KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed those in attendance, including pre-service teachers and faculty from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth.

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 AMENDED AGENDA
Chairman McNiece announced that a second optional pre-meeting activity would be available on Wednesday and should be noted as an agenda addition. It is for a luncheon discussion organized by the Kansas Association of School Boards and scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Landon Building. There is no separate agenda and no action will be taken. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES
Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the Aug. 4 Special Board of Education meeting to act on district applications for extraordinary need state aid. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mr. Willard moved to approve the minutes of the regular Aug. 8-9 Board meeting. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Dr. Randy Watson’s monthly report focused on agency activities and events, and the latest research data from Georgetown University concerning the job market. More specifically, Dr. Watson:

- informed Board members about the KSDE Annual Conference Oct. 24-26 in Wichita, and encouraged them to invite business leaders to participate in a scheduled roundtable about building partnerships for student internships and job shadowing;
- acknowledged the Kansas Teacher of the Year regional finalists and described the nomination/selection process;
- announced members of the newly formed Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, a permanent committee that will make recommendations to the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education;
- gave an overview of data released from Georgetown University about changes in workforce composition since the recession and the need for workers with postsecondary credentials;
- shared an inspirational message from a teacher about the Kansans CAN vision.
CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM
Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:26 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Shelly Swartz, Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance — benefits of physical activity as an academic intervention; Terry Collins, Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators — appreciation to the State Board and KSDE for their work with legislative issues and to provide training. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:37 a.m.

ANNUAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REVIEW
Jay Scott, KSDE Assistant Director for Career and Technical Education, described the essential components of quality career education. He explained how the CTE programs are structured to focus on career success and to better meet the outcomes of the Kansans CAN vision. Recent changes include the addition of a career field for public services and newly revised clusters. Lynette Yevak, chair of the Kansas Advisory Committee for CTE, described the work of this committee. In addition, several of the Education Program Consultants talked about adjustments to CTE pathways. Board members suggested pathways in military service and the aviation industry. Mr. Scott also reported on the progress of implementing Individual Plans of Study in school districts and the future of career advising training. Board members asked for clarification on structure of student internships and work-based learning.

BREAK
The Board took a break until 11:45 a.m.

ACTION ON HISTORY/GOVERNMENT/SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND CUT SCORES
Beth Fultz, Assistant Director of Career Standards and Assessment Services, reviewed the process for determining assessment cut scores. In August, the Board received cut score recommendations that would be applied to the 2016 spring state assessment in History, Government, Social Studies. She provided a summary comparison of preliminary impact data calculated two ways: (1) student performance level percentages as presented last month, which were weighted differently for each part of the test and grade level, and (2) student performance level percentages calculated on Board member suggestions made during the August Board meeting. The revised chart equalized weighting of the assessment parts across all three grades tested. Mrs. Cauble moved to accept the committee’s recommendation and approve performance levels and cut scores to be applied to the Kansas College and Career Ready Assessments in History, Government, Social Studies as originally presented. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

ACTION TO SUBMIT AMENDED EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR REVIEW
Statutory changes regarding the use of seclusion and restraint in schools necessitate changes to the Kansas State Board of Education’s ESI regulations. Laura Jurgensen of the KSDE Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team reviewed amendments to the regulations. K.A.R. 91-42-2 includes language voted on by the State Board at its May 2016 meeting further clarifying that physical escort and time-out are not emergency safety interventions. Mr. Porter moved to approve the submission of amendments to the emergency safety intervention regulations, K.A.R. 91-42-1, 91-42-2, 91-42-4 and 91-42-7, to the Department of Administration and Office of the Attorney General for review. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. After those two offices complete their reviews, the State Board will set a public hearing date for comments on the proposed regulations.

LUNCH
Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

INFORMATION ON “AdvancED” ACCREDITATION PROTOCOL AND STANDARDS
AdvancED, formerly North Central Association, is a non-profit organization that conducts on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools and school systems. Heather Kinsey, Vice President of Business
Development and Project Management for AdvancED, described the work and direction of the organization. She emphasized that the focus is on a school systems’ continuous improvement, not just preparation for an accreditation review. Ms. Kinsey also commented on the process as it aligns to the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation model. It is the State Board of Education’s responsibility to accredit schools. There were questions about duplication of efforts, other school improvement models and flexibility options for districts.

**RECEIVE CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR LIBRARY/INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

State Board members were provided a draft of revised Kansas curricular standards for Library/Information and Technology. The recommended changes are part of the cyclical review process for content standards that occurs approximately every seven years. Education Program Consultant Jeannette Nobo and Review Committee Chair Mirah Dow were present to explain the changes and answer questions. These standards are designed to provide a framework for school librarians and other co-teaching partners to design, implement and evaluate inquiry-based instruction. The focus is on what Kansas students should learn about information and technology use.

**INFORMATION ON SCHOOL BUS RIDER TRACKING SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY USD 415**

Dr. Penny Hargrove, Superintendent of Hiawatha USD 415, described the tracking system this district developed for monitoring student bus riders at any point in time. The system was created following a school bus rollover accident in the district in November 2015. District administrators worked with USD 415 Information Technology Specialist Tim Larkin to design a personalized program to identify which students are on a bus at any given time and to determine bus location in real time, which is particularly beneficial in rural, remote areas. The system is used for regular bus routes, athletic routes, field trips and sporting events. Dr. Hargrove and Mr. Larkin demonstrated the system which uses a computer tablet and WiFi connection. Other features include GPS coordinates, emergency contact information and electronic rosters updated daily by school secretaries. USD 415 has received multiple inquiries about the tracking system.

Board members took a break from 3:10 to 3:20 p.m.

**UPDATE ON TRANSITION TO COLLEGE ALGEBRA PILOT PROGRAM**

Thirty-nine high schools and 19 postsecondary institutions are currently participating in the Transition to College Algebra Pilot Program. The goal of the pilot initiative is to provide high school seniors one more opportunity to gain the math knowledge necessary to enter credit-bearing math classes at post-secondary institutions across the state. Education Program Consultant Melissa Fast described how the program works using a blended curriculum. She also discussed some of the resources available for districts to help address gaps in student knowledge. Board members requested a report next summer following completion of the pilot year to hear from both educators and students.

**UPDATE ON KANSANS CAN COMMUNICATION TOOLS**

Denise Kahler, Director of Communication at KSDE, provided Board members a packet of materials to help inform others across the state about the Kansans CAN vision and outcomes. The communications toolkit included both printed handouts and links to electronic resources. She noted that the focus is now on reaching teachers, parents, business/industry and newly elected officials with the vision message. Ms. Kahler and Communications Specialist Ann Bush reviewed marketing basics that can be emphasized as year two of the vision work begins. In addition, Board members were encouraged to consider business executives to invite to the KSDE Annual Conference in Wichita Oct. 24-26. There will be time reserved to discuss increasing job shadowing and internship opportunities for Kansas students.
CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for August.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointments of the following persons on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team: Branden Johnson as Education Program Consultant effective Aug. 8, 2016 at an annual salary of $56,118.40; Christa Chesmore as Administrative Specialist effective Aug. 15, 2016 at an annual salary of $29,744; Krista Catron as Program Consultant effective Aug. 15, 2016 at an annual salary of $43,680; and Jamie Crispin as Public Service Executive effective Aug. 16, 2016 at an annual salary of $53,414.40; and the appointment of Laurel Murdie as Director on the Fiscal Auditing team effective Aug. 29, 2016 at an annual salary of $91,125.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases — 3088 Savannah Johnson (PreK-12 high incidence special education), 3089 Douglas Mowder, 3091 Amanda Painter Ingham, 3092 Ashley Mowder, 3094 Lornette Dallas, 3097 Crystal White, 3101 Carissa McKuin, 3103 Benilda Coyle, 3104 Silva Taylor, 3106 Eric Allenbach. Denied Cases — 3093 Robin Campbell, 3098 Liana Spikes.
- approved granting a Visiting Scholar license to Andi Christenson and USD 452 Stanton County Schools for junior high science instruction. The license is valid for the 2016-17 school year.
- approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 497 Lawrence.
- issued a calendar year 2016 license for a commercial driver training school to Legacy Driving School of Andover LLC, Andover.
- approved Kansas in-service education plan for USD 361 Anthony-Harper.
- 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 310 Fairfield, USD 320 Wamego, USD 500 Kansas City Kansas.
- authorized USD 320 Wamego and USD 500 Kansas City Kansas to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and
  - enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools for the reimbursement of funds for professional development of non-public school teachers and leaders, in an amount not to exceed $26,000;
  - enter into a contract with a vendor to be selected through a competitive bid process to implement a statewide system of tiered social/emotional supports framework of College and Career Competencies for the period October 2016 through June 2017 in an amount not to exceed $100,000;
  - authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to renew a contract with Accessible Arts, Inc., for arts-related services for students attending KSSB in
exchange for KSSB facility use and statewide outreach services in the arts for Kansas individuals with disabilities in a contract amount not to exceed $134,000;

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to renew a contract with Baer Wilson and Company, LLC, to provide counseling/evaluation services for students who attend KSSB in a contract amount not to exceed $50,000;

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to renew a contract with Providence Medical Center to provide occupational therapy and physical therapy services for students attending KSSB in a contract amount not to exceed $50,000;

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind to enter into a contract with Dr. Linda Lawrence for low vision services and teaching training clinics in an amount not to exceed $18,500.

Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting at 4:16 p.m. He reminded members of two optional activities available prior to resuming the afternoon Board meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday — oral arguments on the Gannon school finance case at the Kansas Supreme Court and a luncheon presentation with staff of the Kansas Associations of School Boards.

Jim McNiece, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary
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PRE-MEETING ACTIVITIES
State Board of Education members could attend two optional pre-meeting activities on Sept. 21. The first was the Kansas Supreme Court’s hearing of oral arguments in the Gannon school finance lawsuit. The second was a luncheon presentation by Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards, to discuss the association’s report card on education in Kansas.

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim McNiece called the Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 1 p.m. in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Wednesday agenda. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Willard absent for the vote.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Linda Sieck, chair of the Professional Practices Commission, summarized case 15-PPC-52. Mrs. Busch moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation that Gage McGarry’s voluntary surrender of his teaching license not be accepted and that his license and all associated endorsements be revoked. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Sieck then outlined the circumstances in four individual cases and the PPC’s recommendations to grant approval in each instance. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of fact and recommendations of the PPC on cases 16-PPC-12 Ryan Nuessen, 16-PPC-18 Jon Sweeney, 16-PPC-19 Caitlyn Ulbrich and 16-PPC-17 Benjamin Hendricks. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

DISCUSSION ON 2017 BOARD MEETING DATES
Board members were presented a draft calendar of meeting dates for 2017, which follows the traditional format of two-day meetings conducted the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. Chairman McNiece opened the discussion by reminding members that five months in 2016 followed a different pattern and that meeting predictability had been lost. Discussion centered on adjusting meeting dates in April, September and October so all Board members could attend. Three variations of a 2017 schedule are to be provided next month for consideration: 1) the current Tuesday/Wednesday format, 2) moving to the third week for April, September and October and 3) moving all meetings to the third week of the month.
BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson summarized the oral arguments presented earlier in the day to the Kansas Supreme Court in the Gannon school finance lawsuit. He also shared some general observations and clarified legal language. Mr. Ferguson mentioned that oral arguments were heard earlier in September in a separate court challenge concerning teacher due process and teacher tenure. His report concluded with information about meetings for state education attorneys that take place at the same time as the NASBE Annual Conference.

BOARD REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative — Mrs. Horst reported on the Governor’s press conference to ask for public suggestions for changing school finance law. Mr. Willard stated he was anxious to work with the Governor on the issue.

Communication — Mrs. Cauble expressed appreciation for the marketing plan and materials Denise and Ann provided.

Senate Bill 367 and Juvenile Justice — Mrs. Waugh attended a meeting to discuss rules and regulations related to training required by Senate Bill 367. The hearing on these rules and regulations will be Nov. 17 in the Attorney General’s office. The bill impacts schools as well as the juvenile justice system.

Mr. Roberts left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Confidence in Public Education’s Challenge Awards — Mrs. Waugh is a member of the Confidence in Public Education Task Force. The group would like Board members to again make the presentations for Challenge Awards to recipients in their State Board districts. Members agreed to participate in the distribution of the awards.

BREAK

The Board took a break until 2:40 p.m.

Student Voice — Mrs. Busch reported on the collection of student input as part of the Board’s efforts to engage student voice. She summarized student answers to seven questions presented at a student council leadership workshop in July. The next project is to provide similar questions to the Kansas State High School Activities Association advisory team on Oct. 5.

Coalition of Innovative School Districts — Mrs. Horst commented on the Coalition’s Sept. 15 meeting, crediting the leadership role taken by Chair Bill Mullins to restructure the meetings. Mr. McNiece commented about the work of the Coalition subcommittees. Dates of the upcoming Coalition meetings will be given to Board members.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS

Individual Board member reports: Mrs. Busch participated in Kansas State High School Activities Association meetings for both the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. She mentioned upcoming regional meetings and ongoing discussions about evaluating district classifications. Mr. Willard attended two Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY) regional banquets. Mr. Bacon inquired about instructions schools receive to comply with statutes about flag etiquette and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Cauble attended a Lions Club meeting in Dodge City, the Kansans CAN Symposium in Manhattan hosted by the service center association, a panel discussion at Smoky Hill Service Center, and will be on the panel at KU’s Economic Policy Conference in October. Ms. Wims-Campbell attended KASB workshops on the topics of youth suicide prevention and transgender students, was at a school foundation meeting in Lawrence, and co-presented with Mrs. Waugh to...
pre-service teachers at Washburn University. Mrs. Waugh reported on additional break-out sessions at the Kansans CAN Symposium. Mr. Porter participated in the Professional Standards Board meeting on Sept. 19 at which time the group began to look at areas identified by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancy and Supply. He also attended a kindergarten readiness pilot training. Mrs. Horst attended KTOY regional banquets, the panel discussion at Smoky Hill Service Center and the Kansans CAN Symposium.

In his Chairman’s Report, Mr. McNiece commented on the KTOY regional banquets and the professionalism of the program, distributed literature from a recent visit to the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Fort Scott, and referenced the list of upcoming events in Board members’ folders. The annual evaluation forms for Commissioner, Board Attorney and Board Secretary were distributed and are to be returned to Chairman McNiece by the next meeting.

There were several announcements regarding the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). These included the annual conference in Kansas City Oct. 19-22 and a reminder to complete the NASBE survey. Board members had been asked to read proposed revisions to the NASBE bylaws. Mrs. Cauble made a motion in support of the proposed revisions. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Roberts absent.

Dr. Watson then talked about the KSDE Annual Conference, which is Oct. 24-26 in Wichita. Mrs. Cauble asked about an invitation or letter to share with businesses.

**Future Agenda Requests:** Presentation of Individual Plan of Study implementation survey results following the collection period; a report from participants upon completion of the Transition to College Algebra pilot; Mrs. Waugh requested a report on Senate Bill 367 and partial restructuring of the juvenile justice system; Mr. Porter requested a presentation on coordination, or lack of, among Kansas PAT, Head Start and school districts to help students be prepared for kindergarten; Mr. Porter also asked for more information about the benefits of using physical activity as an academic intervention and the connection to brain development; Mr. McNiece requested that the Board recognize Security Benefit as a key sponsor for the Kansas Teacher of the Year program.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch Oct. 5 meeting with KSHSAA student advisory team, Oct. 6 KASB Summit in Hutchinson, Oct. 24 KSHSAA regional meeting; Ms. Wims Campbell Oct. 5 meeting with KSHSAA student advisory team; Mrs. Horst Sept. 23 Kansas Foundation for Excellence in Education meeting; Sept. 26 visit to Riley County schools, Sept. 27 visit to Abilene schools, Sept. 29 KASB Summit at Salina and visit to Southeast of Saline schools; Mr. Porter school visits in District 9 with Dr. Watson; Mrs. Waugh Oct. 14 KACEE meeting, and Mr. Willard school visits in District 7 with Dr. Watson. Attendance at the KSDE Annual Conference was also requested by Mrs. Busch, Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. McNiece, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Willard. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the travel list and additions. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**
Chairman McNiece adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m. The next meeting will be Oct. 18 and 19 in Topeka.

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Jim McNiece, Chairman                  Peggy Hill, Secretary