

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes August 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed guests in attendance.

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A.M. Session
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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	Ken Willard

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Porter 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

Prior to the agenda vote, Policy Chair Janet Waugh announced that the Policy Committee decided not to meet at lunchtime in consideration of the other events occurring. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Tuesday agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson acknowledged KSDE staff members who have been instrumental in major projects the past several months, including the IDEA special education report, information technology security and data privacy, and the ESSA state plan. He noted that much of the agency work is for compliance and often not seen by the State Board. He talked about the one-year anniversary of the Blue Ribbon Task Force Report on Teacher Vacancies and Supply. Since the report's release, additional focus has been placed on recruitment and mentoring of teachers. Dr. Watson concluded by reminding members of the risk factors that influence student success. He described how these risk factors can impact school districts' predicted effective rate for postsecondary success.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:26 a.m. and it remained open until 10:32 a.m. There were no speakers for public forum this month.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOOL REDESIGN PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Commissioner Watson showed a video clip of President John F. Kennedy's speech about change, challenge and going to the moon to preface the announcement of the Kansans Can School Redesign participants. The redesign project was compared to an educational "moonshot." Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer addressed the Board to praise this commitment and presented a Proclamation By the Governor naming October as "Bring a Student to Work Month" in Kansas to allow businesses to invite

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students to shadow business leaders, provide internships and apprenticeships to obtain important experience in their desired path for the future. Interim Secretary of Commerce Nick Jordan gave special recognition to business leaders for their support of increasing workforce development through education. Several other community partners were also present and acknowledged. School Redesign Specialists Jay Scott and Tammy Mitchell then introduced the seven districts, referred to as the Mercury 7, that will lead a transformed school system centered on each student's success. The Kansas Can School Redesign project enables selected school districts to completely redesign one elementary and one secondary school around the Kansas State Board of Education's vision, outcomes, definition of a successful high school graduate using existing resources.

The districts and schools selected are: USD 353 Wellington (Kennedy Elementary and Wellington High School); USD 240 Twin Valley (Tescott Elementary and Bennington Jr/Sr High); USD 271 Stockton (Stockton Elementary and Stockton High School); USD 233 Olathe (Westview Elementary, Santa Fe Trail Middle School); USD 418 McPherson (Eisenhower Elementary and McPherson Middle School); USD 480 Liberal (Meadowlark Elementary, Liberal High School); USD 445 Coffeyville (Community Elementary and Field Kindley Memorial High). Administrators from the school districts commented on why they applied for this transformation endeavor of the public education system. The remaining 22 districts that applied will be eligible for the Gemini project to participate in video coaching and collaboration with the other selected districts.

LUNCH

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m. for photos followed by a press conference. The Board meeting would reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

P.M. SESSION
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UPDATE ON SCIENCE STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTION IN KANSAS

KSDE Science Consultant Lizette Burks informed Board members of the upcoming review timetable for the current science standards. Then Brandi Leggett and Dr. Erin Smith with USD 512 Shawnee Mission described ways classroom teachers implement the standards to improve student learning as well as the communities where they live. Elementary students briefly told of their projects, including design of a sensory steering wheel. Other examples of how the standards impact curriculum were cited, such as use of school gardens and conducting energy audits in the school.

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ACTION ON ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND CUT SCORES FOR SCIENCE

In July, the State Board received performance levels and cut scores for both the Kansas College and Career Ready Assessments in Science and Dynamic Learning Maps Science. Assistant Director Beth Fultz reviewed the four performance categories and the cut scores as determined by a panel of 40 teachers representing grades 5, 8 and 11. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the performance levels and cut scores for the Kansas College and Career Ready and Dynamic Learning Maps assessments in Science. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee of the State Board reviews the document every two years. Committee Chair Janet Waugh presented the recommended revisions. Mrs. Waugh then moved to adopt recommendations of the Board Policy Committee as presented for updating the Policies, and instructed the committee to post the revised edition on the Board page of the KSDE website for accessibility. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Bacon in opposition.

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ACTION ON 2018 AND 2019 STATE BOARD MEETING DATES

The State Board considered draft schedules of meeting dates for 2018 and 2019, discussing potential conflicts. Mrs. Busch moved to establish the regular meetings dates for 2018 listed in Calendar Option B except keeping the standard Tuesday/Wednesday of Oct. 9 and 10. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Bacon in opposition. Mrs. Busch then moved to establish the regular meetings

dates for 2019 as presented in Calendar Option B. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The 2018 schedule is as follows:

January 9-10	May 8-9	September 11-12
February 13-14	June 12-13	October 9-10
March 13-14	July 10-11	November 13-14
April 17-18 (3 rd wk)	August 14-15	December 11-12

The 2019 schedule is as follows:

January 15-16 (3 rd wk)	May 14-15	September 10-11
February 12-13	June 11-12	October 15-16 (3 rd wk)
March 12-13	July 9-10	November 12-13
April 16-17 (3 rd wk)	August 13-14	December 10-11

Board members took a 10-minute break at 2:05 p.m.

BREAK

PRESENTATION OF KANSANS CAN AWARDS TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

The KSDE Child Nutrition and Wellness division created Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards to recognize outstanding practices in programs that support the Kansans Can vision. CNW Director Cheryl Johnson described the rationale for the award. She then introduced the inaugural recipients and briefly described why they were being honored. Examples of innovative practices included composting for school gardens and partnering summer meal service with health care facilities. Chairman Porter presented the framed awards. Recipients and the category of merit are: USD 512 Shawnee Mission and USD 229 Blue Valley (innovative meal pattern strategies), USD 500 Kansas City Kansas and USD 345 Seaman (increased participation), USD 394 Rose Hill (managing finances), USD 257 Iola and Quality Care Services in El Dorado (customer service), and Labette Health in Parsons (impacting wellness). Photos followed the presentation.

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RECEIVE PROPOSED KANSANS CAN ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS

Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander highlighted recommended changes to the state's accreditation regulations, formerly designed around Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) under No Child Left Behind. The regulations are: 91-31-31, 91-31-32, 91-31-33, 91-31-34, 91-31-35, 91-31-36, 91-31-37, 91-31-38, 91-31-39, 91-31-40, 91-31-41 and 91-31-42. Both an advisory council and a stakeholder group gave input on the regulation revisions. The framework incorporates elements of the new Kansas Education Systems Accreditation model, particularly the 5 Rs. Mr. Neuenswander also described the amended regulations as less prescriptive and more flexible. There were questions concerning licensure flexibility, graduation credits, work of the Accreditation Review Council and accountability. There was also discussion about training for the districts and next steps in the amendment process.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Interim Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Susan Helbert presented two nominations for vacancies on the Professional Standards Board. Mrs. Horst moved to appoint Crystal Carson and Nick Anderson to their first full three-year terms on the Professional Standards Board to run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Ms. Carson, an agriculture education instructor for USD 481 Rural Vista, will fill a vacancy for a career and technical education teacher on the PSB. Mr. Anderson, a classroom teacher with Christ the King Catholic School in Topeka, will represent accredited K-12 non-public schools.

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Board members Jim McNiece and Deena Horst serve on the Board's Communications Committee. Mr. McNiece presented a tentative outline of activities and events for the next several months. The

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committee utilizes a strategic plan to help improve relationship building and present current information to constituents. Ideas for future work sessions were suggested, such as increasing community connections and setting a legislative platform.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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In his monthly report, Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis updated members on his office's work reviewing school district budgets in advance of the Aug. 25 deadline. He also talked about changes to budget software for this year. At the time, the Supreme Court's decision on school funding was still pending. Mr. Dennis introduced Keith Dreiling and Dennis Tate who oversee school bus driver training and school bus safety. They presented the draft report titled "Kansas 30-day School Bus Passing Survey." The survey had been discussed with the Kansas Highway Patrol in regards to the number of passing violations reported in the state. Board members expressed concern for the safety of children and what steps could be taken to help reduce the number of passing violations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for July.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Jamie Ribordy as auditor on the Fiscal Auditing team, effective July 16, 2017, at an annual salary of \$43,992; and Tiffany Blevins as Assistant Director on the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team, effective July 16, 2017, at an annual salary of \$70,000.
- received fourth quarter reports (FY 2017) from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2017-18 school year as follows: Alisa Morse for USD 229 Blue Valley, Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS); and Kelly Welch for USD 475 Geary County Schools.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 373 Newton, USD 384 Blue Valley-Randolph, USD 393 Solomon.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 373 Newton, USD 384 Blue Valley-Randolph, USD 393 Solomon, USD 436 Caney Valley.
- approved recommendations for funding the 2017-18 McKinney-Vento Children and Youth Homeless grants for the following districts in the amounts listed: USD 202 Turner \$12,000; USD 233 Olathe \$38,500; USD 259 Wichita \$142,000; USD 260 Derby \$2,100; USD 261 Haysville \$24,000; USD 305 Salina \$2,100; USD 308 Hutchinson \$2,100; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden \$25,500; USD 457 Garden City \$22,000; USD 475 Geary County \$23,000; USD 480 Liberal \$2,100; USD 497 Lawrence \$2,100; USD 500 Kansas City \$102,000; USD 501 Topeka \$37,602.
- approved funding for the 2017 Individual Plan of Study workshops (trainer services) in an amount not to exceed \$19,600.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- authorize the Interim Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) 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 an amount not to exceed \$134,000;

- enter into a contract with Michelle Pyle, computer application developer, for program enhancements in KN-CLAIM (Kansas Nutrition Claims and Information Management System) from Sept. 1, 2017 to Sept. 15, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000;
- 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 \$36,000.

RECESS

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 4:33 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

RECESS

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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Meeting Minutes August 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Aug. 9, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

John Bacon	Deena Horst	Jim Porter
Kathy Busch	Ann Mah	Steve Roberts
Sally Cauble	Jim McNiece	Janet Waugh

Board member Ken Willard was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the day's agenda as presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining and Mr. Willard absent.

ACTION ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Education Program Consultant Melissa Fast presented the final draft of the Mathematics standards to the State Board. The recommended updates were reviewed in full during the July meeting. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the adoption of the Kansas Curricular Standards for Mathematics. Mr. McNiece seconded. Discussion followed to clarify that Kansans worked to produce the standards and to learn about public feedback received during the open comment period. Questions were asked about the delivery mechanism for teaching and reaching all students, the narrative instructions to teachers that are being prepared, training, and use of current textbooks. Mr. Roberts advocated for delaying the vote. The motion to approve adoption passed 7-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bacon in opposition.

INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS IN TEACHER PREP PROGRAMS

The professional education standards for new teachers establish core teaching knowledge and skills that cross all content areas. These standards outline what teachers should know and be able to do for today's learners. Interim Director Susan Helbert highlighted specifics in this set of standards. She answered questions about second language acquisition processes, accommodating diverse learners, and different learning environments. Dr. Kelli Thomas from the University of Kansas School of Education provided a university perspective on how professional standards are used to design teacher preparation programs. Mrs. Busch recommended that preparation for addressing social/emotional needs of students be more explicit. A secondary discussion occurred on accreditation of colleges of education. More information was requested as part of future accreditation recommendations from the Evaluation Review Committee, including candidate performance and how institutions meet the standards.

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

KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: USD 229 BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Information was presented on a new partnership between Blue Valley schools and Children's Mercy Hospital, developed to support the whole child by addressing social and emotional needs of students

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and families with school-based social work services. The partnership provides 19 social workers hired by Children’s Mercy to work in the Blue Valley schools. USD 229 Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mark Schmidt, along with Bob Finuf and Carey Spain from Children’s Mercy, answered questions about this comprehensive approach. They described the different roles addressed by school counselors, school social workers and school psychologists. The purpose is to focus on the whole child by providing a balance between academic, social and emotional needs.

BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy — Mrs. Waugh announced the committee will meet next month to work on the Guidelines.

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

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS

Individual Board member reports: Mrs. Busch reported on the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee meeting, both current work and future business. She also updated members on assembling the School Mental Health Advisory Council. The council’s first meeting will be Aug. 25. Mrs. Horst discussed work of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom as well as the Kansas Masonic Literacy Center. Mrs. Mah attended the ESSA Advisory Council meeting, a KSDE budget workshop, a career and technical education conference, and met with administrators at USD 434 Santa Fe Trail. Mr. McNiece reminded members of NASBE’s annual conference in November.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Porter attended the Deeper Learning Conference on ESSA in New Orleans and served on two panel discussions there. He also participated in KASB advocacy forums being conducted throughout the state. He reminded members to make reservations for the Kansas Teacher of the Year regional banquets. Finally, Mr. Porter asked to discuss conducting some future meetings on location at the redesign schools.

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Appointment: A Board member will serve on the task force to study procurement and health insurance for Kansas public schools. This task force was created by the legislature and will be under the direction of the Secretary of Administration. Mr. McNiece moved to appoint Jim Porter as the representative. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- Work session for establishing legislative platform (Mr. Porter/Mr. McNiece)
- Accreditation and program review process for colleges of education (Mrs. Horst)
- Partnership progress report from Blue Valley schools and Children’s Mercy (general)
- Update from Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (Mrs. Horst)
- Kansas Masonic Literacy Center at Emporia State (Mrs. Horst)
- Personal recommendations for changing education (Mr. Roberts)
- Name a Kansas delegate for the NASBE delegate assembly (Mr. McNiece)
- Update on NASBE member services (Mr. McNiece)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

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Additions to the travel requests were: Mr. Porter — Aug. 25 School Mental Health Advisory Council; Mr. Roberts — Aug. 30 Blue Valley Educational Foundation Community Breakfast. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURN

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.