CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Mr. McNiece directed encouraging remarks to all students and school personnel as they begin a new school year.

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

Steve Roberts participated in the meeting by phone. John Bacon was absent.

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman McNiece read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Kansans CAN Vision 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 need to alter Agenda Item 13 “Act on recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission.” Board Attorney Mark Ferguson explained that counsel for the licensee in the PPC case of Gage McGarry provided a written request to present an oral argument. Mr. Ferguson recommended the Board consider the request for oral argument in August and act on the merits of the case in September. Mrs. Busch moved to amend the agenda to consider the request and defer action on the recommendations of the PPC. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Commissioner Randy Watson restated the five parts of the Board’s definition of a successful Kansas high school graduate: academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement. During visits to schools, he reminds educators about the need for balance among these areas which are all linked to the five vision outcomes. Dr. Watson spoke about the aspirational goal of 100 percent high school graduation and the need to look at graduation rates in combination with postsecondary completion. He illustrated statistically the drop in completers as a class of students progresses through high school and on to college. Finally, he discussed the changes in school leadership reflected in the number of superintendents and principals in new positions.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:33 a.m. There was one speaker: John Richard Schrock, Emporia — discussing Kansas Association of Biology Teachers Fall Conference and opposition to comprehensive science license. Written public comment was supplied by the Kansas
Association for the Education of Young Children. The forum was closed at 10:38 a.m.

**REPORT FROM EDUCATION FELLOWS ON SUMMER TRAININGS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The Education Fellows program was created in spring 2016 as one way to use distinguished Kansas educators to help their peers better understand the outcomes associated with the *Kansans CAN* vision for leading the world in the success of each student. Members of the three Education Fellows teams spoke at the meeting about their summer work with school administrators and teachers across the state. They used six-word expressions to describe their experiences. These ranged from purposeful networking among districts to helping set stretch goals. School districts were able to select from available workshop dates and receive the training at no charge. Board members commented on the ongoing need for the *Kansans CAN* vision to reach teachers.

**BREAK**

Board members took a 10-minute break at 11:20 a.m.

**ACT ON INNOVATIVE DISTRICT APPLICATION FROM USD 484 FREDONIA**

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the application of USD 484 Fredonia and grant authority for the district to operate as an Innovative District working within the Bylaws of the Coalition of Innovative School Districts’ Board. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Cauble in opposition. Discussion centered on identifying legitimate barriers and reducing roadblocks for the benefit of all districts.

**RECEIVE AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS TO COMPLY WITH NEW LAW**

Laura Jurgensen of KSDE’s Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team reviewed amendments to the emergency safety intervention statutes, which went into effect July 1, 2016. These statutory changes regarding the use of seclusion and restraint in schools necessitate changes to the Kansas State Board of Education’s ESI regulations K.A.R. 91-42-1 to –7. Mrs. Jurgensen outlined the changes plus an item of clarifying language in 91-42-3(h) related to use of physical escort and time out. Board members will act on the next steps in the regulations adoption process next month.

**LUNCH**

Chairman McNiece recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. The afternoon session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

**ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON TEACHER VACANCIES AND SUPPLY**

Dr. Ken Weaver, co-chair of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, stated that the Task Force’s “final report” was the beginning of opportunities to analyze data and efforts in order to provide a solid supply of teachers in Kansas. He reiterated the importance of recruitment and retention, particularly in the cluster areas where vacancies exist. Board members agreed that more time is needed to study the issues uncovered in the report. Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Director Scott Myers and Assistant Director Susan Helbert noted there were 61 recommendations included in the Task Force’s report submitted to the State Board last month. The recommendations were for immediate, intermediate and long-term tasks to address teacher vacancies and supply.

Dr. Myers and Mrs. Helbert provided a handout addressing each of the recommendations, KSDE’s response, considerations and estimated timeline for implementation. This included both direct action and ancillary involvement. Multiple groups were identified as having a partnership role in the work. Suggestions for next steps were presented. The Professional Standards Board met on Aug. 4 to discuss its supportive role and the possibility of establishing a standing subcommittee.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cauble moved to accept the report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on teacher vacancies and supply. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
Board members discussed the nationwide concerns of teacher shortages, the importance of retaining high quality teachers, the benefits of mentor programs for beginning teachers, a broader focus on licensing options, and a desire to conduct a Board retreat for more in-depth conversations.

Mr. Willard moved to create the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, a standing subcommittee of the Professional Standards Board. It was further moved to refer the Blue Ribbon Task Force Report to the Professional Standards Board for evaluation. Lastly, it was moved to direct the Professional Standards Board to study and present a range of options for addressing the specific licensing issues mentioned in the Blue Ribbon Task Force Report: Elementary restricted, Multi-year first license, Student teaching options and Comprehensive science. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Chairman McNiece assigned Kathy Busch to represent the State Board on the committee and asked for a report be given to the Board after each meeting.

Board members took a break from 2:50 to 3 p.m.

**UPDATE ON MATH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS AND REVIEW OF ADOPTION PROCESS**

Curricular standards are reviewed approximately every seven years. They are divided into the categories of assessed standards that students in the state are assessed on annually (i.e. English language arts) and model standards (i.e. health). KSDE Assistant Director Jeannette Nobo explained the adoption process and presented a timeline of curricular standards currently under review. She introduced new education program consultants Lizette Burks (science) and Sara Schafer (math). Melissa Fast and Suzy Myers, who oversee the review of math and English language arts standards respectively, described the work in progress and provided lists of committee workgroup members. They then answered questions, providing an assurance that the standards are specific to Kansas. The Board will receive preliminary drafts of math and ELA standards early in 2017 before regional meetings are conducted and final drafts are prepared.

**ACTION ON REQUEST TO PRESENT ORAL ARGUMENT**

Action on recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission was deferred during amendment of the Tuesday agenda. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson explained that counsel for licensee Gary McGarry, whose PPC case was to be acted upon this month, had made a written request to present oral argument. Mr. Ferguson noted oral argument is permissive, but not required by statute. Mrs. Busch moved to reject the request of counsel to permit oral argument to the Board in September, 2016. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. The merits of the McGarry case and recommendations of the PPC will be acted upon in September.

**RECEIVE HISTORY/GOVERNMENT/SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND CUT SCORES**

Education Program Consultant Don Gifford explained the test design for the history/government/social studies state assessment. Mary Matthew, Director of the Kansas Assessment Program at CETE, was introduced to describe the method used in setting cut scores for the four performance or achievement levels. A panel of teachers from across the state met to go through the standard setting process and determine the percentage weight for each part of the test. The history/government/social studies assessment is given to students in 6th, 8th and 11th grades. Preliminary impact data was provided for each testing grade level. Board members questioned the 50 percent weighting given to the on demand writing response. A vote on the HGSS performance levels and cut scores is expected in September.

Mrs. Busch briefly left the meeting and was absent for the vote on the next three agenda items.
ACTION ON NASBE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2017
Mr. Willard moved to approve payment of dues for calendar year 2017 for membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) and the National Council of State Education Attorneys at a cost of $24,985. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0. NASBE is the only national membership organization whose members are solely from the state boards of education.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO NASBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The annual conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education will be Oct. 19-22, 2016 in Kansas City, Missouri. Kansas is a member of NASBE and therefore may have a representative at the delegate assembly to vote on NASBE policy and bylaw changes as well as officer positions. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Carolyn Wims-Campbell as Kansas’ voting delegate at the conference. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Deena Horst as the delegate alternate. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for July.
- received 4th quarter reports (FY 2016) from the Kansas State School for the Blind and Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- approved the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan set forth in the Resolution submitted by the Kansas State School for the Blind and Kansas State School for the Deaf.
- approved granting Visiting Scholar licenses to Ann Rabe and USD 229 Blue Valley for Latin instruction; Anthony Brucato and Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind for counseling services; and Khalil Mekkaoui and Southeast Kansas Education Service Center (renewal) for Arabic language instruction. These licenses are valid for the 2016-17 school year.
- approved local in-service education plans for USD 271 Stockton and USD 350 St. John-Hudson.
- approved one-year Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver requests for USD 207 Fort Leavenworth and USD 475 Geary County Schools to allow them to exceed the 15 percent Title I carryover limitation of once every three years.
- authorized USD 284, Chase County schools, Chase County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.
- approved recommendation for funding the Migrant Family Literacy Grant request of USD 102 Cimarron in the amount of $78,000.
- approved recommendations for funding the 2016-17 McKinney-Vento Children and Youth Homeless grants for the following districts in the amounts listed: USD 202 Turner $10,000; USD 233 Olathe $38,500; USD 259 Wichita $142,000; USD 261 Haysville $24,000; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden $25,500; USD 457 Garden City $22,000; USD 475 Geary County $23,000; USD 500 Kansas City $102,000; USD 501 Topeka $45,753.
- authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and authorize contracts for out-of-state tuition for the 2016-17 school year for students attending Kansas State School for the Blind. KSSB will receive tuition payments from the following districts in Missouri: Hardin-Central — $10,640 for one day student; Liberty — $20,000 for one day student; and Lawson — $40,000 for one day student;
- authorize contract for out-of-state tuition for the 2016-17 school year for students attending Kansas State School for the Deaf. KSSD will receive tuition payments from Center School District,
Kansas City, Missouri totalling $36,960 for two students, plus additional services as listed on the IEPs at a cost of $60 per hour.

Mrs. Busch returned to the meeting. Mr. Roberts disconnected from phone participation.

BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Communications — Mrs. Cauble announced a committee meeting Wednesday afternoon. She would like to discuss increasing awareness of the Kansans CAN vision to teachers.

Extraordinary Need State Aid — Mr. Porter reported on the prior week’s committee meeting to review district applications for extraordinary need state aid. He reflected on the quality of leadership represented with the applications and expressed concerns that no money would be available.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson referenced his monthly summary and offered to answer questions. He reminded members of the recent dismissal of the Petrelli lawsuit.

During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Horst reported on the Coalition of Innovative School Districts’ most recent meeting; Mr. Porter attended the Professional Standards Board meeting Aug. 4 to review the Blue Ribbon Task Force Report; Mrs. Waugh recognized the work of Denise Kahler and the KSDE communications team; Mrs. Busch attended the ESEA meeting during the Summer Leadership Conference and a meeting of the group Educators Rising.

In his Chairman’s Report, Mr. McNiece assigned Mrs. Waugh to serve on the Attorney General’s Juvenile Justice committee. He mentioned several NASBE activities including the New Member Institute held in July and the annual conference Oct. 19-22 in Kansas City. He called attention to information provided on several upcoming events.

The next State Board meeting is Sept. 20 and 21. Mrs. Horst moved to change the start time on the 21st to 1 p.m. with the optional morning activity of attending the oral arguments on the Gannon school finance case at the Kansas Supreme Court. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:
Mr. McNiece requested a Board retreat to further discuss teacher vacancy and supply as the committee work continues. Mrs. Busch requested that the group Educators Rising give a presentation.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Kansas Teacher of the Year regional banquets in September—Mrs. Busch (Wichita), Mrs. Cauble and Mr. Willard (Salina and Wichita), Ms. Wims-Campbell (Topeka), Mr. Porter (Topeka, Wichita and Overland Park); NASBE Annual Conference Oct. 20-22 — Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Willard (20th only); Interstate Migrant Education Council meeting Oct. 3-5 — Mrs. Cauble; Kansas Alliance for Educational Advocacy Aug. 30 — Mr. McNiece; Juvenile Justice meeting Aug. 11 — Mrs. Waugh. Mr. Willard moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m. The next regular State Board meeting will be Sept. 20 and 21 in Topeka. This will be the third week of the month.
WORK SESSION ON KINDERGARTEN READINESS — WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10, 2016

The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016, at the offices of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka, Kansas. Board members in attendance were: Chairman McNiece, Vice Chair Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Porter, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Willard. Member John Bacon was absent.

Presenters were Tammy Mitchell, KSDE Assistant Director Kindergarten Readiness and School Improvement, and Amy Blosser, Early Childhood Director for the Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund. The vision outcome kindergarten readiness was the focus of the session to review the work accomplished to date and discuss the kindergarten screener pilot project. A kindergarten readiness workgroup exists representing multiple agencies involved with early childhood programs and services. Research was conducted on variations of a kindergarten screener tool. The recommendation was to use Ages and Stages Questionnaire. This would not be an assessment, but rather provide a snapshot of where children are upon entry to kindergarten in areas such as communication, problem solving, motor skills and social emotional areas of development. The questionnaire, which would be completed by parents, was previewed and discussed. Board members asked questions about the tracking of students attending preschools, ownership of data collected through the questionnaire, use of a uniform screener across districts, and pitfalls of a standardized product. School districts participating in the pilot this fall will be trained in use of the screener. Board members requested that a random sampling of participants (parents and teachers) report to the State Board on the process.

The work session adjourned at 11:25 a.m.