CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St.,
Topeka, Kansas. The State Board met on an irregular Monday-Tuesday schedule this month in
observance of the Veterans’ Day holiday. McNiece welcomed morning guests in attendance from
USD 383 Manhattan, Gardiner Elementary in Wichita, Arts Partners Wichita and Haskell Indian
Nations University.

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

Board member Sally Cauble arrived later in the morning. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson was absent,
but was represented by Steve Smith, an attorney from the firm of Gates, Shields & Ferguson.

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman McNiece read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Vision Statement. He asked for a
moment of silence and Veterans’ Day reflection. Then the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA
Chairman McNiece noted that an additional case recommendation from the Professional Practices
Commission would be included on the day’s agenda as Item 18b. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the
amended agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Cauble absent.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting. Ms. Wims-Campbell
seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

STUDENT ARTWORK PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION
Approximately 40 students from Gardiner Elementary, Wichita USD 259, helped unveil a custom-
designed wall hanging for the Kansas State Board of Education meeting room. This was a project
created as part of an after-school fine arts program for at-risk students supported by a 21st Century
Community Learning Center grant. Holly Wilson, district program manager for the grant, and artist
Susan de Wit with Arts Partners Wichita accompanied the students. The ceramic tile mural features a
landscape of grass, trees and clouds with the words “Our students come first in every Board decision”
displayed at the top. Carvings of student faces and handprint shapes make the piece unique. The
presentation included a singing performance and student description of the artwork.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:27 a.m. Speakers and their topics were:
Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards — announcing a decision by KASB’s Board to support
the Kansans Can initiative and vision statement; John Richard Schrock, Emporia — expansion of
biliteracy in schools; Brad King, representing MidAmerica Nazarene University and Kansas Association
of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD) — proposed elementary education
standards and absence of physical education component; Bryan Minnich, representing Kansas Wesleyan University and KAHPERD — elementary education standards and Let’s Move Active Schools project; Rhonda Holt representing KAHPERD — accomplishments of Let’s Move Active Schools project; Meggin DeMoss, representing KAHPERD — overview of physical activity in-service and team training. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:48 a.m.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson recounted highlights from last month’s launch of a new vision for Kansas education during the KSDE Annual Conference in Wichita. He described communication plans for sharing the vision and slogan, then showed the Kansans Can video. He also gave a status report on movement toward federal reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, stressing the importance of its passage to the Board’s vision.

BREAK

The Board took a break until 11:12 a.m. Mrs. Cauble arrived at this time. There was a brief gap in the agenda to comply with a fire drill in the Landon State Office Building. The meeting resumed at 11:30.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON SCIENCE ASSESSMENT DEVELOPMENT

The quarterly science standards update focused on the development of the state science assessment, which aligns with the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards. William Bennett, science content coordinator with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, described the differences between the 2014-2015 transitional science assessment and the upcoming field test. He discussed the number of test items for the different grade levels, breakdown of content emphasis (physical science, life science, earth/space science), and the importance of teacher review in the development process. A time for questions and answers followed, which included inquiries about three-dimensional learning and the amount of time required for test taking.

ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REGULATIONS

Scott Gordon, KSDE legal counsel, presented the proposed amendments to seven School Bus Regulations, which were reviewed with the State Board during the October meeting. Clarification questions were addressed about non-mandated fingerprinting and background checks for bus drivers. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve submission of amendments K.A.R. 91-38-1, 91-38-2, 91-38-3, 91-38-4, 91-38-5, 91-38-6 and 91-38-8 to the Department of Administration and the Office of the Attorney General. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0. After those two state offices complete their reviews, the State Board will set a public hearing date for comments.

ACTION ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Recommendations for revisions to the state’s music education standards were outlined for the Kansas State Board of Education in October. These standards were updated to align with the Rose Standards and the National Music Standards, and address what students in Kansas should know and understand to prepare them for college and careers beyond high school. KSDE Fine Arts Education Consultant Joyce Huser stood for questions. Mr. Porter moved to approve the Kansas Curricular Standards for Music Education. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

RECEIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH, READING SPECIALIST AND TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, introduced revision committee representatives who presented updated educator preparation program standards for English 5-8, English 6-12, Reading Specialist PreK-12 and Technology 6-12. These standards help institutions of higher education develop their teacher preparation programs and monitor or redesign programs as necessary. Presenters were Dr. Melissa Reed of Emporia State University and Dr. John Iley of Pittsburg State University. Board members received the proposed revised standards, the previous standards...
and a comparison of the two versions. English Language Arts Education 5-8 Educators Standard 6.2.2., which addresses planning instruction responsive to students’ diversity, was questioned. Mr. Willard requested more information on how this will be handled. The Board is expected to vote in December on these licensure program standards.

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

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS FROM KANSAS**

Patty Jurich, Family Engagement Chairperson with Kansas PTA, introduced the 2015-17 National PTA School of Excellence Award recipients from Kansas. She shared an overview of the national program, which focuses on strengthening family-school partnerships. She also discussed the award selection process and highlights of each local program. Recipients from Kansas are Belinder Elementary School and Belinder Elementary PTA (Prairie Village), Indian Hills Middle School and Indian Hills Middle School PTA (Prairie Village), Merriam Park Elementary School and Merriam Park Elementary PTA (Merriam), Rising Star Elementary and Rising Star Elementary PTA (Lenexa), all from the Shawnee Mission School District; Blue Valley Early Childhood Center and Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA (Overland Park), Blue Valley School District; Stony Point North Elementary School and Stony Point North Elementary School PTA (KCK), Stony Point South Elementary School and Stony Point South Elementary PTA (KCK), both of the Kansas City Kansas School District. Representatives of each school district and the school's local PTA were present. Laura Kaiser with Kansas PTA assisted in giving the awards.

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FINALISTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS**

This month, State Board members recognized the two Kansans named National Finalists for the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. They are Patrick Flynn, a math teacher at Olathe East High School, and Jeremi Wonch, a science teacher at Indian Trail Middle School, both from USD 233 Olathe. Each Kansas finalist talked about specific classroom programs and teaching strategies.

The Board took a short break for photos at 2:23 p.m.

**KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT**

Gary Musselman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, presented the organization’s annual report to the State Board. He acknowledged that soft skills and experiential opportunities are integrated within activity participation, which aligns with the State Board’s new vision for education. Mr. Musselman talked about KSHSAA’s membership base, participation of approved schools, and national statistics. He answered questions about Substitute for Senate Bill 60 (proposed participation of non-enrolled students in athletics) and 6th grade participation in interscholastic athletics. Other informational highlights included:

- Announcing that he has been elected by the National Federation of State High School Associations to serve as president-elect for the 2016-17 school year
- Sharing results of a University of Kansas research study on the benefits of activity participation
- Review of trainings for coaching education, sportsmanship and sports medicine.

The Board took a five-minute break at 3:25 p.m.

**ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

This month’s update on the envisioned accreditation process focused on structure and responsibilities of outside validation teams. Dr. Scott Myers outlined team members’ involvement during the five-year commitment and composition of the team (minimum of three members, maximum of 10). He also described training and team responsibilities. During discussion, Board members expressed concerns about recruiting the number of volunteers needed with no financial incentive, forward
movement of the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation model which will be affected by the Board’s new vision, and the complexity of the rubric (five Rs).

**RECEIVE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Superintendent Madeleine Burkindine thanked Commissioner Watson for recent visits to both schools. She then reported on activities for the first quarter (July-September). Highlights at the Kansas State School for the Blind include a new weekly newsletter for parents, achievements of students in the transition program, and the title change for Outreach Programs to Field Services. Highlights at the Kansas State School for the Deaf include a focus on the Chromebook initiative and filling teacher openings. Ms. Wims-Campbell suggested bringing students from each school to assist with the reports once or twice a year. Mr. McNiece requested a presentation about students’ opportunities for physical activity during the Board’s March visit to the schools.

**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

The Professional Practices Commission was represented by Chair Linda Sieck. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of the Professional Practices Commission and its recommendations for licensure approval. The two cases presented for action were: 15-PPC-40 Brittany Pierpoint and 15-PPC-42 Steven Deschneau. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Case 15-PPC-25 Christopher Nabors was also presented for action. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for licensure revocation. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis asked Board members to consider any non-monetary issues that they want to recommend to the 2016 Kansas Legislature. Concerns were voiced about two bills proposed last year: HB 2345 (conflict of interest for local districts) and Sub. for Senate Bill 60 (proposed participation of non-enrolled students in athletics). Mr. Dennis also distributed a printout of revenue estimates for the state. More discussion followed, questioning the real value of the estimates when they aren’t met. Mr. Willard requested a historical comparison of revenue estimates.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for October.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointments of Hannah Burgess as School Food Service Consultant on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team effective Sept. 28, 2015 at an annual salary of $43,950.40; Brett Dietz as Trainer on the Information Technology team effective Oct. 5, 2015 at an annual salary of $46,092.80; Stephanie Townsend and Janis Taylor as Auditors on the Fiscal Auditing team both effective Sept. 28, 2015 and each at an annual salary of $43,992; and Ann Bush as Communications Specialist effective Oct. 12, 2015 at an annual salary of $53,414.40.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases — 3050 Ethan Randolph, 3054 Kathryn Quick, 3056 Osmond Fisher, 3059 Kristin Kitley, 3061 Tiffany Stuart, 3063 Erin Patrick, 3064 Gregory Roller. Denied Cases — 3042 Mark Early, 3062 Natalie Pettit.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: Adaptive Special Education -- Christopher Richards, Natalie Post, Holly Glynn, USD 202; Allison

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• 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 231 Gardner-Edgerton and USD 250 Pittsburg.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into a contract with Kansas State University for the purpose of developing and conducting an evaluation of Body Venture student learning outcomes as part of the USDA Team Nutrition grant with a contract period from Dec. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed $20,000.
ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Mrs. Horst moved to appoint Sarah Schaffer to the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) effective from Nov. 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016. She will fill a vacancy representing the parent of a child or a person with a disability. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ACTION ON ESTABLISHING 2016 BOARD MEETING DATES
Chairman McNiece reviewed the proposed schedule of 2016 meeting dates. After considering potential conflicts, Board members decided to adjust the dates of meetings in April, May, September, October and November. These will not coincide with the traditional schedule of meeting on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of the month. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to confirm the 2016 meeting dates as adjusted. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Cauble abstaining.

The schedule is as follows:
- January 12 and 13
- February 9 and 10
- March 8 and 9
- April 19 and 20
- May 17 and 18
- June 14 and 15
- July 12 and 13
- August 9 and 10
- September 20 and 21
- October 18 and 19
- November 9 and 10 (Wed./Thurs.)
- December 13 and 14

BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Legislative — Mr. Willard and Mrs. Horst commented on the K-12 Student Success Committee. Mr. Willard plans to give interim committee testimony in opposition to HB 2345.

Communication — Mrs. Cauble would like the theme of the next post card series to focus on the new vision for education. She also commented on activities around the Kansans Can promotion. Mr. McNiece expressed interest in more opportunities to meet with the House and Senate Education Committee.

ESI Task Force — Mr. Porter gave an update on the Emergency Safety Interventions Task Force. There will be a sub-committee meeting Nov. 17. The Task Force must file its report to legislators and the Governor by Jan. 20.

NASBE Conference — Kansas Board members in attendance for all or part of the annual conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education were Mr. Willard, Mr. McNiece, Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Horst and Mrs. Busch. Points of interest were a higher than normal attendance, Mr. McNiece’s election as NASBE President for next year, Mr. Willard’s expired term as NASBE Secretary/Treasurer, quality of presenters, and the decision to host the 2016 conference in Kansas City. Ms. Wims-Campbell reported on her participation in a roundtable discussion on the Board’s development of a new vision, sharing that several other states were impressed with Kansas’ internal commitment to hearing from its citizens and not hiring an outside firm to gather the information.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT
Board Attorney Mark Ferguson was absent for the meeting. Steve Smith from the firm of Gates, Shield and Ferguson was available to answer questions.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS
During individual Board member reports, Ms. Wims-Campbell attended the Supreme Court hearing on school funding; Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bacon both attended the Foundation for Excellence in Education summit in Denver where Dr. Condoleezza Rice was the keynote speaker; Mrs. Horst reported on the demographics presentation at NASBE and her attendance at KSDE’s annual conference; Mrs. Waugh attended an elementary school ribbon cutting in Tonganoxie and events honoring Dr. Cindy Lane as Superintendent of the Year; Mrs. Cauble reported on the Interstate Migrant Education Council national symposium she attended, and collaboration between several Kansas institutions to help enrich science education; Mr. Willard commented on schools he visited with Commissioner Watson;
Mrs. Busch attended a workshop for stipend recipients at the NASBE conference, participated in a legislative forum, and visited the Haysville School District.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Mr. Willard requested that the Commissioner’s perception on accreditation redesign be shared; Mr. McNiece asked that the March visit to KSSD and KSSB include information on students’ physical activity opportunities; Mr. Porter would like to recognize the National Schools of Character winners from Kansas; Ms. Wims-Campbell requested a presentation from the two Seaman High School students awarded $10,000 in the 2015 Discovery Award competition and a presentation from students at Scott Computer Technical Magnet School; Mrs. Cauble requested a presentation from the newly formed science education partnership involving the Cosmosphere, Exploration Place and Sunset Zoo; Mr. McNiece asked for a presentation from Junior Achievement; Mr. Willard requested a presentation on population demographics and changes in structure; Mrs. Busch would like a status update on special education licensure.

Chairman Jim McNiece expressed appreciation to Commissioner Watson and Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander for their work to launch the new vision. He distributed a guide about college and career readiness produced by Junior Achievement, commenting on his useful content. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) continues to be a timely topic. He presented a draft letter intended for Congressional committee representatives and asked for Board member approval. Mr. Willard moved to authorize sending the letter on behalf of the State Board to the committee and the Kansas Congressional delegation urging support for ESEA reauthorization this year. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Bacon abstaining.

The rest of Chairman McNiece’s report included notice of his presentation at a social studies conference, the next day’s retreat, and a meeting with the Lt. Governor about a potential state community service award for high school students. Board members questioned which groups would partner with the award, how this compares to other state awards such as the Governor’s Scholars, and how it would be funded. Board consensus was to have questions answered before considering support.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch Nov. 3 Derby legislative forum, Nov. 6 Haysville district visit, Nov. 17 legislative forum at Clearwater; Ms. Wims-Campbell Nov. 13 meeting at Three Lakes Cooperative in Lyndon and Nov. 18 business roundtable in Lawrence; Mr. McNiece Nov. 11 Kansas Alliance for Educational Advocacy, Nov. 18 business roundtable in Wichita, Dec. 5 KASB Annual Convention. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the travel list and additions. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session for 15 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. The session would begin at 6:40 p.m. and end at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Watson was invited to join the session. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Porter absent for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT
The open meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m. and Chairman McNiece immediately adjourned the meeting.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary
BOARD RETREAT AND VISION PLANNING
The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, for continued work on implementing the Board’s new vision. The retreat was held in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building. All Board members were present. Commissioner Watson reviewed work to date and shared general comments from the vision launch. He distributed a recent news article for small group discussion illustrating how school climate can affect the achievement gap. Members continued their discussions on outcomes and indicators, including the difficulty in tracking remediation in multiple settings. It was decided that the outcomes would be formally presented to the Board as a receive item in December with an expected vote in January. At that time they will also consider adapting the definition of college and career readiness to reflect the outcomes. There was no Board action.