

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes
March 14, 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, March 14, 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 program.

**3/14/2017
A.M. Session
(00:00:10)**

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

Member Ken Willard participated in the meeting by phone.

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. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

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APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson commented on his most recent school visits in the state. He also shared correspondence he's received from educators in support of the ongoing vision work. Dr. Watson primarily focused on information from the National Student Clearinghouse that provides a multi-year look at students' postsecondary enrollment and progress. He used the high school graduating class of 2010 for the illustration. While the data he showed was statewide aggregate averages, each school district will be receiving high school specific data. This will serve as a resource for measuring postsecondary completion and attendance, which is one of the five *Kansans Can* vision outcomes. Dr. Watson answered questions about communicating the information with school districts and others.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:32 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: John Richard Schrock, Emporia — academic need for school consolidation; Katie Mazos, Kansas wing of Civil Air Patrol — Cadet programs and aviation exploration; Linette Lahan, Civil Air Patrol — aerospace education for youth. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:47 a.m.

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ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Last month, Board members reviewed the proposed revisions to licensure program standards for Chemistry 6-12, Physics 6-12 and Foreign Language PreK-12. These content program standards help

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establish what is taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. During discussion, Board members inquired about determining which practices are labeled “content knowledge” and which are considered “professional skills,” particularly in the chemistry and physics standards. Board members stressed the importance of giving consistent and clear direction to educators. Revision committee members and KSDE staff were present to answer questions. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Chemistry (6-12), Physics (6-12), and Foreign Language (PreK-12). Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Bacon in opposition, and Mr. Willard abstaining.

BREAK

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

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EDUCATION SUPERHIGHWAY REPORT ON KANSAS CONNECT AND LEARN INITIATIVE

EducationSuperHighway (ESH) is a non-profit organization working with multiple states, including Kansas, to ensure students have high capacity Internet access for digital learning. The goal is to improve broadband infrastructure and close the fiber gap. Jack Lynch, state engagement manager with ESH, reported on the Connect and Learn Initiative for Kansas. He described the current state of connectivity in Kansas schools as related to bandwidth, fiber, infrastructure and WiFi connectivity. He also explained the work his organization is doing with K-12 public schools and providers to leverage federal E-rate funding and discounts. There was discussion about bandwidth consumption, the economic rationale for fiber in rural areas, involvement of service centers, and E-rate funding.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO KSHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Two Kansas State Board of Education members serve on the Board of Directors for the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). Current representatives from the State Board are Kathy Busch (2015-17) and Jim Porter (2016-18). The position held by Mrs. Busch expires June 30, 2017. Mr. McNiece moved to reappoint Mrs. Busch to an additional two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0. This term is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Mrs. Busch also currently serves on the KSHSAA Executive Board.

LUNCH

At 11:55 a.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The Board’s Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

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REPORT FROM KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION RECREATION AND DANCE ON BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ON STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Shelly Swartz and Meggin DeMoss are members of the Kansas Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD). They engaged Board members in activities as examples of how intentional movement prepares the brain for learning. During the presentation, they shared research linking physical activity with cognitive function as well as described the benefits of movement classrooms in schools. Other methods currently in use are active learning labs, aerobic brain breaks before testing and physical activity before homework. The different categories of physical education, specific physical activity, exercise, recess and creative play were outlined.

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KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION ZERO YEAR UPDATE

Transition to the new Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is ongoing and is labeled the “Zero Year.” Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, updated the Board on preparations for the first full year of implementation. Next steps include quarter four statewide training on KESA, training models for organizing Outside Visitation Teams, further development of the OVT trainee pool and assembly of the Accreditation Review Council. Suggestions were made to add a Board member, a legislator and community members to the Accreditation Review Council. It was also recommended to clearly define the categories of accredited, conditionally accredited, and not accredited. There was discussion on accountability and charting school improvement/growth.

ACTION ON RENEWING ACCREDITATION STATUS OF SCHOOLS FOR 2017-18

Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander explained that until the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation regulations are in place, school districts are still under QPA (Quality Performance Accreditation) regulations and therefore individual schools must be granted a rating. Schools are currently accredited through June 30, 2017. The State Board of Education has authority to change accreditation status any time. Mr. McNiece moved to retain each school's accreditation rating until that status is superseded by the first system-level status granted under KESA to the education system to which the school belongs or to the school itself in the case of an independent private school and unless that status is changed by official action of the Board. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Board members took a break until 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT

Teacher mentoring/induction support is one of the first issues being addressed by the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, a standing subcommittee of the Professional Standards Board. Dr. Laurie Curtis, committee co-chair, presented mentoring recommendations to help with educator retention. The committee created program guidelines that would be mentee-driven, supportive and based on the needs of the new educator. There were questions about the cost of implementation, rigidness of the guidelines and potential overlap with existing district mentoring programs. Mrs. Waugh moved to authorize implementation of proposed mentoring guidelines and requirements for new teachers as presented as a State Board of Education pilot program for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 7-3 with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard in opposition.

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ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO LICENSURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Willard moved to appoint Jean Rush to serve on the Licensure Review Committee as a representative of Chief School Administrators. Ms. Rush, Superintendent at USD 363, would first serve a partial term effective from March 14, 2017 through June 30, 2017, followed by a full three-year term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mrs. Busch absent for the vote.

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DISCUSSION ON HB 2048 AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE IN SCHOOLS

Education Program Consultant Kent Reed reviewed elements of House Bill 2048, referred to as Erin's Law, that would require public school teachers to have annual training and education on the topic of child sexual abuse. He noted that child sexual abuse is covered in school counseling standards. Next, guest presenter Cherie Blanchat, systems coordinator working with KSDE and TASN (Technical Assistance Systems Network), talked about the School Mental Health Initiative. She explained the correlation between adverse childhood experiences and school performance. Staff attorney Laura Jurgensen highlighted what KSDE is doing to address this topic. There are several other groups studying student mental health. Board members assigned KSDE staff to outline a school-based comprehensive mental health approach that includes trauma-informed care and training. It would also address current legislative mandates and Erin's law. The outline would be presented to legislators.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for February.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointments of Susie Wilbur as Education Program Consultant on the Early Childhood, Special Education, and Title Services team, effective Feb. 6, 2017, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Denise Davis as Quality Assurance Technician on

the Information Technology team, effective Feb. 6, 2017, at an annual salary of \$46,192.80; Philip Salyer as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective Feb. 6, 2017, at an annual salary of \$44,990.40; Robyn Meinholdt as Administrative Specialist on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Feb. 13, 2017, at an annual salary of \$29,744; Debra Smith as Public Service Administrator on the Fiscal Services and Operations team, effective Feb. 20, 2017, at an annual salary of \$37,440; Jordan Christian as Public Service Executive on the Early Childhood, Special Education, and Title Services team, effective Feb. 27, 2017, at an annual salary of \$53,414.40.

- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Art – Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License* -- Corbie Leiker, USD 385. *Early Childhood Special Education* -- Shauna Young, C0036; Hailey Gifford, USD 244; Theresa Santangelo, USD 253; Leanna Keller, USD 293; Jocelyn Dease, USD 345; Melissa Howe, USD 475; Tori Garrison, USD 480; Gale Grable, D0608; Allison Dollins, D0637. *Early Childhood/Preschool* -- Kayla Smith, USD 259. *English Language Arts* -- Loretta Williams, USD 259. *General Science* -- Tricia Nicks, USD 259. *Gifted* -- Shari Norman, USD 382. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Elizabeth Weilert, Brittny Kiedrowski, Winnie Hagenah, USD 200; Melissa Townsend, USD 232; Kristi McMillen, USD 244; Mark Manbeck, USD 253; James Roberts, Robert Castleberry, USD 259; Breetta Moe, USD 273; Amy Trostle, USD 305; Andrea Jordan, USD 345; Jeanie Fulmer, USD 418; Kelly Gorham, Lauren Yamashita, USD 475; Joseph McGann, Alyssa Burket, Amanda Tucker, USD 501; Alicia Barnett, D0605; Danielle Torres, D0608; Diana McDaniel, D0610; Gustaf Lindstrom, Angela Tremain, Hannah Elliott, Jo Ann Cline, Kathryn Fields, Katy Gerke, Lorena Carrillo, D0613; Helen White, Jolene Chapin, D0618; David Hughes, D0619; Alexia Wells, D0620; Sheryl Wiele, Hillary Ruple, D0638; Tara Gruver, D0702; Tiffani Knowles, D0718. *High Incidence Special Education – Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License* -- Jody Unruh, USD 418; Charles Jean-Baptiste, Karen Demster, Danisha Roach, USD 500; Nicole Van Der Weg, D0718. *Kansas History – Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License* -- Eric Adams, USD 353. *Library Media Specialist* -- Emily Seaman, USD 497. *Low Incidence Special Education – Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License* -- Denis Kavanagh, D0637. *Low Incidence Special Education* -- William Pruet, Dana Olsen, Jessica Lopez, USD 259; Ellie Wingert, USD 418; Tera Ingalsbe, USD 480; Jennifer Melloway, USD 512; Helen White, D0618; Amber Kloster, D0637; Jennifer Martin, D0607. *Math* -- Mary Hernandez-Blada, Julie Bullard, Tenia Green, USD 259. *Math – Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License* -- Kimberly Whiteside, D0385. *Physical Science – Extension on the number of days on an Emergency Substitute License* -- Katharine Grant, USD 500.
- approved continued funding of Title II Part B Math and Science Partnership Grants for 2017-18 as follows, contingent upon demonstration that applicants are meeting grant requirements: Topeka USD 501 \$149,027 in partnership with Fort Hays State University and Westar Energy; Newman University \$123,000 in partnership with USD 461, USD 264, USD 490, USD 357, Diocese of Wichita Catholic Schools, Westar Energy and IBM; Wichita USD 259 \$145,960 in partnership with Fort Hays State University and Exploration Place (all third year funding), plus Kansas State University \$200,000 in partnership with USD 475, USD 427, USD 383 and USD 320 (second year funding)
- authorized the following school districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 204 Bonner Springs, USD 252 Southern Lyon County, USD 385 Andover, USD 475 Geary County, USD 497 Lawrence.
- authorized the following school districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 204 Bonner Springs, USD 252 Southern Lyon County, USD 385 Andover, USD 475 Geary County, USD 497 Lawrence.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved Cases* — 3109 Linda Bell (extension for a full additional two years of the provisional license), 3119 Brandy

Thornton, 3120 Carey Walker Jr., 3129 Shanie Perez-Paul, 3132 Joseph Clay (middle level 5-8 mathematics), 3133 Michelle Reber, 3134 Carli Stiller, 3135 Pamela Donald, 3137 Mary Schrag, 3138 Bruce Humphrey, 3139 Avery Miller. *Denied Cases* — 3132 Joseph Clay (secondary 6-12 biology).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis shared the current status of selected House and Senate bills. He particularly mentioned ones that would affect KPERS licensed school retirants working after retirement and another that would establish a school district employee health care benefits program. Mr. Dennis noted that most of the major bills before the legislature are still being discussed, such as school finance. He distributed a summary of other bills being monitored by the agency.

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There was a 10-minute break at 5:22 p.m. Mr. Bacon did not return after the break.

BREAK

BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Student Voice — Mrs. Horst provided a summary of themes and suggestions that were pulled from student comments gathered to date. The plan is to continue meeting with student groups for input.

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Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the committee is working to prepare recommendations. There will be no Policy Committee meeting in April.

Juvenile Justice Oversight—Mrs. Waugh reported on the March 9 meeting and will attend a graduation ceremony March 17. She also attended a meeting on functional family therapy in Pittsburg.

Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force — Mrs. Waugh announced that the Challenge Award lists were ready. Board members were asked to notify the winners in their Board districts by April 5. She explained the process for making award presentations.

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

Individual Board member reports: Mr. McNiece plans to attend the NASBE Annual Legislative Conference next week in D.C. He participated in a tour of schools with Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer listening to students and promoting a new Citizenship Award, plus attended a 125th anniversary event for Security Benefit. Mr. Roberts attended a Louisburg USD 416 Board meeting. Mrs. Busch will participate in the KSHSAA Executive Board meeting next week. Mrs. Waugh toured CTE programs at Ottawa High School and attended local legislative meetings. Mrs. Cauble visited schools with Commissioner Watson in her district. Mrs. Horst attended a presentation on the math standards, a presentation about the Lt. Governor's Citizenship Award, and visited schools with Commissioner Watson. Mrs. Mah attended signing day at Washburn Tech and attended several local school board meetings.

**INDIVIDUAL
MEMBER
REPORTS**
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Chairman Porter attended legislative meetings, traveled with the Commissioner to visit schools, and attended a meeting of the Kansas Alliance for Educational Advocacy. He reminded members of the format for the next day's meeting and work session.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Mrs. Horst and Mrs. Waugh asked to have a presentation on functional family therapy. Mr. Roberts suggested that the math standards committee create a list of standards that students should meet before advancing.

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BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Porter—April 7 Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas Conference; Mrs. Mah—April 10 Marais Des Cygnes USD 456 Board meeting; Mr. McNiece—April 22 Security Benefit Banquet; Mr. McNiece and Mr. Porter—May 7 Governor’s Awards Ceremony; Mrs. Waugh—April 7 KACEE Annual Banquet; Challenge Award presentations for all Board members. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard absent for the vote.

RECESS

At 6:10 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes March 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on March 15, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

**3/15/2017
A.M. Session
(00:00:04)**

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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

Members John Bacon and Ken Willard were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the day's agenda. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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DISCUSSION - KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Board members received an update on multiple aspects of the work surrounding kindergarten readiness, which is one of the state level *Kansans Can* vision outcomes. Speakers were KSDE Assistant Director Tammy Mitchell, Director of Student Support Services for Greenbush Monica Murnan, kindergarten teachers Shawna Jones and Sandy Rempel, USD 309 Assistant Superintendent Penny Stoss and Early Childhood Director with the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Amy Blosser. A main focus was on the Ages and Stages Questionnaires Pilot that occurred in 37 school districts this past school year. Families and caregivers were engaged in gathering information about their child's development and early childhood experiences prior to kindergarten. The kindergarten readiness "snapshot" considered the areas of communication, problem solving, gross/fine motor and social emotional areas of development. Aggregate pilot data results were shared. Pilot participants talked about what they learned and what could be improved upon in the process. There were opportunities for questions throughout the presentations. These included inquiries about the usefulness of the data and a proposed implementation timeline. The kindergarten readiness workgroup recommended continuation of the Ages and Stages Questionnaires. If approved, the first statewide data collection would occur in the fall of 2018.

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ACTION ON UNIVERSAL KINDERGARTEN SNAPSHOT

Mrs. Cauble moved to temporarily suspend Board practice to allow for a vote this month on a receive item. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. Discussion followed with questions about the cost of using Ages and Stages as a universal kindergarten screener, using the program as a state model or allowing schools flexibility to use their own processes, the importance of allowing kids to play or parents to homeschool, and qualitative versus quantitative data. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Ages and Stages Questionnaires to become the measurement tools used annually to collect kindergarten entry data in every district. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 7-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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Board members took a break from 10:38 to 10:45 a.m.

BREAK

CONTINUATION OF KINDERGARTEN READINESS DISCUSSION

Tammy Mitchell described other work occurring in regards to kindergarten readiness. Among the goals are to align KSDE early learning programs, extend Parents as Teachers to serve prenatal to age 6, conduct six Early Learning Roadshows throughout the state to help school districts plan early learning services and address implementation challenges. There was discussion about the coordination among the many partner agencies that serve early learners and facility licensing requirements.

BREAK

There was a 15-minute break to reassemble the room for a working lunch and discussion time.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Chairman Porter asked each Board member to speak for no more than 10 minutes about the role of the State Board, ways to increase efficiencies as they work on the *Kansans Can* vision, opportunities to build relationships and provide leadership.

ADJOURN

The session concluded at 1:50 p.m.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary