and planned to attend a presentation on alternative high schools. Mr. Porter attended the Professional Standards Board and moderated a meeting of the schools in his interlocal during a legislative forum; Mrs. Waugh attended the Greenbush Superintendents’ meeting and the KACEE meeting, noting that the annual awards celebration is April 10 in Manhattan; Ms. Wims-Campbell participated in KNEA’s Capital UniServ event and the Greenbush Superintendents’ meeting; Mrs. Busch attended a Communities in Schools event and the Kansas Learning First Alliance, and will be at the Coordinating Council meeting.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Mrs. Waugh would like a presentation about keyboarding instruction in elementary schools; Mr. Porter would like guidance from the Board’s legislative liaisons...
on ways to increase communication and build relationships with legislators; Ms. Wims-Campbell would like to invite Hope Street Academy Charter School to give a presentation and share testimonies; Mr. Roberts would like to revisit efforts to get chemistry and physics experts in the classroom; Mr. McNiece would like a presentation on summer meal programs and Kansas’ efforts to address childhood hunger; Mr. Willard would like a presentation on the Kansas Reading Initiative; Mr. Bacon would like Mr. Dennis to explain how the Board’s budget is determined each year.

Chairman McNiece reported that the State Board has an opportunity to apply for a $7,500 stipend from the National Association of State Boards of Education to understand and respond to the challenges of rural administrators. Mr. McNiece moved to accept the application for a NASBE stipend for principal leadership. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0. He continued by extending a NASBE invitation to the Board for participating in a data privacy activity to review policies and provide analysis. Two participants could travel to Washington DC for the conference at no charge. For activities, Mr. McNiece was a judge for the Cooking Up Change competition in Wichita and will be attending the Next Generation Science Standards Leadership Conference in San Francisco.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Ms. Wims-Campbell Feb. 12 Kansas Volunteer Commission; Mr. Willard Feb. 12 omit legislative work, but add Feb. 18 and 19 as legislative activity. Mr. Porter moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Cauble in opposition.

ADJOURNMENT
The business of the Board concluded at 12:35 p.m. State Board members gathered immediately afterwards for a group photo.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary