CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis at the Board table in the absence of Interim Commissioner Brad Neuenswander, who was with the U.S. education delegation in China. He also welcomed incoming Commissioner Dr. Randy Watson in the audience.

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

Board member Steve Roberts was 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 AMENDED AGENDA
Chairman McNiece announced that Consent Agenda Item 18“I” (State Board Attorney contract bid) would be voted on separately. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Willard moved to approve the minutes of the April Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

UPDATE ON KSDE EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS
Early Childhood Coordinator Gayle Stuber presented a status report on the current action plan for implementing the State Board’s Goal to “Promote and encourage best practices for early childhood programs.” The school readiness framework supports an increase in family engagement, utilizing the Multi-Tier System of Supports, and setting a foundation of early learning standards. She also shared a two-year timeline of action the State Board has taken to support early learning programs. Education Program Consultants Janet Newton and Vera Stroup-Rentier discussed the role of Parents as Teachers and early childhood special education services respectively. The presenters then answered questions.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:57 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Lesli Elyn Bailey, Bonner Springs — bullying in schools; Linda Schukman, Leavenworth — objections to Coalition for Innovative Districts specialized certificate proposal; Idalia Shuman, KNEA — objections to licensure waiver; Bill Gies, Bethany College — correlation between physical activity and student success in the classroom; Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards — KASB summer advocacy tours, research on school finance and school staffing; Earl McIntosh, Topeka — racism and white privilege. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 11:22 a.m.
The Board took a break from 11:25 to 11:30 a.m.

THIRD QUARTER REPORTS FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND & KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas State School for the Deaf, first reported on activities at KSSB. She highlighted the following activities since the last quarterly report: annual transition orientation for students 18-21, outreach services (including regional Chat ‘n Chews and orientation outings), regional Braille Challenge (five students advanced to nationals), and participation at low vision clinics. She then shared news from KSSD. This included work of the bilingual department, a college and career fair to give students experience with interviews, and a Battle of the Books competition with Gallaudet University.

UPDATE ON COALITION OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICTS

The Coalition of Innovative Districts Board met April 30. The agenda included discussions with Deans of Education from universities and colleges in Kansas about the Coalition’s proposed specialized certificate. Dr. Randy Watson reported that a subcommittee, which includes two representatives from higher education, has been created to further discuss possible licensure exemptions. Other meeting topics included USD 364 Marysville’s exemption request on a 60-day window for teacher evaluations.

LUNCH

At 12:10 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

INFORMATION ON KANSAS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) at Manhattan has a new executive director. Dr. Dan Yunk introduced himself and shared some of his career experience before joining the organization. KELI works with multiple partners, including the Kansas State Department of Education, for mentoring and induction of school leaders. Dr. Yunk provided Board members with information on the individualized, on-site training given to new superintendents and principals, plus those new to school administration in Kansas. He described plans to host a session with mentors and mentees on Sept. 10 in partnership with the State Board. In addition to KELI’s current focus, there are plans to work with assistant superintendents and special education directors.

INFORMATION ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT KANSAS COSMOSPHERE

Education programming at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson is being revitalized. Dr. Ed Berger is Chair of Revitalization at the Cosmosphere and spoke about the increased emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs, tailored for multiple grade levels. Tracey Tomme, Director of Education, showcased ways that interactive activities are designed for students to inspire learning and innovation about the STEM areas.

BREAK

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

ACTION ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING

The revision committee’s final recommendations on the Kansas Curricular Standards for School Counseling were presented to the State Board in April in anticipation of action this month. Kent Reed introduced the committee co-chairs who stood for questions. There was no discussion. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the 2015 Kansas Curricular Standards for School Counseling. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ACTION ON PROGRAM STANDARDS: EARLY CHILDHOOD UNIFIED, LEADERSHIP, SPECIAL ED.

Educator preparation standards help establish what is taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. Six sets of program standards were received in April for the Board’s review. Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, introduced three members of the revision
committees who stood for questions. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the 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. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD
Dr. Scott Myers presented the recommendation of Rod Stewart to serve a partial term and fill a vacated position on the Professional Standards Board. Mr. Stewart is from Washington County Schools and would represent local school boards. Mrs. Horst moved to appoint Rod Stewart to a partial term on the Professional Standards Board effective May 12, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS
Dr. Scott Myers and Education Program Consultant Kelly Slaton described the work taking place around developing regulation language for the new accreditation model “Kansas Education Systems Accreditation” (KESA). Ms. Slaton gave an overview of the proposed revisions to Kansas K-12 Accreditation Regulations, identifying significant carryovers and changes. She also distributed a printout comparison of the current QPA with the proposed KESA. Discussion followed, but no action was scheduled.

ACTION ON ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS FOR 2015-16
Mrs. Busch moved to accredit all public Kansas schools and all independent Kansas schools currently participating in Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA), as recommended by the Accreditation Advisory Council. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Mr. Porter recused himself from the discussion and vote. Schools will maintain their current accreditation status for 2015-16 while the transition continues between QPA and the new accreditation model.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
In his summary of education-related legislation, Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reviewed provisions of House Sub. for Senate Bill 7 which makes appropriations for K-12 education for fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017, and repeals the existing school finance formula. He also noted components of legislation that would extend the current working after retirement provisions of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon reported on the bill concerning Emergency Safety Intervention and the creation of an ESI Task Force.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Porter moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 18 “i” (State Board Attorney contract bid) for separate action. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for April.
- reappointed Darrel Kohlman to the Licensure Review Committee with his term effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.
- accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases — 3027 Benjamin Matthews, 3028 Kara Johnson, 3037 Michelle McKnight, 3040 Jessica Tipton.
• approved recommendations for the 2015-16 AmeriCorps Kansas Grant Awards as follows: Ashby House $67,644; YWCA—Girls on the Run $68,637; Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence $222,990; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks $491,908; Harvesters Community Food Network $68,648; Kansas City Kansas Public School District $148,625; United of Douglas County $260,000; YMCA—Youth Volunteer Corps $67,150. Total: $1,395,602.

• approved maintaining the current educator licensure fees for 2015-16, effective July 1, 2015.

• approved recommendations of the School Breakfast Program Waiver Committee to grant breakfast waivers for the 2015-16 school year to the following: Piper Elementary, Piper Elementary East, Piper Middle and Piper High in USD 203; Mize Elementary and Prairie Ridge Elementary in USD 232; Arbor Creek Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Madison Place Elementary, Manchester Park Elementary, Meadow Lane Elementary, Regency Place Elementary, Sunnyside Elementary and Heartland Learning Center in USD 233; Andale Elementary and Middle, Colwich Elementary, Garden Plain Elementary, St. Marks Elementary, Andale High and Garden Plain High in USD 267; Southeast of Saline Elementary and Southeast of Saline Junior/Senior High in USD 306; Elmont Elementary, North Fairview, Pleasant Hill Elementary and West Indianola in USD 345; Mont Ida Elementary in USD 365; Silver Lake Junior/Senior High in USD 372; and Hesston High in USD 460.

• approved recommendations for funding the Migrant Summer Services Grants as follows: USD 102 Cimarron $8,000; USD 216 Deerfield $4,500; USD 253 Emporia $35,000; USD 259 Wichita $4,250; USD 316 Golden Plains $7,000; USD 443 Dodge City $21,235; USD 445 Coffeyville $18,444; USD 457 Garden City $23,000; USD 500 Kansas City Kansas $50,000; USD 501 Topeka $14,092; D0 602 Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center $14,479. Total $200,000.

• approved a final allocation not to exceed $155,000 for Kansas Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grantees through the grant period which ends Sept. 30, 2015. Those approved are: USD 101 Erie, USD 214 Ulysses, USD 216 Deerfield, USD 224 Clifton-Clyde, USD 240 Twin Valley, USD 250 Pittsburg, USD 257 Iola, USD 258 Humboldt, USD 259 Wichita, USD 268 Cheney, USD 286 Chautauqua County, USD 331 Kingman-Norwich, USD 333 Concordia, USD 340 Jefferson West, USD 348 Baldwin, USD 365 Anderson County, USD 375 Circle, USD 378 Riley County, USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, USD 463 Udall, USD 491 Eudora, USD 501 Topeka, USD 504 Oswego, USD 506 Labette County, Catholic Diocese of Salina, Thomas More Prep-Marian.

• approved recommendations for funding the Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Supplemental Awards for 2015-16 as follows: Wichita $65,486; Topeka French/Jardine $56,103; Topeka Quincy $47,924; Catholic Charities $34,707; Goodland $39,384; Humboldt $43,533; Iola $75,000; Manhattan Bergman $75,000; Manhattan Ogden $75,000; Manhattan Northview $75,000; Ottawa Middle School $71,734; Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence (Cordley) $12,730; Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence (Kennedy) $10,443; Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence (New York) $14,253; Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence (Pinckney) $10,660; Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence (Woodlawn) $10,660. Total $717,617.

• approved funding the Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grants for 2015-16 as follows: USD 435 Abilene $50,000; USD 470 Arkansas City $100,000; Asbury United Methodist Church $60,000; Big Brothers/Big Sisters $54,219; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Cordley) $60,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Kennedy) $60,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (New York) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Pinckney) $60,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Bluemont) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Lee) $60,000; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Logan) $200,000; USD 244 Burlington $60,000; Catholic Charities of Wichita (St. Patrick’s) $75,000; USD 247 Cherokee $60,000; USD 379 Clay Center $60,000; USD 379 Clay Center (Middle School) $100,000; USD 379 Clay Center (Wakefield) $60,000; USD 315 Colby $75,000; USD 232 De Soto $60,000; USD 216
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- approved IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Targeted Improvement Plan grants for 2015-16 as follows: USD 115 Marshall/Nemaha $16,675; USD 202 Turner School District $31,443; USD 207 Ft. Leavenworth $14,386; USD 229 Blue Valley $118,200; USD 230 Spring Hill School District $14,761; USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch School District $24,887; USD 232 De Soto $29,134; USD 233 Olathe School District $145,814; USD 234 Ft Scott $18,986; USD 244 Coffey County SpEd Coop - Burlington $17,741; USD 253 Flint Hills SpEd Coop - Emporia $60,213; USD 259 Wichita Public Schools $346,381; USD 260 Derby Public Schools $50,609; USD 261 Haysville Public Schools $60,000; USD 263 Mulvane Special Education $18,094; USD 273 Beloit SpEd Coop $22,801; USD 282 West Elk $17,225; USD 290 Ottawa Public Schools $21,229; USD 305 Central Kansas Coop - Salina $111,383; USD 308 Hutchinson Public Schools $42,846; USD 320 Special Svcs Coop Wamego $25,870; USD 321 Kaw Valley Schools $10,978; USD 333 Learning Coop North Central KS $35,407; USD 336 Holton SpEd Coop $30,887; USD 345 Seaman Public Schools $27,035; USD 353 Wellington Public Schools $18,708; USD 364 Marshall County Coop - Marysville $14,402; USD 368 East Central KS SpEd Coop - Paola (incl. Lakemary) $69,587; USD 372 Silver Lake $11,420; USD 373 Harvey County SpEd Coop - Newton $40,845; USD 379 Twin Lakes Coop - Clay Center $26,142; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden School District $43,550; USD 389 Eureka $12,315; USD 405 Rice County Sp Svc Coop - Lyons $22,084; USD 407 Russell County $13,693; USD 409 Atchison Public Schools $20,908; USD 418 McPherson Co SpEd Coop - McPherson $38,785; USD 428 Barton County SpEd Coop - Great Bend $38,731; USD 437 Auburn-Washburn $40,066; USD 450 Shawnee Heights $27,193; USD 453 Leavenworth - Lansing $24,953; USD 457 Garden City $92,649; USD 458 Basehor-Linwood $17,283; USD 465 Cowley County Sp Svc Coop - Winfield $53,477; USD 469 Lansing $19,440; USD 475 Junction City/Geary County $51,398; USD 480 Liberal $33,084; USD 489 Hays West Central KS SpEd Coop - Hays $34,343; USD 495 Tri County Sp Svc - Larned $20,895; USD 497 Lawrence $76,744;
USD 500 Wyandotte County SpEd Coop $175,158; USD 501 Topeka Public Schools $116,195; USD 512 Shawnee Mission $216,822; D0 602 NW KS Svc Cntr - Oakley $57,958; D0 603 ANW Coop - Humboldt $55,520; D0 605 South Central KS SpEd Coop - Pratt $64,064; D0 607 Tri County SpEd Coop - Independence $71,872; D0 608 NE KS Svc Cntr - Lecompton $43,710; D0 610 Reno County Coop - Hutchinson $41,548; D0 611 High Plains Coop - Ulysses $76,130; D0 613 SW Area Coop - Ensign $77,120; D0 614 East Central KS Coop - Baldwin City $27,097; D0 615 Brown County SpEd - Hiawatha $20,703; D0 616 Doniphan County SpEd Coop - Bendena $16,093; D0 617 Marion County SpEd Coop - Florence $26,237; D0 618 Sedgwick County - Goddard $118,123; D0 619 Sumner County Interlocal - Wellington $19,012; D0 620 Three Lakes Coop - Lyndon $33,019; D0 636 NCK Special Ed Coop - Glade $37,736; D0 637 SEK Interlocal - Pittsburg $95,872; D0 638 Butler Co SpEd Interlocal El Dorado $96,160; S0 507/D0 609 Parsons State Hospital $2,705; S0 525/D0 609 KS State Penitentiary $3,006; S0 604 KS School for the Blind $5,300; and S0 610 KS School for the Deaf $10,235.

- approved recommendations for funding the continuation of the Kansas Middle School After School Advancement Grants for the 2015-16 school year as follows: USD 408 Marion-Florence $13,837; USD 475 Geary County $16,709; USD 491 Eudora $16,710; USD 497 Lawrence $16,709; USD 500 Kansas City $16,709; Boys and Girls Club of Hutchinson $13,280; Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan $14,336; and Boys and Girls Club of Topeka $16,710. Total $125,000.


- authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and initiate a bid process to enter into a contract for the purpose of developing a mass communication approach to providing the field with information regarding Inter Rater Agreement with a contract amount not to exceed $30,000;

- enter into a contract with Utah State University, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education Center for Persons with Disabilities, to continue to provide technical assistance and support, data programming to generate required public reports, and data analysis for the Kansas State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report to meet the requirements under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed $1,375,000;

- authorize the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind’s Superintendent to enter into a four contracts for out-of-state tuition for six students to attend the 2015 Extended School Year programs as follows: Hardin-Central C-2 School District (Hardin, Mo.) in an amount not to exceed $4,500, Liberty School District (Liberty, Mo.) in an amount not to exceed $1,500, Smithville School District (Smithville, Mo.) in an amount not to exceed $3,000 and Center School District (Kansas City, Mo.) in an amount not to exceed $1,500.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

A separate vote was taken on Consent Item 18 “i.” Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to approve the contract with Gates, Shields and Ferguson, P.A. for providing legal services to the Kansas State Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the option of four one-year extensions. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Bacon in opposition.
RECESS
At 4:25 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed Tuesday’s Board meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim McNiece, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary
KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the Wednesday, May 13, 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
Deena Horst   Jim McNiece    Jim Porter
Janet Waugh   Ken Willard    

Board members Sally Cauble and Steve Roberts were absent. Interim Commissioner Brad Neuenswander was also absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-0, with Mr. Willard not present for the vote.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Calin Kendall, Chairman of the Professional Practices Commission, presented the recommendations of the PPC following hearings Feb. 26 and 27 on licensure case 14-PPC-14. Mrs. Busch moved to adopt the findings and recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission regarding the professional licensure of Kelly Dockter. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-0, with Mr. Willard not present for the vote.

INFORMATION ON KANSAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
The mission of the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) is to support music educators by fostering leadership, providing professional development, and promoting the advocacy of music learning in schools and communities. KMEA President Martha Gabel, Olathe, provided an overview of the organization and its work with professional development, mentoring and assistance to pre-service music educators. Other highlights included:
- opportunities for students, such as competitions and scholarships
- revision of Kansas music standards
- impact of budget cuts on school music programs
- collaboration with KSDE and the Kansas State High School Activities Association

UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING EXEMPTION POLICY AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS RULE
Cheryl Johnson, Director of Child Nutrition and Wellness, and Jill Ladd, Team Nutrition Project Director, shared an update on how the Fundraising Exemption Policy has been working since it was approved by the Board in May, 2014. The policy allows one food fundraiser per school organization per semester that does not meet the USDA’s Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School during the school day on the school grounds. Mrs. Johnson provided results of a survey sent to schools revealing little concern over the policy. Mrs. Ladd talked about the Smart Snacks in School program, including creative efforts by participating schools. Finally, Mrs. Johnson explained the Professional Standards Rule (effective July 1, 2015) concerning hiring standards for new nutrition program directors.
ASSESSMENT UPDATE
During this month’s state assessment update by Dr. Scott Smith, Board members learned the percentage of students who had completed tests in various subjects. The testing window closes May 15. They also learned that KSDE has secured enough volunteers for the first stage of assessment cut score setting. Volunteers in the grade-appropriate content panels will meet July 21-24 in Topeka. The Kansas Assessment Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Mulvane June 2 to review feedback, which will be shared with the State Board. A tentative timetable was presented for the release of results. An online assessment feedback form has been posted on the KSDE website. Discussion followed.

BREAK
The Board took a break until 11:10 a.m.

KANSAS LEARNING NETWORK UPDATE
The Kansas Learning Network is a model the state uses to provide support and technical assistance to Title I schools identified as Priority and Focus based on performance. School Improvement Coordinator Tammy Mitchell reminded the Board that there are 66 focus schools and 33 priority schools in 19 districts. She described the role of KLN implementation coaches who work to implement the indicators of effective practice. This is the third year of the program, and it will be extended to a fourth year for monitoring. She noted that a new cohort of schools will be identified in 2016.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Legislative — Mrs. Horst reported attending conference committee meetings.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh announced that the Policy Committee had met on Tuesday and will be delegating some of the guidelines to other departments for updating.

Communication — Mr. McNiece noted that a joint message of thanks on behalf of the Board and KSDE was sent electronically during National Teacher Appreciation Week in May. He stated that a few additions have been made to the online Resource List for Board members. He also encouraged them to share good news about activities in their districts.

Other — Mrs. Busch asked Board members to review events and opportunities associated with the NASBE leadership stipend, particularly summer events targeted toward new principals and superintendents.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT
Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reported that teacher negotiations are ongoing with the Kansas State School for the Deaf. He anticipates presenting a tentative agreement at the June Board meeting. The summary of his monthly activity was provided.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS
During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Horst attended the Royal Valley Middle School history fair; Mr. Porter participated in the Vision Chamber Tour in Pittsburg; Mrs. Waugh attended a dinner hosted by Education Week and also the Governor’s Scholars Program with fellow Board members Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Horst and Mr. Porter; Ms. Wims-Campbell attended the Kansas PTA Convention and the KSHSAA Executive Board meeting; Mrs. Busch visited school districts in her area about licensure; Mr. McNiece attended the Schools of Character program in Topeka.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
For internal Board business, Chairman McNiece asked for a confirmation of appointments to national committees. Mr. Porter moved to approve John Bacon to serve on the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) finance committee and Carolyn Wims-Campbell to serve on the NASBE nominations committee. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.
He also announced that a letter signing would occur at 2 p.m. (May 13) in the Statehouse with members of the House Education Committee encouraging local school boards to pass and implement a policy on financial literacy suitable for their districts. He also mentioned these upcoming events: NASBE regional meeting in St. Louis May 29, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching June 22, Board Retreat Aug. 12 and 13.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Mr. Horst would like reports from other arts education associations throughout the year; Mr. Porter requested a presentation on alternative licensure paths and information on where gaps may still exist to fill needs; Mr. McNiece would like to invite the top Schools of Character to be recognized at a Board meeting; Ms. Wims-Campbell and Mr. Bacon requested bullying in schools be an agenda topic; Mrs. Busch asked for an overview of the alternative licensure process, specifically about reciprocal states and National Board Certified Teachers.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Ms. Wims-Campbell June 18 NASBE nominations committee, Mrs. Horst June 8 KASB Summer Advocacy Meeting, Mr. McNiece June 6 KASB workshop, June 22 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching and June 23 new superintendent workshop. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

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Jim McNiece, Chairman                  Peggy Hill, Secretary