CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St.,
Topeka, Kansas.

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

Board members John Bacon and Janet Waugh were absent.

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
Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the agenda acknowledging notification that Item 12 “Professional
Practices Commission Recommendations” would require action on nine cases and not 10 as present-
ed. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES
Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion
borne 8-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Interim Commissioner Brad Neuenswander reported on his experience last month with the U.S.-China
State/Provincial Education Delegation that traveled to Shanghai. He joined other selected Council of
Chief State School Officers to meet with educational leaders there and learn about China’s school sys-
tem. Mr. Neuenswander commented on similarities and differences as related to professional devel-
opment, assessments, classroom technology, teacher evaluations and reform efforts.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:25 a.m. Speakers and their topics were:
Rick Pappas representing Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance —
Kansas recess survey results; Tom Brungardt, Milford — licensing of teachers; Daniel Klaassen repre-
senting KNEA — opposition to removing teacher licensure requirements; Christy Levings representing
National Board of Professional Teaching Standards — licensing of teachers; Erica Huggard repre-
senting KNEA — teaching license waiver; Meagan Meneley representing Kansas World Language Asso-
ciation — world language education in Kansas; Nora Kelting, Newton — recommending at least one
year of world language study for students; Stephanie French representing Kansas Association of
Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese — advocating for seal of biliteracy for graduating seniors based
on proficiency; Jane Bodecker Johnson, USD 440 — incorporating world languages in the career and
technical education pathways. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 11:05 a.m.
The Board took a break until 11:12 a.m.

**ASSESSMENT UPDATE**
Dr. Marianne Perie with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) gave a recap of the assessment year in Kansas. In her summary, she noted that there were no successful cyberattacks in 2015; minimal problems were resolved quickly; tests took less time than expected; and the data analysis is under way. Dr. Perie also reported on the field testing of performance tasks, the need for more volunteers to score the performance tasks, and the timetable for setting cut scores. She shared sample formats of scoring reports that would be used to inform schools and parents about test results. KSDE staff Beth Fultz and Dr. Scott Smith revealed assessment survey feedback concerning technology, test administration, content and accommodations.

At noon, Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Board member John Bacon was in attendance for the afternoon session.

**UPDATE ON COALITION OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICTS’ CERTIFICATE PROPOSAL**
Superintendents Dr. Randy Watson and Dr. Cynthia Lane reported on the latest developments in the Coalition of Innovative School Districts’ request for a waiver from teacher licensure in special circumstances. The proposal would allow the six designated Innovative School Districts to issue a specialized certificate in instances when it was difficult to identify appropriate candidates prepared through existing licensure options or when the district was developing an innovative program outside the scope of current licensure options. Coalition members have met with deans from schools of education in both the regents system and private institutions to gain their input. Coalition sub-committee members Dr. Howard Smith from Pittsburg State University and Dr. Amy Hogan from Ottawa University addressed the Board. Dr. Lane reviewed updates to the Coalition’s Position Statement on the certificate and reiterated qualifications required for eligibility. Several members of the Coalition presented specific examples of how the proposal could be utilized in their school districts.

**INTRODUCTION OF CAREER PATHWAY COORDINATOR AND INITIATIVES**
Kathleen Cochran was introduced as the first Career Pathway Coordinator, which is a new liaison position created to serve both the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents. She will work closely with the KSDE/KBOR College and Career Ready Task Force to align secondary and postsecondary expectations within career pathway options for students. Connie Beene from KBOR was present to help answer questions. Ms. Cochran begins in her new position July 1.

**PRESENTATION ON TEACHER LICENSURE: ROUTES TO THE CLASSROOM**
Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, along with Assistant Director Susan Helbert reviewed a timeline of changes and increased flexibility in teacher licensure since the 1970s. Mrs. Helbert then outlined multiple ways an individual may be credentialed to teach in Kansas, from the traditional teacher preparation programs through options that are based on occupational skill and experience without requiring additional pedagogy. A diagram of all the routes to the classroom was provided to the Board, and she explained the specifics of each. She answered questions about the STEM license for those who possess a degree in one of the approved subject areas of science, technology, engineering and math, as well as questions about the other alternate routes and endorsement additions. Mrs. Cauble recommended that the chart of available licensure routes be distributed to principals, superintendents, service centers and other educational organizations.

The Board took a break from 3:27 to 3:40 p.m.
ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Calin Kendall, Chairman of the Professional Practices Commission, presented the recommendations of the PPC on nine licensure cases following hearings March 30, 2015. Chairman McNiece informed Board members that Case 15-PPC-05 Sarah Coursen, which was originally on the agenda, would not be considered this month. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to vote separately on the following cases: 15-PPC-07 Kelly Lillis, 15-PPC-09 Diego Garcia, 15-PPC-06 Gabriel Moyer, 15-PPC-10 Michael Offerman and 15-PPC-13 Austin Russell. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Roberts moved to collectively approve the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission on cases 15-PPC-04 Allan Hammond, 15-PPC-08 Bradley Deal, 15-PPC-11 Kraig Hilmes and 15-PPC-12 Nathan Roth. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the recommendations of the PPC on case 15-PPC-07 Kelly Lillis. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Porter moved to adopt the findings of the PPC on case 15-PPC-09 Diego Garcia. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Ms. Wims-Campbell in opposition. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the recommendations of the PPC on case 15-PPC-06 Gabriel Moyer. Mr. Robert seconded. Motion failed on a vote of 4-4-1 with Mr. Willard, Mr. Bacon, Ms. Wims-Campbell and Mrs. Horst opposing and Mr. Porter abstaining. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the recommendations of the PPC on case 15-PPC-10 Michael Offerman. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to approve the recommendations of the PPC on case 15-PPC-13 Austin Russell. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

In separate action, Mrs. Busch moved to remand case 14-PPC-35 Karen Hannah back to the Professional Practices Commission for findings pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-5a (c). Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Kendall then offered closing remarks about the important work of the PPC as he ends his term as Chairman.

REPORT ON GENERAL COUNSEL’S REVIEW OF LICENSURE/RENEWAL APPLICATIONS
In July 2014, the Kansas State Board of Education gave the KSDE Office of the General Counsel discretion to clear applicants for teacher licensure using framework suggested by that office. General Counsel Scott Gordon reviewed the criminal history background check process and reiterated the specific guidelines approved by the Board last year. He reported that since then his office has cleared 77 applications, including new and renewal licenses, using these guidelines without involvement of the Professional Practices Commission or the State Board. This process has helped reduce the backlog of licensure cases awaiting approval.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis updated Board members on amendments to the Block Grant Program and effects of proposed reductions under consideration by the legislature, which was still in session. In preparation for next month’s discussion on budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017, Mr. Dennis provided the Board with a history of funding for education aid programs and projected costs of options. The opportunity to make recommendations is allowed even though state agency budgets are now on a two-year cycle. He shared other legislative information and a summary of KSDE’s projected operating budget shortfall.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for May.
- confirmed the appointment of Shivani Shrivastava as Database Administrator on the Fiscal Services and Operations team effective June 8, 2015 at an annual salary of $61,984.
• approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 383 Manhattan.

• accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: Adaptive Special Education — William Duncan, USD 259; Abraham Rosales-Camacho, DO 613.

• approved the local in-service education plans for USD 207 Fort Leavenworth, USD 348 Baldwin City, USD 399 Paradise, USD 453 Leavenworth, and USD 471 Dexter.

• authorized USD 284, Chase County (Chase County), to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.

• approved funding for the 2015-16 Kansas Preschool Program Grant awards as follows: Sedgwick County $686,366; Dodge City $176,599; Shawnee County $447,978; Douglas County $354,837; Reno County $503,174; Crawford County $212,787; Manhattan $439,140; Geary County $431,001; South Central Kansas $389,291; Shawnee Mission $238,556; The Opportunity Project (Wichita) $331,832; and Kansas City Kansas $588,251.

• approved continued and expansion funding of the 2015-16 Parents as Teachers grants as follows: USD 204 Bonner Springs $16,336; USD 210 Hugoton $25,851; USD 214 Ulysses $35,150; USD 227 Jetmore $17,700; USD 229 Blue Valley $402,315; USD 231 Gardner/Edgerton $65,191; USD 232 DeSoto $113,922; USD 233 Olathe (Kansas City Area Consortium) $1,112,197; USD 239 North Ottawa $25,252; USD 240 Twin Valley $23,898; USD 259 Wichita $317,000; USD 260 Derby $128,268; USD 261 Haysville $127,000; USD 263 Mulvane $16,328; USD 265 Goddard $65,716; USD 266 Maize $119,066; USD 273 Beloit Consortium $95,000; USD 305 Salina $79,283; USD 306 Southeast of Saline $36,667; USD 308 Hutchinson Public Schools $139,438; USD 320 Wamego $26,635; USD 321 Kaw Valley Schools $26,557; USD 323 Rock Creek $34,654; USD 333 Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas $49,923; USD 337 Royal Valley $41,000; USD 348 Baldwin City $84,483; USD 349 Stafford/St. John $17,971; USD 359 Argonia Consortium $64,615; USD 368 Paola Consortium $140,480; USD 373 Harvey County Parent Education Consortium $60,120; USD 379 Clay Center $63,157; USD 380 Vermillion $24,236; USD 382 Pratt Consortium $14,997; USD 383 Manhattan/Ogden $209,000; USD 393 Solomon $20,903; USD 394 Rose Hill $33,563; USD 405 Lyons Special Services Cooperative $60,424; USD 410 Marion County Parents As Teachers $75,345; USD 428 Great Bend Consortium $27,075; USD 435 Abilene $64,652; USD 437 Auburn-Washburn/Shawnee Heights $98,592; USD 443 Dodge City $39,705; USD 445 Coffeyville $90,185; USD 457 Garden City $190,304; USD 458 Basehor-Linwood $43,930; USD 465 Winfield $64,788; USD 469 Lansing $37,853; USD 473 Chapman $27,184; USD 475 Geary County $133,620; USD 479 Crest $16,969; USD 482 Dighton $20,000; USD 487 Herington Consortium $35,916; USD 489 Hays $184,478; USD 495 Fort Larned $24,047; USD 497 Lawrence $138,000; USD 498 Valley Heights/Marysville $63,000; USD 501 Topeka $498,946; USD 506 LaBette County $19,352; USD 507 Satanta $12,984; USD 512 Shawnee Mission $367,936; DO 602 Northwest Kansas Education Service Center $35,062; DO 608 Keystone Learning Services/Northeast Kansas Education Service Center $392,000; DO 609 Southeast Kansas Education Service Center $501,569; DO 629 Smoky Hill Education Service Center $26,154; and IL 636 North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative $73,693.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into a contract with a vendor to work with KSDE to conduct a content analysis and develop a website to house a Physical Education curriculum resource outlined in a grant provided by the Kansas Health Foundation in an amount not to exceed $55,500;

• amend the 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 in an amount not to exceed $34,500;
• continue a contract with the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute to assist the Kansas State Department of Education in the development of a principal mentoring program in an amount not to exceed $27,000;

• enter into a contract with Eighty Four Productions, Inc. for the purpose of a keynote presentation at the 2015 KSDE Annual Conference in an amount not to exceed $12,000.

RECESS
At 4:55 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed Tuesday’s Board meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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Jim McNiece, Chairman                    Peggy Hill, Secretary
KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the Wednesday, June 10, 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
The following Board members were present:
John Bacon
Kathy Busch
Carolyn Wims-Campbell
Sally Cauble
Deena Horst
Jim McNiece
Jim Porter
Steve Roberts
Ken Willard

Board member Janet Waugh was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Mr. Willard absent for the vote.

INFORMATION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT BULLYING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
As an introduction to school district bullying policies and procedures, KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon presented a history of the State Board’s efforts on the topic, including an official statement on bullying in February 2011 and a declaration for anti-bullying awareness week each October. He reviewed Kansas statues in place that address bullying in schools as well as common definitions of bullying. Education Program Consultant Kent Reed explained initiatives of safe and supportive schools. He shared a sample school district policy, discussed ways the state statute’s requirements are monitored, and described options that students and parents have to report bullying issues.

RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR VISUAL ARTS
Education Program Consultant Joyce Huser introduced members of the revision committee who explained the process writers and reviewers went through to update the standards. The focus of the revised standards is to help students become more visually literate with greater cognitive and problem-solving skills. The updated standards incorporate both college and career readiness and the Rose Capacities, plus align with national standards of fine arts disciplines. A time for questions followed. The State Board will vote on the Kansas Curricular Standards for Visual Arts in July.

ACTION ON NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF NEA
On behalf of the negotiations bargaining team, Board Attorney Mark Ferguson presented the Professional Agreement between the Kansas State School for the Deaf NEA and the Kansas State Board of Education. He reported that the NEA has already ratified the agreement so he asked that the State Board consider taking action at this meeting. KSSD could then proceed with issuing contracts. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to depart from Board policy and allow this “receive” agenda item to be an “action” item. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. Horst then moved to approve the Professional Agreement between the KSSD NEA and the Kansas State Board of Education for the term Aug. 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

The Board took a break until 10:40 a.m.
ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENTS

**Licensure Review Committee**, presented by Dr. Scott Myers — The LRC reviews qualifications of applicants desire to be licensed in Kansas, but don’t fully meet Kansas regulations for licensure. Mr. Willard moved to appoint Bruce Major to fill an opening on the committee for a secondary level classroom teacher. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Ms. Wims-Campbell absent for the vote. Mr. Roberts moved to appoint Dale Jean Probst to fill an opening for special education classroom teacher. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Ms. Wims-Campbell absent for the vote. Both terms are effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

**Professional Standards Board**, presented by Dr. Scott Myers — The PSB develops and recommends rules and regulations for professional standards governing educator preparation and certification. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the four recommendations to fill vacancies as presented: Bill Biermann, Kyle Stdalman, Maria Worthington and Patrick Reilly to the Professional Standards Board with their terms effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Ms. Wims-Campbell not present for the vote.

**Professional Practices Commission**, presented by Scott Gordon — The PPC hears cases arising under rules and regulations adopted by the State Board involving the issuance, suspension, revocation or the reinstatement of teacher and school administrator licenses. Three positions are open. Mrs. Cable moved to appoint Justin Henry to the PPC representing K-12 level administrators and Ginger Riddle representing secondary level teachers. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Bacon moved to appoint John McKinney to represent secondary level administrators. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Ms. Wims-Campbell in opposition. All three terms are effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

**Special Education Advisory Council**, presented by Colleen Reilly — The SEAC works collaboratively to provide leadership for continuous improvement of educational systems to ensure equity and enhance learning for all students in Kansas, and serves as a liaison between the statewide populace and the Kansas State Board of Education. Four vacancies are up for consideration. Mrs. Horst moved to appoint Rebekah Helget representing administrator of exceptional programs to complete a vacated term. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to appoint Tina Gibson through June 30, 2018 representing general education teachers. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Willard moved to appoint Amy Dejmal, representing a state agency involved in financing or delivery of services to exceptional children, to complete a vacated term. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. Horst moved to appoint Deb Young through June 30, 2018 representing a parent of a child or person with a disability. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-0. A vacancy for a public charter schools representative remains open.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative — Mr. Willard reported on conditions at the Statehouse through the extended session.

Policy — Mrs. Busch announced that the committee will discuss the redline version of updates in July and August with plans to bring recommendations to the Board as early as September.

Communication — Mr. McNiece announced that there will be a welcome reception for new Commissioner Dr. Randy Watson at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, just before the regular Board meeting.

Other — Mrs. Busch updated members on activities associated with the NASBE leadership stipend, including attendance at the United School Administrators of Kansas convention, the June 23 new superintendents meeting at KSDE, and the mentor/mentee session with KELI Sept. 10 in Manhattan.
Board Attorney Mark Ferguson shared updates on legal issues and cases during his monthly report, including work on a residential structure lease arrangement at the Kansas State School for the Deaf.

During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Horst attended advocacy meetings of the Kansas Association of School Boards; Mrs. Busch attended the USA-Kansas annual convention and the Chamber of Commerce visioning session in Wichita; Mr. Roberts participated in the NASBE regional meeting in St. Louis; Mr. Porter reported on the USA-Kansas convention; Ms. Wims-Campbell attended a promotion ceremony at Williams Science and Fine Arts Magnet School; Mrs. Cauble participated in the dedication of a one-room school house in Dodge City; Mr. McNiece attended the KASB advocacy meeting, the USA-Kansas convention, the Chamber of Commerce visioning session, and will be attending the NASBE Board of Directors’ meeting June 18-19.

During his Chairman’s Report, Mr. McNiece reviewed the upcoming Board schedule, which will include a one-day business meeting on Aug. 11 followed by a strategic planning retreat on Aug. 12 and potential half day on Aug. 13. Strategic planning will continue on Sept. 9, following a one-day business meeting on the 8th.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Mr. Roberts asked for a discussion on math classes that are offered/required for all students vs. students interested in the STEM fields; Mr. Porter asked to continue discussions about placing competent, well qualified people in the classroom and reducing barrier issues; Ms. Wims-Campbell would like to discuss results of the Kansas Recess Survey, addressing schools that offer limited recess time to elementary students; both Ms. Wims-Campbell and Mrs. Cauble suggested the topic of issuing a seal of biliteracy for high school seniors who have shown proficiency in a foreign language.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Ms. Wims-Campbell June 10 (afternoon) and June 11 KSHSAA Executive Board meeting; Mrs. Busch June 23 KSSA new superintendent workshop. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

RECOGNITION OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER
Chairman McNiece concluded the meeting by expressing appreciation to Mr. Neuenswander for assuming the interim role of Commissioner of Education the past 14 months. He recognized the extra work necessary to lead the agency and organize the state visioning tour, then provided a letter acknowledging the special efforts of holding dual positions.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.