

## KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Meeting Minutes July 11, 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, July 11, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed special guests in attendance.

7/11/2017  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:05)

#### 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 exercised personal privilege by reading "Inspirations for Responsibility for Children" from the New York State PTA. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Chairman Porter acknowledged the request for action on establishment of a State Board of Education School Mental Health Advisory Council this month. Therefore, #11 would be changed from a discussion item to an action item. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION**  
(00:05:35)

#### APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES

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

**MOTION**  
(00:06:00)

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson focused on three topics during his monthly report. First, he summarized findings from an outside capacity review of the State Department of Education conducted to help align agency work with the Kansans Can vision. The review identified both strengths and opportunities for growth. Since then, KSDE has been working through a Strategic Performance Management system, and as a result will be shifting some internal staff roles. Dr. Watson next updated members about the Kansans Can School Redesign application process. The announcement of the seven districts selected to participate in the redesign of an elementary and secondary school will be made in August. Lastly, he cited multiple examples of how the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Rose Capacities are embedded in the foundation of the state's vision for education and the new accreditation model.

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#### CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:26 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards — connection between education and economic prosperity; Callie Peace, Kansas Parents as Teachers Association — changes affecting the PAT program, and the difference between model and curriculum. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:33 a.m.

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**UPDATE ON TRANSITION TO COLLEGE ALGEBRA PILOT**

(00:34:34)

The first year of the Transition to College Algebra Pilot offered to high school seniors is complete and year two is beginning. Mathematics Education Program Consultant Melissa Fast shared information about the inaugural year, the high school and postsecondary participants, and plans for the second year. She also relayed feedback received on the training and curriculum. The partnership between participating school districts and two-year institutions aids seniors who, based on placement test scores, would need to take remedial math classes prior to entering into College Algebra. The transition course fills in identified gaps with math content. Additional data from the pilot will be analyzed and provided to the Board in the fall.

**ACTION ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR WORLD LANGUAGE**

(00:56:41)

In April, recommended revisions to the Kansas Curricular Standards for World Language were presented to the State Board for consideration. Curricular standards provide teachers in the content area with information on what students need to know and be able to do in relationship to the subject matter. Curricular standards are reviewed every seven years and require approval for adoption by the State Board. Revision committee co-chairs Phyllis Farrar and Elke Lorenz presented the final standards and answered questions. Mrs. Farrar stated that the standards strongly tie in with the Seal of Biliteracy criteria. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the adoption of the Kansas Curricular Standards for World Language. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION**

(01:00:00)

**ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6**

Institutions of Higher Education utilize program standards to develop and improve their educator preparation programs. Board members received proposed revisions to the Elementary Education K-6 higher education standards in June. Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Dr. Scott Myers and Committee Chair Dr. Amy Hogan of Ottawa University stood for questions regarding the changes. There was discussion about the core professional education standards for teacher candidates and whether training was included for ESL instruction or addressing students' mental health/social/emotional needs. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Elementary Education K-6. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition and Mr. Bacon absent for the vote.

**MOTION**

(01:10:24)

**BREAK**

Board members took a break until 11:25 a.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

(01:12:00)

During last month's work session, the State Board requested that Kansas State Department of Education staff put together an advisory council to work on issues related to school mental health. Director Colleen Riley outlined the purpose of the council. Board members considered a draft of the membership roles to be filled and how the council would be organized. They were asked to submit nominees within the week in anticipation of the council's first meeting in August to set direction. Chairman Porter stressed the importance of addressing Erin's Law (child sexual abuse) in a comprehensive way. Other suggestions were noted. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve setting up the Kansas State Board of Education School Mental Health Advisory Council to inform the Kansas State Board of Education of current issues and unmet needs regarding school mental health, which includes the Board's appointment of Kathy Busch as chair. (The Board representative will automatically serve as council chair). Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

**MOTION**

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**LUNCH**

At 11:50 a.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS' RECOMMENDATION FOR ISSUING A SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATE**

The Coalition of Innovative School Districts recommended issuing a Specialized Certificate for one applicant in USD 364 Marysville. USD 364 is one of seven designated Innovative School Districts allowed to utilize the Specialized Certificate for hiring non-licensed professional employees to teach. Marysville High School Principal Darren Schroeder answered questions about a hard-to-fill vacancy to teach Spanish. He also provided the district's planned program of support to aid the individual. USD 364 Superintendent Bill Mullins joined the conversation by speaker phone. Mrs. Busch moved to suspend Board rules to allow for a vote this month on a receive item based on time sensitivity. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mrs. Cauble then moved to approve the Specialized Certificate application as presented for use in USD 364 Marysville. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Specialized Certificates are good for one year and are non-transferrable to any other Kansas school district. Applications must be approved by the local school board, the Coalition and the State Board.

**P.M. SESSION**  
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**MOTIONS**  
(01:42:19)  
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**RECEIVE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS AND CUT SCORES**

Assistant Director Beth Fultz and Kris Kaase, Director of the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE), briefly described the design of the Kansas assessment for science, which was a collaborative work between KSDE and CETE. Mr. Kaase then explained the stages of the science standard setting process to be used with the assessment. Forty teachers from across the state were selected to participate in the process. They helped label Performance Level Descriptors, which define what students should know and be able to do at each of the achievement levels. Then cut scores and score ranges were considered for each of the tested grade levels. Questions were asked about the performance levels and what it means to be on target. A vote on the information is expected in August.

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**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Chair of the Professional Practices Commission Linda Sieck reported on the PPC's recommendations for disciplinary action on six cases. She noted that none of the individuals requested a hearing. Mrs. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the Professional Practices Commission and deny Sarah Kennington's application; and revoke the licenses of Jamanshua Howell, Jessica Laster, Terry McMurry, Claire Torres and Todd Kaiser. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION**  
(02:07:09)

**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

Policy Committee Chair Janet Waugh highlighted the committee's recommended changes to the Board's Policies as detailed in the redline version provided to members. She explained that minor changes were made to reference the Kansans Can vision, to update boardmanship expectations and committee titles, and to coordinate the time frame of evaluations with the state's employee performance evaluations. The Policy Committee of the Board is asked to review policies at least every two years and suggest any changes deemed necessary. Board members are expected to vote on the recommended changes in August. The committee will next go through the Policy Guidelines.

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**DISCUSSION ON 2018 AND 2019 STATE BOARD MEETING DATES**

Board members were presented draft calendars of meeting dates for 2018 and 2019, which follow the traditional format of two-day meetings on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of the month. Chairman Porter noted that KSDE and other educational organizations plan events around the Board's calendar. Therefore, he recommended setting dates for the next two years so the schedule is available well in advance. Discussion occurred on possible alternate dates in April and October. These will be presented for additional discussion next month.

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Board members took a break until 2:35 p.m.

**BREAK**

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

(02:28:47)

In his monthly report, Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reminded members of the Supreme Court hearing on school finance July 18, plus shared information about upcoming budget workshops for school districts. He noted that budget software completion is dependent upon the court's decision. He also provided members with summaries of selected enrolled bills passed into law during the 2017 Legislative Session. These included Senate Bill 19 (K-12 school finance) and House Sub. For SB 21 (KPERS and working after retirement). Members talked about accreditation, accountability and their report to the Legislature in January.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### MOTION

(02:50:19)

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

- received the monthly Personnel Report for June.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Rachel Beech as Education Program Consultant on the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team, effective June 8, 2017, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Fort Hays State University** — School Counselor (A, PreK-12) continuing program approved through Dec. 31, 2024; **MidAmerica Nazarene University** — History, Government and Social Studies (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 5-8), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Speech/Theatre (I, 6-12) all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024; **Newman University** — Innovative/ Experimental Elementary Internship (I, K-6) new program approved with stipulation through Dec. 31, 2019; **Pittsburg State University** — Speech/Theatre (I, 6-12) continuing program approved through Dec. 31, 2024; **Tabor College** — Chemistry (I, 6-12) dormant program and Elementary (I, K-6) continuing program, both approved through Dec. 31, 2024; **Washburn University** — Chemistry (I, 6-12), Early Childhood Unified (I, Birth-Grade 3), Foreign Language (I, PreK-12), High Incidence (A, K-6), High Incidence (A, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved Cases* — 3140 Michelle Babcock, 3145 Deanna Fraley, 3147 Sue Davis (K-6 elementary endorsement), 3150 Casey Carroll, 3152 Sarah Henning, 3153 Joseph Janner, 3155 Rebecca Clark, 3159 Lori English, 3161 Pamela Waldrop. *Denied Case* — 3147 Sue Davis (PreK-12 high incidence special education endorsement).
- approved recommendation for funding a new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant for USD 349 Stafford (elementary program) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the 2017-18 school year.
- approved recommendations for funding of the Kansas Parent Educator Program Grants for fiscal year 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$7,237,635.
- approved the recommended award of Early Learning Preschool Aged At-Risk slots for fiscal year 2018.
- approved five-year renewal of the charter status for West Franklin Learning Center USD 287, Yoder Charter School USD 312, Walton Rural Life Center USD 373, Smoky Valley Virtual Charter School USD 400, Lawrence Virtual School USD 497, and Hope Street Academy USD 501.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2017-18 school year as follows: Janet Graham (global business), Robin Bacon (foundations of medicine), Marjorie Holloway (foundations of medicine research and innovation), and William Skeens (law and public safety) all renewals for Blue Valley USD 229 Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS); Justin Wieser

(strength and conditioning) for Basehor-Linwood USD 458; Keri Caudle Maricle (biology, and anatomy and physiology) for Thomas More Prep-Marian High School; Nathaniel Terrell (psychology, leadership studies, sociology, African American studies) for Topeka USD 501.

- approved individual school district allocations for extraordinary need state aid for the 2017-18 school year as follows: USD 114 Riverside \$100,000; USD 217 Rolla \$79,689; USD 225 Fowler \$101,946; USD 243 Lebo-Waverly \$126,310; USD 247 Southeast \$383,281; USD 283 Elk Valley \$209,817; USD 329 Wabaunsee \$84,650; USD 326 Logan \$80,000; USD 337 Royal Valley \$171,808; USD 338 Valley Falls \$50,196; USD 334 Southern Cloud \$120,000; USD 344 Pleasanton \$102,846; USD 352 Goodland \$268,628; USD 371 Montezuma \$118,426; USD 377 Effingham \$98,337; USD 399 Paradise \$40,232; USD 456 Marais des Cygnes \$147,667; USD 476 Copeland \$203,725.
- approved reallocation of remaining funds from the federal IDEA Part D State Personnel Development Grant in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 to the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- continue a contract with the Smoky Hill Central Kansas Education Service Center to support KSDE and the Kansas Professional Learning Team in providing professional learning across Kansas;
- approve the recommended vendor for the kindergarten entry snapshot tool and enter into contract negotiations with the vendor in an amount not to exceed \$985,000;
- authorize the Interim Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD) to enter into contracts for out-of-state tuition for the 2017-18 school year with the following school districts in Missouri: Center — not to exceed \$36,960 for two students plus additional related services listed on the IEPs at a cost of \$60 per hour, and Park Hill — not to exceed \$40,000 for one student;
- authorize the Interim Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to enter into a contract for out-of-state tuition for the 2017-18 school year with Liberty School District, Liberty, Missouri, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for one student;
- authorize the Interim Superintendent of KSSB to renew a contract with Providence Medical Center for physical and occupational therapy services for the 2017-18 school year in an amount not to exceed \$45,000;
- authorize the Interim Superintendent of KSSB to renew a contract with Baer Wilson and Company, LLC to provide counseling/evaluation services for students who attend KSSB during the 2017-18 school year in an amount not to exceed \$45,000;
- authorize the Interim Superintendent of KSSB to enter into a contract with USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools for use of KSSB facilities for the USD 500 local Head Start Program during the 2017-18 school year in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Legislative — Mr. McNiece recommended starting preparations for the Board's report that will be provided to the Legislature in January.

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Communications — The committee will be sharing its strategic plan for the coming months at the next meeting.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson noted that the Legislature made changes to the Kansas Open Meetings Act that affects the language for recessing into Executive Session. He would assist with updating the prepared wording for motions.

**Individual Board member reports:** Mr. Willard participated in hearings to allocate Extraordinary Need state aid money, stressing the importance of being responsible financial stewards. Mrs. Busch reported on recent KSHSAA meetings and classification recommendations, plus the National Federation of State High School Associations' annual conference in Providence, Rhode Island. She also asked that nominations to serve on the School Mental Health Advisory Council be given to her by Friday. Mrs. Waugh attended meetings for juvenile justice and KACEE, the 150th anniversary of the Kansas State School for the Blind, and events celebrating technology equipment donations from Amazon to the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Mrs. Mah attended a blended learning conference at Santa Fe Trail and the career and technical education meeting.

Chairman Porter attended the National Teacher Hall of Fame banquet in Emporia, KSSB's 150th anniversary event, and has been invited to a conference on ESSA later in July.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Professional Education Standards used in teacher preparation programs (Mrs. Cauble)
- Kansas Association of Youth (KAY) service program for students (Mrs. Busch)
- Kansas Masonic Literacy Center and its partnership with Emporia State (Mrs. Horst)
- Impact of physical classroom environment on instruction (Mrs. Mah)
- Communications Committee recommendations for August meeting (Mr. McNiece)

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch — Aug. 25 School Mental Health Advisory Council; Mrs. Cauble — July 13 budget workshop at Oakley; Mrs. Horst — Aug 15 Solomon USD 393 in-service, Aug. 18 Washington Co. USD 108 in-service; Mr. Porter — July 14 budget workshop at El Dorado; Mr. Willard — Aug. 11 McPherson schools in-service. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION**  
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**RECESS**

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 3:37 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

## KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Meeting Minutes July 12, 2017

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on July 12, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

#### 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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Willard moved to approve the day's agenda as presented. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

#### RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Education Program Consultant Melissa Fast and Mathematics Standards Chair Debbie Thompson of USD 259 presented the final draft of the mathematics standards to the State Board. They gave an overview of the feedback received during the public comment period and town hall meetings. They demonstrated how the document has been made interactive with links to online resources. General changes included moving some of the standards to different grade levels, making clarifications and placing more emphasis on modeling. They also addressed the implementation plan and training for teachers. During discussion, some Board members expressed concerns about the value of standards, meeting the individual needs of students and additional time for consideration.

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

#### INFORMATION ON VISION OUTCOME: POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION/ATTENDANCE

Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander led the presentation on postsecondary success by sharing information given to the field during this summer's KSDE Impact Institutes. Schools will be receiving data collected through the National Student Clearinghouse, which tracks high school graduates enrolling in two-year and four-year postsecondary institutions. He explained what information is provided to schools in this postsecondary progress report and how the data will be used to benefit schools. Not only is the data related to the accreditation model and the Rose Capacities, but will help indicate if enough students are gaining postsecondary education to meet predicted needs of the Kansas workforce. He also mentioned the ongoing work with the Kansas Board of Regents regarding postsecondary success. Board members asked questions about the five-year state averages presented, the difference between success rate and effective rate, and the risk factors that influence student success. They were also shown how to view aggregate data for schools in their districts.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION

Chairman Porter led a discussion centered on how Board members as individuals or as a group can better communicate the Kansans Can vision. He acknowledged the positive efforts in communicating

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**A.M. Session**  
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with the Legislature this year and his appreciation for their work. Topics included more outreach to the public and main street businesses, continued progress on the vision outcomes, and measurable results of the accreditation model.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary