CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed guests in attendance from the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) and asked them to introduce themselves.

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
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Tuesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the November Board meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Dr. Randy Watson previewed preliminary data to indicate that positive movement is occurring toward the Kansans Can vision through the state-level outcomes. He explained that high school graduation rates must be looked at in conjunction with postsecondary progress data. He used charts of 2015, 2016 and 2017 aggregate numbers to show early results indicate a narrowing of gaps in several subsections, for instance English Language Learners. Dr. Watson shared evidence of input actions to improve outcomes for social-emotional growth and kindergarten readiness. These include the hiring of more counselors and social workers, access to all-day kindergarten, and service to more children in four-year-old at-risk programs. Individual Plans of Study are focusing on students’ intrapersonal and interpersonal skills as well as their content knowledge.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:30 a.m. There was one participant, through an interpreter — Kim Anderson, Kansas Association of the Deaf, concerned with the personnel study on the School for the Deaf and School for the Blind. Clarification questions were asked. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:41 a.m.

INFORMATION ON KANSAS STRIVING READERS COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY INITIATIVE
The Kansas State Department of Education was awarded a $27 million competitive federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to significantly advance literacy skills for Kansas children ages birth
through grade 12. Dr. Suzanne Myers, project director for the Kansas Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Initiative, provided information on the criteria for subgrantees, project requirements and general timeline. Approximately 96 percent of the funding award will be subgranted to school districts/consortiums. Award announcements are anticipated for summer of 2018 with implementation by August 2018. Dr. Myers then answered Board members’ questions on such topics as eligibility, the required literacy needs assessment, outside evaluators and those districts that would qualify to apply for the subgrants.

**BREAK**

Board members took a break from 11:05 to 11:20 a.m.

**ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION**

At its November meeting, the State Board of Education received a proposed amendment to the Kansas model standards for Health Education. The purpose is to add instruction of hands-only CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care. Assistant Director Branden Johnson provided a recap of the amendment, which is supported by both the American Heart Association and the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the addition of CPR standards to the existing Kansas Model Curricular Standards for Health Education that conform to the core teaching objectives for lay provider training as outlined in American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Two nominations were received to fill a vacancy on the Professional Standards Board. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Tasha Markham to her first partial term on the Professional Standards Board to run from Dec. 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Willard absent for the vote. Ms. Markham is a 5th grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary, USD 484 Fredonia.

**ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION UNIFIED 6-12**

A standards-writing work group was in charge of developing the new educator preparation program standards for Secondary Education Unified 6-12. The draft document was presented to the Board last month for review. KSDE’s Dr. Catherine Chmidling and Dr. Beverly Schottler from the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas explained highlights of the standards and answered questions about the opportunities this program would offer teacher candidates. Individuals would be trained for providing special education support across the content areas for grades 6-12, including training to support specifically English Language Arts and Mathematics, in inclusive settings. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Secondary Education Unified 6-12. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**LUNCH**

At 11:40 a.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch. The Board’s Policy Committee met during the break to continue discussions on the guideline for 6th grade participation in interscholastic athletics. The meeting would resume at 1:30 p.m.

**RECOGNITION OF 2017 MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATOR**

The 2017 Milken Educator Award winner is Heidi Albin, a science teacher at Complete High School in Maize (USD 266). She was accompanied by several of her students who helped describe three of the outdoor science exploration programs in their school, including establishment of a Fishing Futures chapter. Complete High School also participates in the Kansas Green Schools program through the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE). The Milken Family Foundation’s program recognizes, celebrates and rewards teachers and principals who have made and continue to make significant contributions to the education of children. As a Milken Educator, Ms. Albin receives an unrestricted cash award of $25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation.
RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE
The Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee (TVSC) is a standing sub-committee of the Professional Standards Board, created by the State Board to address recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancies and Supply. The committee currently meets monthly. In this report to Board members, Interim Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Susan Helbert and TVSC co-chair Dr. Laurie Curtis provided updates on licensure issues identified as priorities. Current recommendations center on proposed requirements and timelines for statewide pilots for limited elementary and limited special education alternative pathways. The inclusion of required field experience and mentoring while continuing in approved programs was discussed. Other ongoing considerations are paraprofessional pathways and micro-credentialing.

INFORMATION ON A+ SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM IN CHENEY AND HIAWATHA
Two schools were selected to participate in the Kansas A+ School Pilot program, now in its third year. They are Hiawatha Elementary (USD 415) and Cheney High School (USD 268). The goal is to use arts as a catalyst for transforming schools. There are eight A+ essentials that support a whole school learning environment. Networking, professional development and research are the cornerstones of the program. School representatives as well as students from Hiawatha Elementary shared how the program has positively impacted their school environment. Program sponsors are the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education (KSAAE) and the Creative Arts Industries Commission. Data is also being collected to evaluate affect on attendance rates and test scores.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, was remotely connected to the meeting and available to answer questions about the recommendations brought forth on two cases. Mr. Bacon moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and that no discipline be imposed upon John Donaldson. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Cauble absent for the vote.

Next, Mrs. Horst moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and publicly censure Sarah Marolf as set forth in the Initial Order entered in this matter. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

There was a 10-minute break at 3:15 p.m.

RECEIVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION REGULATIONS
K.A.R. 91-22-1a is one of the regulations governing teacher discipline. This particular regulation has not been updated in more than a decade. KSDE’s Office of General Council has drafted proposed amendments to add clarity to the existing regulations, including expanding the enumerated list of actionable behavior. Assistant General Counsel Kelli Broers explained the proposed changes. She answered questions related to process of review and specific subsections. A request was made for a glossary of terms. She commented on feedback received from educational organizations. The next step in the regulations process is for Board approval to submit the proposed amendments to the Department of Administration and Office of Attorney General for review.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS - ACTION ON CTE COST STUDY REPORT
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reported on the study required by Senate Bill 19 on Career and Technical Education (CTE) weighting and cost per pathway in an approved CTE program. A proposed plan for providing state aid to school districts for CTE programs/courses was to be completed by Jan. 15. Mr. Dennis reviewed the findings and shared a printout of the cost study results. Mrs. Busch moved to accept the CTE special report and recommend to the Legislature the current .5 weighting be...
continued and reviewed again in the future. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Mr. Dennis mentioned the multiple report requests his office was working. He then answered Board members’ questions, including ones about all-day kindergarten funding, at-risk guidelines and cash balances. Legislative Liaison Jim McNiece commented on the School Finance Study Committee’s meetings. He mentioned plans for a legislative gathering Feb. 13 with the education committee. He also talked about other efforts to continue building relationships with legislators.

Board members took a break from 4:35 to 4:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Bacon absent for the vote. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for November.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Tabor College** — Health (PreK-12), Physical Education (PreK-12), both continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024; **Washburn University** — History, Government, Social Studies (5-8), History, Government, Social Studies (6-12), Mathematics (5-8), all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024.

- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: **Deaf or Hard of Hearing** -- Gina Westerman, USD 465. **Early Childhood Special Education** -- Beverly Gross, Hailey Gifford, USD 244; Erin Shore, USD 353; Tara Lowry, Amy Koepp, USD 475; Amanda Tucker, USD 501; Kayla Cozza, D0602; Mindy Alderfer, Emily Warner, D0605; Andrea Prochnow, D0613; Heather Albers, D0605. **Early Childhood/Preschool** -- Beverly Furlong, USD 231. **General Business Topics** -- Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License -- Taylor Stucky, USD 418. **Gifted** -- Jodi Feltman, USD 102; Susan Copeland, Kelsie Rogers, USD 383; Amanda Keller, Jill Hultberg, USD 418; Julia Wilke, USD 465; Nancy Diepenbrock, D0605. **High Incidence Special Education** -- Julie Lueger, USD 115; Grayson Mays, USD 202; Vandana Yadav, USD 229; Lisa Lucas, USD 230; Jessica Malter, USD 231 Kristi McMillen, USD 244; Anthony Markowitz, Tracy Ensminger, USD 253; Brittany Hauck, USD 259; Beatrice Sahlfield, USD 273; Joshua Anguiano, USD 305; Lisa Wege, Rebecca Long, Tara Ladusch, USD 336; Cale Green, USD 364; Carly Weisbeck, Eric Winters, Tiffany Pacey, Jeanie Fulmer, Matthew McCasland, Meghan Mai, Sharla Jost, USD 418; Kaitlin Smith, USD 453; Susan Schultz, Dustin Durbin, Stacey Harper, Julia Crowdis, Tony Gledewell, Bryon Sturm, Dana Madrigal, Lisa Phillips, USD 465; Rebecca Fink, USD 469; Samantha Garner, Lacy Stockton, Patricia James, Shianne Farris, Angela Davis, Shanda Montgomery, Lauren Yamashita, Cassie Sandlin, USD 475; Sari Legleiter, USD 489; Andrew Nussbaum, Lori Havens, USD 497; Joann Boyd, Tayne Preno, Corie Griffen, Hayley Christensen, Paige Luthi, Jennifer Walterman, Jessica Hill, Alyssa Willhite, Theresa Barry, USD 500; Randi Arensman, Alicia Cattrell, Daniel English, Garrett Royston, Hillary Stucky, Jason White, Ashley Davidson, Anna Alvarez, Shea Wright, Jordan Wolf, USD 501; Patrick Adkins, Alexa Scarlett, USD 512; Ashley Calvin, Peggy Pool, Emily Chessmore, Erica Smith, Tami Dubois, Aaron Byarlay, Angela Brumbaugh, Margaret Porter, Rae Ann Mattke, D0602; Amber Zwierzychowski, Amy Oliver, Cathy Cox, Diana Sanpaka, Ellen Waters, Jessica Hacker, Lucas Bauman, Marla Stark, Ryan Ford, Stephanie Grippin, Taylor Bauman, Trisha Barnard, Troy Piper, Venus Covey, D0605; Kory Roberts, Melanie McGee, Rick Weber, Brett Delich, D0608; Tami Dillon, D0610; Dillon Shouse, Hannah Elliott, Jason Millemoan, Jo Ann Cline, Kathryn Jackson, Matthew Legg, Ruth Nolte, Tamara Mink, Gustaf Lindstrom, Jennifer Sowers, Lorena Carrillo, Cristabel Bernadac, D0613; Tabatha Johnson, D0616; Angela Mans, D0618; Paula Kraft, Traci Middleton, D0620; Tiffani Knowles, D0718. **High Incidence Special Education** -- Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License...
License -- Taronza Bronson, Amy Kannaday, USD 469.  
Library Media Specialist -- Daniel Chamberlain, Hillary Watson, Lynne Anderson, Roni Knight, USD 457.  
Low Incidence Special Education -- Jennifer Buehler, USD 229; Daniel Ruegsegger, USD 231; Heather Garner, USD 244; Ellie Wingert, Heather Pfeiff, USD 418; Keely Hammontree, USD 497; Aubrey Gilhaus, Travis Sumner, Angela Holtgraves, Courtney Cleveland, Hailey Smith, Jenee Vickers, USD 512.

- Issued Calendar Year 2018 licenses to the following recommended commercial driver training schools:  
  Behind the Wheel, Inc., Overland Park; Bi-State Driving School, Overland Park; Buckle-Up School, LLC, Lawrence; Double Team Driving School, Olathe; Drive Right School of Johnson County, Overland Park; Drive Right School of Wichita, Wichita; DriveKansas, Inc., Bonner Springs; EcoDriver School, Lenexa; Freedom Driving School, Lenexa; Go Driving School, LLC, Lawrence; Go Driving School Manhattan, Manhattan; Harder Performance Driving School, Overland Park; HyPlains Driving School of Garden City, Garden City; HyPlains Driving School, Inc., Dodge City; Legacy Driving School of Andover, LLC, Andover; Little Apple Driving School, Manhattan; McPherson Driving School, LLC, McPherson; Midwest Driving School, Lawrence; Motorcycle Rider Education, Wichita; Premier Driving School, LLC, Newton; Premier Driving School of Derby, Derby; Premier Driving School of Hutchinson, Hutchinson; Royal Driving School, Salina; Safety First Driving, Olathe; Schuetz Driving School, Olathe; Suburban Driving Academy, Kansas City; Topeka Driving School, Inc., Topeka; Twin City Driver Education, Overland Park; Varsolona Driving School, Frontenac; Wichita Collegiate Commercial Driving School, Wichita; Wichita Driving School East, LLC, Wichita; Wichita Driving School, Inc., Wichita; and Behind the Wheel Defensive Driving School, Wichita.

- authorized USD 109 Republic County to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law. (See additional Consent Action on Wednesday)

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- amend the contract with Journey Ed to provide testing for Microsoft Office certifications in an amount not to exceed $507,135.82.

BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the Policy Committee is still discussing the guideline for 6th grade participation in interscholastic athletics. This month the committee heard comments from superintendents of small districts. The committee will meet next with sports medicine professionals.

School Mental Health Advisory Council — Mrs. Busch commented on the Council’s upcoming meeting to continue discussions on managing mandatory trainings for school personnel. Many of these trainings fall under the umbrella of social emotional development. Other topics include flexibility with completing the trainings and the need to provide mental health support services to schools.

Individual Board member reports:  
Mrs. Busch attended an Educators Rising event at Emporia for aspiring teachers and high school students interested in the teaching profession. Mrs. Horst and Mrs. Mah participated in the Education Commission of the States’ Dual Enrollment Policy Academy, which coincides with their work on the concurrent enrollment task force. Mrs. Cauble attended the ECS winter conference in Denver.

Chairman Porter reported on decisions of the task force studying procurement and health insurance, plus commented on Board member participation in the Dialogue Summit on Retention as well as the KASB panel discussion. He attended a meeting of the former Emergency Safety Intervention Task Force to discuss use of mechanical restraint by law enforcement.
Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- Discuss actively using State Board liaisons for KSSB and KSD (Mrs. Cauble)
- Sexual harassment awareness training for Board members (Mr. Porter)

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

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Horst — Dec. 21 USD 271 and USD 392 visits; Mr. McNiece and Mr. Porter — Dec. 18 School Finance Study Committee. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

RECESS

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 5:20 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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Jim Porter, Chairman            Peggy Hill, Secretary
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Dec. 13, 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  Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch  Jim Porter
Sally Cauble  Steve Roberts
Deena Horst  Janet Waugh
Ann Mah  Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Willard moved to approve the day’s agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Cauble absent for the vote.

READING FOR SUCCESS REPORT FROM ISTATION AND FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY
Board members received enrollment numbers and other relevant information for the 2017-2018 academic year pertaining to the Kansas Reading for Success Program, which was launched in October 2015. Istation is the vendor contracted to provide services. Ossa Fisher, Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Istation, shared data current through Dec. 5, 2017 noting that 184 school districts were utilizing Istation for grades pre-K through 8th. Information was also presented on Istation’s progress-monitoring assessment for students and its comparisons to the Kansas assessments in English language arts. A research team from Fort Hays State University examines the effects of the Istation reading program on elementary students’ reading ability. FHSU representatives reported on growth scores, survey results and aggregate data by geographic locale. Board members had several questions and comments about disseminating survey information, plans for engaging schools not currently participating, working with the service centers and consistency of program use. Additional data was requested for average daily use by month.

RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF FUTURE STRUCTURES FOR KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
At the request of the State Board, the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) conducted a personnel study with a focus specifically on current staffing levels and services offered at Kansas School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind. Dr. Brian Jordan with KASB gave an overview of the study. Then, Interim Superintendents Luanne Barron (KSD), through use of an interpreter, and Jon Harding (KSSB) reported on the findings and responded to the recommendations. The concentration areas identified were: redesign of the administrative structure, outreach resources, increased/expanded collaboration and transition services for students. Among the number of specific topics discussed with Board members and the interim superintendents were: getting services to children not currently being served, the needs of children birth to age 3, improved data, teacher recruitment/teacher prep programs, transition life skills, communication, marketing with businesses, and comparisons with other state schools for the deaf and/or blind. After a 10-minute break at 11:10 a.m., more discussion followed.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Busch moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of an individual employee’s performance, which is justified pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual to be discussed. The session would begin at 11:30 a.m. for 30 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at noon. Dr. Watson and Board Attorney Mark Ferguson were invited to join the session. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The open meeting resumed at noon.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dale Dennis provided a request from USD 109 Republic County to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation. In previous consent action, the Board approved USD 109’s request for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid. Mr. Roberts moved to approve the request for USD 109 Republic County to hold a bond election. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Mah absent for the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Busch moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of an individual employee’s performance, which is justified pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual to be discussed. The session would begin at 12:01 p.m. for 15 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson was invited to join the session. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURN

Open session resumed at 12:16 p.m. and Chairman Porter immediately adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9 and 10, 2018.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary