CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Mr. McNiece welcomed those in attendance, including participants in the Professional Educational Leadership Academy.

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 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 AGENDA
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the July 12 agenda as presented. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES
Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
As the Kansans CAN vision nears its one-year mark, Commissioner Randy Watson re-emphasized creating a cohesive message about balancing the academic and non-academic needs of students. He reported on a third-party review of the Kansas State Department of Education to evaluate its current capacity to meet the delivery challenges and achieve the goals of leading the world in the success of each student. He invited representatives from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Education Delivery Institute (EDI) to conduct the review. The team interviewed staff and key stakeholders during a series of focus groups last month. Four key areas of work were identified centering on plan development, organizational structure, communication and organizational effectiveness. Dr. Watson outlined some of the review team’s recommendations preparing for the second year of vision work, focus on the outcomes and tightening the relationship between KSDE and the State Board.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:32 a.m. There were no speakers for public comment. The forum was closed at 10:33 a.m.

UPDATE ON TRANSITION TO EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) arose out of the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. ESSA replaced No Child Left Behind. Several changes will occur under the new act, and the transition is ongoing. Full implementation is scheduled for 2017-18 which aligns with
Year Zero of the new Kansas accreditation model. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander presented information on ESSA’s proposed rulemaking, the deadlines to submit state plans and the advisory council’s work on different components of ESSA. The next council meeting is July 26 in Wichita to continue work on the Kansas plan. Mr. Neuenswander answered questions about Annual Measures of Student Success (AMOSS) and the monitoring of student growth over time.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:20 a.m.

RECEIVE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON TEACHER VACANCIES AND SUPPLY

Commissioner Watson this spring assembled a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study teacher vacancies and supply in Kansas. The task force was comprised of 28 education professionals representing various stakeholders, including higher education and public schools. They met four times. Dr. Ken Weaver, Dean of The Teachers College at Emporia State University, and Rudy Perez, Principal at Norton Community High School, co-chaired the task force. They presented the group’s findings on trends and patterns to the State Board. The report included information on unfilled vacancies, educators leaving the teaching profession, those moving to other school districts, number of teacher education majors vs completers, and retention. Comparison data was shown according to regions of the state. As part of the report, recommendations were provided and divided into the categories of immediate, intermediate and long-term implementation. Board members discussed the task force’s findings and the national concern for educator shortages, asked for additional research comparing Kansas’ data to that of other states including salaries, and offered suggestions for follow-up. The Board is expected to act upon the recommendations at the August meeting.

LUNCH

Chairman McNiece recessed for lunch at 12:32 p.m. The afternoon session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

RECEIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF INNOVATIVE DISTRICT APPLICANT

The Coalition of Innovative Districts Act, created by the legislature in 2013, allows a percentage of the state’s school districts to opt out of most state laws, rules and regulations in order to improve student achievement. USD 484 Fredonia has applied for Innovative District status. Coalition chair Bill Mullins, Superintendent of USD 364 Marysville, noted that applications are now being accepted throughout the year, rather than just during one month. Brian Smith, Superintendent of USD 484 Fredonia, reviewed the reasons his district seeks to join the six other districts in the Coalition. He and two USD 484 staff members explained the goals within their application and then answered questions. The Coalition unanimously approved the request so now the State Board has 90 days to either grant or deny the granting of authority to operate as an Innovative District.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

The Professional Practices Commission was represented by Chair Linda Sieck, who brought forth four cases that have been before the PPC. She answered questions about the hearing proceedings. Ms. Wims-Campbell suggested more details be included in the PPC report. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of the Professional Practices Commission and its recommendations that Lucas Catloth and Brett Gehrer receive no formal discipline as a result of their conduct and Todd Clark’s and Tahra Arnold’s applications for licensure be approved. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Willard in opposition.

MOTION

Ms. Sieck presented a second set of cases from hearings on June 1. Mr. Porter moved to adopt the findings and recommendations of the PPC and revoke the licenses of Matthew DeMoss and Katie Rufener, and suspend the license of Christian McKim until June 30, 2017. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
INFORMATION ON SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS
KSDE’s division of Child Nutrition and Wellness oversees summer food service programs in Kansas, which are federally funded and serve low-income areas. CNW Assistant Director Kelly Chanay provided information about the meal service sites, sponsoring organizations such as school districts or churches, and other community partners. Many of the programs also include a learning component with mealtime. Kathy Koehn, nutrition and wellness coordinator with USD 257 Iola, was present to talk about the summer food programs operated in this district. One project was to convert a former school bus into a mobile diner and reading vehicle. She described several other activities used to bring summer meals to children in their community.

Board members took a break at 2:42 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: ACTION ON FY 2018 AND FY 2019 BUDGET OPTIONS
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis distributed a summary of enrolled bills passed into law during the 2016 Legislative session and referenced changes to the rules for working after retirement. He also described the steps that a newly formed review committee will take to consider school districts’ Extraordinary Need State Aid applications, which are to be submitted by July 15. Hearings on those applications will take place Aug. 2 and 3. A special Board meeting will be conducted via conference call at 2 p.m. Aug. 4 to take action on the applications.

Mr. Dennis led the Board through the annual practice of making education funding recommendations as required by statute. He provided a history of educational funding, category amounts based on law, and options to consider for the next two-year budget (Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019). Mr. Dennis answered questions throughout the process.

The following discussions and/or actions occurred:
- Mrs. Busch moved to set Base State Aid Per Pupil at $4,650 for FY 2018 with a $500 increase to $5,150 in FY 2019. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 7-3 with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard in opposition. (Note: A subsequent vote on special education funding would change the BSAPP recommendation to $4,604 FY18 and $5,090 FY19)
- Mrs. Busch moved to fund Special Education at 85 percent of excess cost, but subtract the amount from the BSAPP amount originally approved. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 6-4 with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Willard and Mrs. Cauble in opposition.
- Mrs. Horst moved to fully implement all-day kindergarten all at once for an additional cost of $90 million to be subtracted from the base. Mrs. Busch suggested amending the motion to implement all-day kindergarten over a two-year period with the additional cost subtracted from the base. Mrs. Horst accepted the amendment. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion failed 2-8 with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Waugh, Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mr. McNiece, Mrs. Cauble, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard in opposition. Mrs. Waugh moved to fund implementation of all-day kindergarten over a five-year period. Discussion continued and Mrs. Waugh withdrew the motion.
- Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to increase Parents as Teachers funding by 1,000 children for an additional cost of $460,000 and requested that Children’s Initiative Funds be utilized, not federal funds. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard in opposition.
- Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to fund 100 percent of the law for the Teacher Mentor Program for an additional cost of $3 million. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 7-3 with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard in opposition.
- Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to fund Professional Development at 25 percent of the law. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion failed to receive the necessary six votes for passage with a vote of 5-5. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Willard, Mr. McNiece and Mrs. Horst were in opposition. Mrs. Waugh then moved to fund Professional Development at 50 percent of the law. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 6-4 with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Willard and Mrs. Horst in opposition.
- Mrs. Waugh moved to fund $35,000 each for Agriculture in the Classroom, Communities in Schools and Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
- Mr. McNiece moved to fund the law for National Board Certification for an additional cost of $47,500. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bacon in opposition.
- Mrs. Waugh moved to fund the Pre-K Pilot program at the 2009-10 level for an additional cost of $900,000 and request that Children's Initiative Funds be utilized. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard in opposition.
- Mr. Willard moved to fund technical education transportation at original level for an additional cost of $800,000. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Bacon in opposition.
- Board members agreed to recommend that the state fund the law for Supplemental General State Aid (local option budget) and fund the law for Capital Outlay State Aid, but no formal vote was taken. There was no change in amounts for all-day kindergarten, transportation, school lunch and discretionary grants.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for June.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointment of Ashley Christiansen as Senior Administrative Assistant on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team effective July 3, 2016, at an annual salary of $28,308.80.
- approved local in-service education plans for USD 209 Moscow Public Schools and USD 211 Norton Community Schools.
- approved granting the renewal of Visiting Scholar licenses to Joseph Williams and USD 481 Rural Vista for music education; plus the following instructors with USD 229 Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program — Janet Graham for global business courses; Robin Bacon for Foundations of Medicine courses; and Marjorie Holloway for Foundations of Medicine II. These licenses are valid for the 2016-17 school year.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases — 3071 Garrett Griffin (PreK-12 high incidence special education), 3075 Melissa Thorsell, 3082 Karen Francis (K-6 elementary education), 3086 Bevin Noack, 3090 Jace' Karmon Thomas, 3095 Michael Padow, 3096 Kari Taylor, 3099 Derick Reid, 3100 Clorie Broadbent. Denied Cases — 3071 Garrett Griffin (middle level 5-8 English language arts).
- accepted recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for continuing accreditation of McPherson College and Southwestern College, both through Dec. 31, 2022.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: Associated Colleges of Central Kansas — High Incidence Special Education (A, K-6, 6-12, PreK-12) Master's new program through Dec. 31, 2018; Baker University — Business (I, 6-12), Elementary (I, K-6), Health (I, PreK-12), History, Government and Social Studies (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 5-8), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Instrumental Music (I, PreK-12), Vocal Music (I, PreK-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12), Restricted (I, 5-8, 6-12, PreK-12) all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2023; Fort Hays State University — Art (I, PreK-12), Business (I, 6-12), Early Childhood Unified (I, B-Gr3), Earth and Space Science (I, 6-12), Journalism (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Instrumental Music (I, PreK-12), Vocal Music (I, PreK-12) English for Speakers of Other Languages (A, PreK-12), Building Leadership (A, PreK-12), District Leadership (A, PreK-12), Reading Specialist (A, PreK-12), Restricted (I, 5-8, 6-12, PreK-12)
continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024, and Mathematics (I, 5-8) dormant program; **Friends University** — High Incidence Special Education (A, PreK-12) new program through Dec. 31, 2018, and Art (I, PreK-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12), Speech/Theatre (I, PreK-12) all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2023; **Ottawa University** — Restricted (I, 5-8, 6-12, PreK-12) new program through Dec. 31, 2018; **Wichita State University** — Physics (I, 6-12), Speech/Theatre (I, PreK-12), English for Speakers of Other Languages (A, PreK-12) all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024.

- awarded supplemental funding in the amount of $2,534 for Rosedale Development Association as a subgrantee of the 2016-17 Kansas AmeriCorps program for a total award of $63,380.
- authorized USD 230, Spring Hill, Johnson County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 230, Spring Hill, Johnson County, to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- approved School Improvement Grant continuation awards, 1003(g), for FY 2016 as follows: USD 500 Kansas City Kansas, Douglass Elementary $760,000; USD 500 New Stanley Elementary $760,000; USD 501 Topeka, Quincy Elementary $1,094,290; USD 501 Ross Elementary $1,324,274; USD 501, Scott Elementary $1,411,286; USD 501, Shaner Elementary $1,440,295.
- defined Extraordinary Enrollment Growth under KSA 72-6441 (ancillary facilities) as a three-year average of at least six percent increase in enrollment, or an increase of 1,500 or more students over the past three years, or an increase of 750 or more students over three of the last six years if the new facilities being constructed are not replacement.

**authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and**

- continue a contract with North Central Kansas Technical College to provide services to manage, implement and lead the Microsoft Imagine Academy program for secondary schools in Kansas in an amount not to exceed $32,000 for 2016-17.

Board members took a 10-minute break at 5:05 p.m. Mrs. Busch left the meeting.

**REPORT ON NASBE MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

Board members Jim McNiece, Carolyn Wims-Campbell and Deena Horst represented Kansas as they joined members of other state boards of education for a regional meeting June 24 and 25 at Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. They each reported on highlights of the event, sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Topics included implementation of ESSA, student-focused education and networking with other regional State Boards members.

**BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Communications — Mrs. Cauble said the committee plans to contact the state’s colleges of education and offer for Board members to visit teacher preparation classes as in the past. Letters would be sent this fall. She asked for names of those available to speak to the college classes. Mrs. Cauble suggested that the Blue Ribbon Task Force present its report on teacher vacancies and supply to the House and Senate Education committees.

Policy Committee — Mrs. Waugh asked for input on whether Board members wanted to continue tracking travel expenses by categories following the year-long trial period. It was decided to return to the standard method of separating Board meetings and other activities, but not assigned or legislative.
Student Voice — Mr. McNiece announced that questions were provided to KSHSAA for its Student Council Workshop in July. However, the itinerary was already full and it wouldn’t work for Board members to be on the agenda. The student responses will be shared with the Board at a later time.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson referenced his monthly summary and offered to answer questions.

During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Horst and Mr. Willard attended the NASBE nomination committee meeting in Washington D.C. Mrs. Horst also was at the Coalition of Innovative School Districts meeting. Mr. Porter reported on the NASBE conference call for members of the Government Affairs Committee and expressed interest of the Professional Standards Board he serves on to help with teacher vacancy issues and solutions. Mrs. Waugh attended an open house for the new Lansing superintendent and a ceremony marking the 150th year of the Kansas State School for the Blind. Ms. Wims-Campbell participated in her last KSHSAA meetings as a State Board representative on the Board of Directors and Executive Board. Mrs. Cauble reported on the Education Commission of the States National Forum and visits by the Commissioner in her district.

In his Chairman’s Report, Mr. McNiece noted that the Commissioner’s annual evaluation would take place in October to comply with Board policy and the state’s performance review schedule. He reminded members of the next day’s work session.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:
Mr. Roberts asked for discussion about labeling children by race. Mrs. Waugh requested a presentation from the Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education organization.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Mr. McNiece July 26 ESEA Advisory Council meeting and July 27 Summer Leadership Conference in Wichita. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Busch absent.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m. The next regular State Board meeting will be Aug. 9 and 10 in Topeka.

Jim McNiece, Chairman
Peggy Hill, Secretary

WORK SESSION ON ACCREDITATION — WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016
The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Topeka. Board members in attendance were: Chairman McNiece, Vice Chair Wims-Campbell, Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Porter, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Willard. Member Kathy Busch was absent.

Commissioner Randy Watson began the session by sharing information from Georgetown University about employment growth and recovery. He pointed out the percentage of jobs requiring only a high school education that were lost during the recession and not recovered. He also discussed the vision goal of leading the world in high school graduation rates and what it would take to reach that target.
Several KSDE staff members addressed topics related to the session’s theme and vision outcome — high school graduation rates and postsecondary attendance/completion. Jessica Noble explained how graduation rates are determined and tracked, as well as the difference between non-graduates and dropouts. Scott Smith and Jay Scott led discussions about the changing job market, when K-12 might hand over the tracking of high school graduates who attend college or trade schools, markers for postsecondary attainment and data collection. At the conclusion of the work session, Mr. Roberts presented three draft policy proposals he created for not labeling children in school by race or ethnicity.

Information technology staff assisted Board members in the transition to KSDE email accounts for education-related correspondence.