KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed those in attendance.

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

Board member John Bacon 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 AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the one-day meeting agenda. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Dr. Randy Watson reported on recent visits with Board members in their respective districts. Stops included Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Topeka and Olathe. He then commented on the creation of several ad hoc advisory groups to provide him with feedback. These informal committees will give insight into what is working well with the state’s education system and areas for improvement. Dr. Watson reminded Board members of the upcoming tour dates and locations to relay results of the community focus groups held earlier this year. Lastly, he invited Education Program Consultant Don Gifford to highlight activities schools could use to commemorate Constitution Day and Celebrate Freedom Week, both in September.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:19 a.m. Speakers and their topics were:
- Eva Horn, representing Early Childhood Higher Education Options (ECHO) consortium — recommendation to modify PreK-Kindergarten teacher policy
- Jennie Long, representing ECHO — support for ECHO’s position statement
- Tom Krebs, Kansas Association of School Boards — KASB’s finance summit and upcoming advocacy tours
- Mary DeLuccie, representing ECHO — teacher licensure standards for preschool instruction and kindergarten assignments

Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:39 a.m.

There was a brief gap between Open Forum Speakers #3 and #4. During that time, Mr. Porter updated
Board members on recent activities of the Emergency Safety Intervention Task Force that he chairs. The next committee meeting is Sept. 29.

**ACTION ON ASSESSMENT CUT SCORES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS AND DYNAMIC LEARNING MAP**

Chairman McNiece preceded this action item by emphasizing the importance of the Performance Level Descriptors which define what students should know and be able to demonstrate. The descriptors are written to be fully aligned to the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards and are specific to each tested subject and grade. The performance measures are identified with a 1-4 scale, which is different from past assessments. Dr. Scott Smith, Director of Career Standards and Assessment Services, presented the range of scores for each achievement level in English language arts, mathematics and for the Dynamic Learning Map alternate test. Mr. Willard requested and received definitions for each of the four levels. The cut scores will be applied to the Spring 2015 assessments. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to approve the cut scores as presented to be applied to the Kansas College and Career Ready Assessments. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

**RECEIVE KANSAS ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR SPRING 2015**

KSDE staff members shared results from state and national academic assessments with the Board. Kent Reed reviewed ACT data, including five-year trends in average ACT scores. The number of students taking SAT and Advanced Placement exams in Kansas was presented, showing that more students took the AP exam in 2015 than in 2014. Beth Fultz provided the most current NAEP data. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is administered in odd-numbered years to a sampling of students in 4th and 8th grades. Scott Smith then presented preliminary results, as based on approved cut scores, for the Kansas College and Career Ready Assessments taken this spring. The information was in aggregate form for English language arts, mathematics and Dynamic Learning Map tests. Dr. Smith outlined the scheduled release of assessment results to school districts and parents. Board members discussed the impact data, acknowledging that the design of the new assessment reflects the more rigorous standards and is not comparable to previous years.

**LUNCH**

At 11:55 a.m., Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

**P.M. SESSION**

Board members received a review of Career Technical Education (CTE) in Kansas schools. Assistant Director Jay Scott stated that the purpose of KSDE’s CTE program is to support and empower schools to develop quality career pathways, preparing students for higher skilled job markets. There are currently 16 career clusters at the secondary level and 35 pathways that lead students to college and career readiness. Mr. Scott shared numbers to illustrate program growth. He also outlined proposed changes for 2016-17 that will adjust student categories and the amount of credit received. Guest presenters were Cloys Bayless, Chair of the Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education (KACCTE), Marketing Cluster representative Ronnie Murphy of TopekaMetro and Human Services Cluster representative Eleanor Hensley of Highland Community College, along with KSDE staff Kirk Haskins and Gayla Randel. External committees regularly review career clusters to ensure they are rigorous and reflective of current business/industry standards.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the revised educator preparation program standards for Mathematics 5-8, Mathematics 6-12 and Library Media Specialist PreK-12. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

**BREAK**

The Board took a break until 2:50 p.m.
VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHER PROGRAM REVIEW
The Visiting International Teacher program brings certified teachers from Spain and China to work in Kansas for up to three years. Board members received an overview of the program, including participation history and process. Over the 14 years of its existence, the program has worked with approximately 100 teachers, hired in 28 districts. KSDE Education Program Consultant Phyllis Farrar introduced Mar Burillo Villena, an elementary dual language teacher from Madrid, who shared her perspective of teaching in the U.S. Carla Nolan, USD 501 Human Resources Director, talked about the program’s advantages. Presenters then answered questions.

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 PPC and its recommendations for licensure approval. The four cases presented for action were: 15-PPC-33 Rachelle Cole, 15-PPC-35 Joseph Hamer, 15-PPC-36 Jackie Brand, 15-PPC-38 Todd Clark. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Ms. Wims-Campbell in opposition.

Ms. Sieck then referenced the PPC’s findings and recommendations on seven other licensure cases: 15-PPC-26 Shelli Cammisa, 15-PPC-28 Brad West, 15-PPC-34 Matthew Hobbs, 15-PPC-37 Ronald Michels, 15-PPC-16 Scott Smith, 15-PPC-27 Jeb Woodford, 15-PPC-29 Mallory Latimore. Mrs. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and take the following actions: revoke the professional licenses of Shelli Cammisa, Brad West, Matthew Hobbs and Ronald Michels, and deny the applications of Scott Smith, Jeb Woodford and Mallory Latimore. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ACTION ON REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY GUIDELINES
Policy Committee Chair Janet Waugh noted one additional correction to the redline version presented for consideration. The last sentence of section 4(b) in Guideline VI should read “Physical forms, to be signed by the health care providers listed previously and parents, may be obtained from the local schools or on the KSHSAA website.” Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board Policy Committee as presented for updating the Guidelines, and instruct the Committee to post the revised edition on the Board page of the KSDE website for accessibility. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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

- received the monthly Personnel Report for August.
- approved local in-service education plans for Ellinwood USD 355 and Haviland USD 474.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows:
  - Approved Cases — 3035 Tamara Williams, 3044 Tracie Ward, 3048 Samantha Hicks, 3049 Kathy Ryff, 3051 Kelly Caswell, 3052 Janis Hagler, 3053 Calvin Jones (PreK-12 district leadership).
  - Denied Cases — 3041 Alison Costain, 3043 Brent Corey, 3053 Calvin Jones (PreK-12 building leadership).
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
  - Adaptive Special Education — Misty Navarro, USD 207; Leslie Switzer, Bonnie Weinstein, USD 229; Chelsey Johnson, USD 389; Keenan Martin, Kelsey Martin, USD 409; Andrew Weese, USD 437; Alicia Scales-Kheir, USD 453; Stacy Rietzke, D0636. Early Childhood Special Education — McKinley Phillips, C0036; Juliana Malone, USD 229; Jessica Cornett, USD 389; Martha Becker, D0636. Elementary — Extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license — Sandy Wood, USD 491. English as a Second Language — Justin Brull, Tamara Calderwood, USD 259. English Language Arts — Jaclyn Ward, USD 262. Functional Special Education — Jordan Louis, Patrick

- authorized USD 364, Marysville, Marshall County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.
- amend the contract with BTU Consultants to provide E-Rate training to unified school districts during the current one-year period July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 with options for two additional one-year renewals. The cost of the amendment is $15,390 per year which brings the total cost of the yearly contract to $40,390.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). The session would begin at 3:55 p.m. The open meeting would resume at 4:25 p.m. Randy Watson, Mark Ferguson, Dale Dennis and Scott Gordon were invited to join the session. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

At 4:25 p.m., Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to extend the same executive session for 10 minutes. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Open session resumed at 4:35 p.m.

**ACTION ON STATEWIDE KANSAS READING SUCCESS PROGRAM**

The Kansas Legislature appropriated funds for a statewide Kansas reading success program. State statute specified the role of the State Board of Education in the process of selecting a vendor. State bid and procurement procedures were followed and the Procurement Negotiating Committee made a recommendation after reviewing bid proposals. Discussion occurred about the process, importance of local control and time constraints. Mr. Roberts moved to not authorize the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract and to not take the recommendation of the Procurement Negotiating Committee at this time for a reading intervention process. Mr. Willard seconded. More discussion followed. The motion failed to receive the six required votes with a 3-4-2 decision. Those in opposition were Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Horst, Ms. Wims-Campbell and Mrs. Busch. Those abstaining were Mr. Porter and Mrs. Cauble.

Discussions continued. Mrs. Busch moved to authorize the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract as recommended by the Procurement Negotiating Committee for the purpose of providing a reading intervention process for all students in Kansas, with a contract amount not to exceed $2,100,000. Mr. McNiece seconded. More discussion and comments followed. Motion carried 6-2-1 with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Willard in opposition, and Mrs. Cauble abstaining.

The Board took a break from 5:30 to 5:35 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Communication — Mr. McNiece and Mrs. Cauble reminded Board members to consider guests they would like to invite to the Oct. 27 announcement of a new vision for education.
NASBE Leadership Stipend — Mrs. Busch mentioned the Sept. 10 partnership workshop with the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute and attendance at the October meeting for stipend recipients.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson provided updates on three cases that are active or pending. The *Citizens for Objective Public Education (COPE)* case is set for oral argument Sept. 30 with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. The *Petrella* case, which is remanded to federal district court in Kansas, is set for a motion for summary judgment Oct. 26. He is also monitoring the *Gannon* case in which the first round of briefs on the equity issue have been filed.

**During individual Board member reports,** Mr. Willard reported on a school finance meeting with the Governor; Ms. Wims-Campbell attended the Kansas Volunteer Commission meeting in Kansas City, a Harvesters activity with KVC, the KASB School Finance Summit, the MTSS Conference in Wichita, and a school tour with Dr. Watson; Mrs. Waugh attended an education roundtable for the Kansas Juvenile Justice system, has made appointments to tour three juvenile facilities in the coming weeks, toured schools in her district with Dr. Watson, and presented to Blue Valley CAPS participants interested in teacher education; Mrs. Horst attended the KASB School Finance Summit; Mr. Roberts asked to share a web link with Board members on a recent PDK/Gallup Poll about public education.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:** Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Horst asked for a follow-up report on recess in schools after recommendations were made following release of survey results on the topic; Mrs. Horst would like to hear from schools around the state about what they are doing in various subject areas; Mr. McNiece noted that action on the NASBE Bylaw changes should occur next month.

Chairman Jim McNiece commented about the upcoming Kansas Teacher of the Year regional banquets, the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Annual Conference in October, proposed NASBE Bylaw changes, and the next day’s vision planning retreat.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**
Additions to the travel requests were: Ms. Wims-Campbell Sept. 16 Report of Community Conversation Results; Mr. Porter Sept. 29 and Oct. 20 ESI Task Force meetings. Mr. Porter moved to approve the travel list and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m. He reminded members that part two of the Board retreat and vision planning would begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the KNEA offices.

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Jim McNiece, Chairman                        Peggy Hill, Secretary
BOARD RETREAT AND VISION PLANNING
The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, for a retreat and vision planning session, which was held at the KNEA Offices, 715 SW 10th Ave., Topeka. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Mr. McNiece, Vice Chair Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Willard, Mrs. Busch and Mr. Porter. Facilitators were Commissioner Randy Watson, Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander and Doug Moeckel, Deputy Executive Director of the Kansas Association of School Boards. The agenda included discussion of a vision statement to convey the direction of Kansas education in the next 10 years, responses to vision tour question two and identifying measures to gauge student success. There was no Board action.