KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed Dr. Merrie Skaggs and education students from Baker University.

ROLL CALL
All 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 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 revisions to the day’s agenda: Receive Item 10 on the Innovative District’s recommendation switched assigned times with the morning Commissioner’s Report, plus a bond election request from USD 463 Udall and acceptance of a NASBE leadership stipend were added to the consent agenda. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Mr. Bacon asked to pull Consent Item 14 “h” for individual action on contracts for investigation of special education complaints. Mrs. Horst and Ms. Wims-Campbell agreed to change the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

RECEIVE COALITION OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICTS’ RECOMMENDATION ON LICENSURE
Chairman Jim McNiece introduced Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent of USD 229 Blue Valley, who represented the Coalition of Innovative Districts in making the presentation. Dr. Trigg explained that the proposed specialized certificate has been endorsed by the Coalition Board and would give only approved Innovative Districts the authority to hire non-licensed professional employees who meet specific criteria. These employees would be exempt from current state licensure requirements. In addition, Innovative Districts could hire licensed professional employees in areas outside of their area of licensure. He provided an overview of the process and shared examples of anticipated use. Board members asked a number of questions and offered recommendations to publicly display the specialized certificate, give parameters to the term multi-year on the application, and provide a yearly review to the State Board.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:50 a.m. Those speaking were: Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, a parent and special education administrator from Colby, regarding HB 2170 and Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI); Julie Doyen an educator from Riley advocating for current licensure regulations; John Morton with Emporia State University stating concerns about the Innovative Districts proposal for licensure; Mike Martin, a parent and high school principal from Girard, regarding HB 2170 and ESI regulations; Julie Webb of Olathe with the Kansas Association of Health
Physical Education Recreation and Dance about quality physical education; Terry Collins of Troy representing the Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators about ESI; Judy Martin, a special education director from Gardner, supporting current ESI regulations; Marvin Miller, a parent Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) member from Wichita, supporting current ESI regulations; Joan Robbins, Chair of SEAC from Shawnee, regarding specifics of HB 2170. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 11:24 a.m.

PRESENTATION ON DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATIONS IN KANSAS

Doug Boline, Assistant Director of Early Childhood Special Education and Title Services (ECSETS), described the different subgroups supported by federally funded programs and the percentage of students in the various categories: Low Socioeconomic Status, Special Education, English Language Learners, Migrant, Homeless, Native American, and Neglected and Delinquent. More than 50 percent of the students in Kansas are eligible for one or more of the programs, from birth to age 22. Other staff members presenting on programs supporting diverse populations were Michele Hayes, Tate Toedman and Jamie Pfistner.

At 12:25 p.m., the Chairman recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT AND ESEA UPDATE

Interim Commissioner Brad Neuenswander gave an update on developments toward reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and contacts with Kansas’ Congressional delegation. He also spoke about the community conversations tour which wrapped up with a session for KSDE staff and college of education deans. Next steps will include working with several Chambers of Commerce to gather more input from the business community. He expects to have the tour report of responses to the Board in June. Mr. Neuenswander reported on the March 9 opening of the state assessment window and CETE’s observation visits to third grade classrooms regarding keyboarding and response to new test items.

CHILD NUTRITION AND WELLNESS PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS AND REPORT

Team Up for Kansas Kids is a statewide communication effort funded by the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) and designed to increase school-based wellness resources. Mr. Steve Coen, KHF President and CEO, previewed the Team Up For Kansas Kids website and updated the Board about the project’s initiatives, partnering with KSDE’s Child Nutrition and Wellness division. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Coen and the Foundation for their partnership and support. Next, CNW Director Cheryl Johnson reported on the Summer Meal Summit, which the KHF hosted in Wichita. Emphasis is being placed on growing the summer food service program, including availability of mobile meals. Mrs. Johnson asked if Board members would provide a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack supporting a demonstration project to increase summer food program participation of Kansas children in rural communities. Mrs. Busch moved that the Board create a letter to support the demonstration project. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0-2 with Mr. Willard and Mr. Bacon abstaining.

EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTIONS DISCUSSION

In his update on recent developments on Emergency Safety Interventions, KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon summarized proposed legislation (Sub. for HB 2170) and compared it to regulations already approved by the State Board. He highlighted the differences in training and notification, definitions, complaint review, and sanctions. Mr. Gordon noted that if this bill becomes law, the State Board will need to revise its ESI regulations, which were submitted to the Attorney General’s office for review. Mr. Willard and Mrs. Horst planned to attend Wednesday’s hearing at the Statehouse on the bill.
The Board took a break until 3:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
Consideration of the February meeting minutes occurred later in the agenda than usual. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided information on the proposed school finance plan, including effects to each of the 286 school districts in Kansas for fiscal years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. He explained the finance legislation and the freeze of certain special weightings as well as other provisions in the bill. Mr. Dennis reviewed other legislation that will impact education and answered Board members' questions.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the consent agenda, including the addition of a bond request from USD 463 Udall and acceptance of the NASBE leadership stipend, but excluding item "h" on contracts for investigation of special education complaints. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- Received the monthly Personnel Report for February.
- Confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointment of Benjamin Lenk as Applications Developer II on the Information Technology team effective Feb. 2, 2015 at an annual salary of $46,092.80.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases — 3014 Keegan Tosser, 3016 Ashlee Pape, 3019 Kristin Ashbaugh, 3020 Glynis Barnes, 3023 Stephen Brown (PreK-12 physical education), 3026 Jessica Gladden, 3032 Rhonda Beckett, 3034 Megan Sebaly, 3036 Lindsay Gribble. Denied Cases — 3005 Jamie Bloxom, 3010 Cristopher Ala, 3024 Clinton McDonald.
- Accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
  - Adaptive Special Education — Alison McVay, Amy Moon, Andrew Braselton, Anna Rollings, Bethanie Brensing, Chelsea Boucher, Damon Oliphant, Earnest Roberson, Gail Moore, Hannah Schaaake, Jae Denise Percell-Schlund, Jan Van Fleet, Joshua Maes, Karen Hungate, Lorie Broehl, Marisol Santiago Marquez, Melissa Perry, Michael Atlee, Mitsy Docter, Robin Stock, Skipper McCaulley, Tresa Armitage, Amber Barrett, Ann Walker, Carolyn Perkins, Deanna Mason, Donna Fisher, Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Kauffman, Jennifer Primm, Jessica Quade, Joanne Feyes, Kellie Walsh, Michael DeLange, Nicole VonCannon, Shawn Bass, Shawna de Smith, Thomas Manion, all USD 259; Wendy Turley, USD 308; Windy Meurisse, USD 320; Blake Fronce, Derick Hammes, USD 321; Tammy Crawford, USD 383; Susan Duff, USD 457; Gena Crow, USD 465; Bonnie Shaw, USD 475; Anthony Zarek, USD 480; Daphne Brown, USD 489; Annette Ostmeyer, Debra Case, Gale Grable, Justin Peavey, Rita Karleskint, Tammie Caffee, Abby Strathman, Mary Morgan, D0608; Dorothy Burkhalter, D0611; Marlayna Kuhn, Kelli Williamson, Kellyn McCarley, D0618; Sandra Payne, Steven Vincent, D0620; Terry Deffenbaugh, D0638; Darvin Willard Jr., Z0032. Early Childhood Special Education — Lori Dages, Rachel Horn, USD 259; Marissa Barten, USD 321; Julianna Valles, USD 457; Jillian Godley, USD 480; Marcie Hartwig, D0603; Elizabeth Parker, D0608. Early Childhood/Pre-School — Cynthia Chaffin, USD 352. English as a Second Language — Rachel Lee, USD 457. Functional Special Education — Caitlyn Baker, Heather Foreman, Kather Wilson, Mark Sanders, Wesley Nuckolls, Karis Janzen, Linda Borden, Mary Vaughters, William Duncan, USD 259; Dawn Miller,
USD 373; Sarah Colaw, USD 418; Jason Curley, USD 469; Kristal Issinghoff, D0618.  
**Gifted** — Alicia Davis, Jenny VonFeldt, USD 259; Pamela Sumner, USD 321; Danni Bennett, USD 475.  
**Library Media Specialist** — Holly Morgan, Silas Horton, USD 259; Roni Knight, USD 457.  
**Math** — Jessica Keys, USD 259.

**Reading Specialist (extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license)** — Dustin McBride, USD 316.  
**Visual Impaired** — Christie Hatton, USD 229; Krystal Karschimkus, USD 259; Hyesook Cho, D0608.

- Accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval:  
  - **Kansas Wesleyan University** — all Continuing Programs: Elementary Education (I, K-6), Biology (I, 6-12), Chemistry (I, 6-12), Physics (I, 6-12), English (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), History/Government/Social Studies (I, 6-12), Speech/Theatre (I, 6-12), Health (I, PreK-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12) through Dec. 31, 2021;  
  - **McPherson College** — all Continuing Programs: Elementary Education (I, K-6), Biology (I, 6-12), Chemistry (I, 6-12), English (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), History/Government/Social Studies (I, 6-12), Speech/Theatre (I, 6-12) Art (I, PreK-12) through Dec. 31, 2021;  
  - **Friends University** — ESOL (A, K-6, 6-12, PreK-12) approved with stipulation through Dec. 31, 2016.

- 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 290 Ottawa, USD 203 Piper and USD 463 Udall.

- Approved the continued funding of Title II Part B Math and Science Partnership Grants for 2015-2016 for the following applicants and award amounts:  
  - University of Saint Mary — $148,963 in partnership USD 453;  
  - Emporia State University — $147,690 in partnership with USD 420, USD 434, USD 251, USD 454, USD 244 and USD 421;  
  - Topeka USD 501 — $140,821 in partnership with Emporia State University;  
  - Kansas State University $150,000 in partnership with USD 383 and USD 475.

- Accepted the 2015 NASBE State Stipend Award to support professional growth for school leaders, particularly first-year administrators serving rural areas and those serving in dual positions, in the amount of $7,500.

**Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and**
- enter into a contract with Southwest Plains Regional Service Center to provide services to the Kansas Learning Network and Kansas schools identified as On Watch for the 2015-16 school year in an amount not to exceed $970,219;
- enter into a contract with the University of Kansas Center for Research (KUCR) to assist in the grant management and technical assistance of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers in a contract amount not to exceed $275,000 for the 2015-2016 school year;
- enter into a contract with the Kansas State School for the Blind on behalf of the federal Deaf-Blind Project to make payment in an amount not to exceed $13,000 for enrollment of Kansas educators in an intervener training program.

**SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

A separate vote was taken on Consent Item 14 “h”. Mrs. Horst moved to authorize the Commissioner of Education to initiate a bid process to enter into contract for the purpose of investigating special education complaints with said contract to be for a period of six years, and for an amount not to exceed $50,000 per year. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**BREAK**

The Board took a break until 4:25 p.m.
ACTION ON PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PPC ORDER
Mrs. Busch moved to reject the petition for reconsideration submitted by Eden Bloom and reaffirm the findings of fact and conclusions of the Board in its Order signed Jan. 14, 2015, which adopted the recommendation of the Professional Practices Commission after a 9-0 vote of the Board. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. Cauble recused herself from the vote.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Legislative — Mrs. Horst distributed her summary of Capitol observations and mentioned proposed legislation to do away with KSDE’s Kansas Teacher of the Year program.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the Committee would like to have a 30-minute discussion next month on considerations for travel policies and guidelines.

Communications — Mr. McNiece mentioned considerations for releasing feedback on the state vision tour and translating the information into a strategic plan. He also asked for a timeline of anticipated action on assessments, accreditation and standards review.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reminded Board members of Wednesday’s Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel while meeting at the Kansas State School for the Blind. He also noted that by the April Board meeting, professional negotiations at the Kansas State School for the Deaf will be under way.

For individual Board Reports, Mr. Willard participated in a teleconference on ESEA with Senator Moran’s office, visited a classroom at Maize where 7th grade students were preparing for state assessments; Mrs. Busch reported on the most recent Coordinating Council meeting and the ongoing project enabling courses to automatically transfer from a community college to a four-year institution; Mrs. Waugh announced that the Governor’s Scholars ceremony will be May 3 at Washburn; Ms. Wims-Campbell attended community conversations at KASB and with KSDE staff, attended the KEEN banquet and the Kansas Volunteer Commission meeting, provided literature from NEA on ESEA, then read a letter she had received from a teacher about what students learn in kindergarten; Mrs. Horst participated in a forum at Tescott High School; Mr. McNiece reported on a Next Generation Science Standards conference he attended with a team from KSDE, an offer from the National Association of State Board’s of Education to review data privacy laws and practices during a special workshop in Kansas, and NASBE’s regional meeting April 13 in Kearney, Nebraska; Mrs. Busch also discussed the NASBE leadership stipend that will aid partnerships with the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute and United School Administrators of Kansas in providing resources for administrators in rural areas as well as those serving in dual positions.

For Requests for Future Agenda Items: Mr. Willard would like a report from Don Fast on the Kansas Reading Initiative and from Dr. Ed Berger on the educational offerings at the Cosmosphere; Mrs. Busch would like a presentation on special education programs; Mrs. Waugh would like a presentation on keyboarding instruction and a new program introduced at Baldwin, plus she would like to see student art displayed in the Board Room.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Horst and Mr. Roberts April 13 NASBE regional meeting and Mr. Porter (date to be determined) meeting with KSDE licensure directors. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
RECESS
At 5:35 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed Tuesday’s Board meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas State School for the Deaf in Olathe.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary

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On Wednesday, March 11, 2015, Board members made their annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Deaf in Olathe in the morning, and to the Kansas School for the Blind in Kansas City in the afternoon. No business was conducted.

Board members present for the morning session were: John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Sally Cauble, Jim McNiece, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, and Janet Waugh. Absent were Deena Horst and Ken Willard who remained in Topeka to attend legislative hearings. Board members present for the afternoon session were: Mrs. Busch, Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Cauble, Mr. McNiece, Mr. Porter and Mrs. Waugh. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander and Board Secretary Peggy Hill also attended.

There were presentations from staff and students at both locations. At KSSD, Board members heard reports on curriculum and assessments, new projects within the independent living program, expanded outreach services and early childhood programs, particularly enrollment growth at the early childhood center. Students shared about their work with community service projects and internships. At KSSB, presentations were given on reflective education and refocused efforts to meet the needs of students across the state, information on the Braille Challenge and a student speech presentation.

At 3:12 p.m., 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. KSSD/KSSB Superintendent Madeleine Burkindine and Director of Instruction Jon Harding were invited to join the session. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Open session resumed at 3:22 p.m., at which time Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary