CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He acknowledged the observance of National Teacher Appreciation Day and congratulated this year’s graduates.

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

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES
Mr. McNiece moved to approve the minutes of the April 18-19 regular Board meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the minutes of the April 22 special Board meeting. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Willard abstaining.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Commissioner Randy Watson previewed segments of the Kansans Can, and I Am video series featuring graduating high school seniors, noting this is one of several ways student achievement is being recognized around the state. He continued his regular updates on the state assessment cycle, which concluded April 28. Test results will be available for students and school reports before summer. Commissioner Watson announced plans for a Kansans Can School Redesign project in which seven volunteer districts will select one elementary and one secondary school to model new design principles structured around the Kansans Can vision and outcomes. He also noted two new positions were being created at KSDE to work with the elementary and secondary demonstration schools participating in the redesign project. He then explained the ambitious timeline and answered questions.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:29 a.m. Speakers and their topics were:
Kirk Fast, Ozawkie — proposed new course in current events for differentiating between factual news and fake news; Phyllis Farrar, Lawrence — status of World Language infrastructure in Kansas as compared to national reports. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:38 a.m.
ACTION ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR DANCE AND CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Last month, Board members received proposed revisions to the standards for Dance and Creative Movement as part of the cyclical review process. 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. Education Program Consultant Joyce Huser was present to answer questions. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the adoption of the Kansas Curricular Standards for Dance and Creative Movement. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION


ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ESOL

Institutions of Higher Education utilize program standards to develop and improve their educator preparation programs. Board members received proposed revisions to the English for Speakers of Other Languages higher education standards in April. Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Dr. Scott Myers and standards revision committee member Dr. Ramona Stowe of MidAmerica Nazarene University reviewed changes and answered questions. Discussion followed about whether ESOL teacher candidates should be required to learn a second language, plus questions about English learner strategies and specific classes for ESOL teachers. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) K-6, 5-8, 6-12, PreK-12. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Mah in opposition.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:05 a.m.

UPDATE ON EARLY LEARNING ROADSHOWS AND KINDERGARTEN READINESS

KSDE Assistant Director Tamra Mitchell provided an overview of the work taking place to support Kindergarten Readiness, one of the five outcomes used to measure progress of the Kansans Can vision. She talked about the Early Learning Roadshows taking place across the state during which school district participants work through questions about early learning opportunities in their community, available resources and collaboration options. The presentation included updates on committee work to prepare a Full-Day Kindergarten Guide and progress on the developmental snapshot implementation. There was discussion about delaying a child’s entry into kindergarten, wording on an informational handout and building relationships with multiple stakeholders.

LUNCH

At 11:45 a.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The Board’s Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

PUBLIC HEARING ON EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Porter called the afternoon session to order and opened the public hearing on K.A.R. 91-42-1, 91-42-2, 91-42-4 and 91-42-7 (Emergency Safety Interventions). One speaker addressed the Board: Rocky Nichols, Disability Rights Center of Kansas—in support of the clarifying language. Written testimony was submitted by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations, Stateside Associates, and the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. The hearing ended at 1:33 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REGULATIONS
At 1:34 p.m., Chairman Porter opened the public hearing on K.A.R. 91-38-1, 91-38-2, 91-38-3, 91-38-4, 91-38-5, 91-38-6, 91-38-7 and 91-38-8 (School Bus Safety). There were no speakers for this hearing. However, written testimony was provided by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations and the Kansas Chiropractic Association. This public hearing was then closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS
At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Porter opened the public hearing on K.A.R. 91-1-70a, 91-1-208, 91-1-221 and 91-1-235 (Higher Education Accreditation). One speaker addressed the Board: Idalia Shuman, Kansas National Education Association — in opposition to a change on the license application. Written testimony was submitted by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations and KNEA. The public hearing concluded at 1:40 p.m.

(See Wednesday’s minutes for staff response and action on each set of regulations).

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, brought forth a case concerning application for an emergency substitute license. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation that it grant Kris Bailey’s application. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Ms. Sieck then presented two separate licensure cases for disciplinary action. They were voted on individually. Mrs. Horst moved to adopt the PPC recommendation and revoke Jon Froehlich’s license. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Next, Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the PPC recommendation and publicly censure Julie Abellera. Mr. McNiece seconded. Discussion followed on how public censure is defined and carried out. Motion carried 10-0.

INFORMATION ON EDUCATE KANSAS TEACHER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN
A Blue Ribbon Task Force was created in 2016 to study issues related to teacher vacancy and supply in Kansas. One of the task force’s recommendations was to implement a marketing campaign for teacher recruitment and retention. Through work of the Professional Standards Board and Teacher Vacancy and Supply committee, a campaign is being implemented to advocate for the teaching profession and to reach prospective teachers. Dr. Debbie Mercer, Dean of the College of Education at Kansas State University and Chair of the Professional Standards Board, highlighted these efforts by introducing the new website www.educatekansas.org, which includes information about pathways to licensure and frequently asked questions. She also talked about upcoming dialogue summits to address such topics as retention and micro-credentialing. Board members offered other suggestions for increasing the teacher pipeline and positive communications.

REPORT ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN SCHOOLS
The State Board previously authorized the implementation of a Civic Advocacy Network to promote civic engagement and award schools that intentionally create civic engagement learning opportunities for their students. This pilot will begin in the 2017-18 school year. Education Program Consultant Don Gifford outlined the six proven practices for making civic engagement part of the school’s culture. He also revealed that information on the Civic Advocacy Network award process will be distributed to schools in August, with the first recipients to be announced in September 2018.

RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ISSUING 2017-18 SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATES
The Coalition of Innovative School Districts presented 16 applications for specialized certificates to be considered by the State Board of Education based on Board-approved specifications. The applicants are all for USD 500 Kansas City Kansas and are effective for one-year. Coalition Chair Bill Mullins noted
that the applicants have been vetted, interviewed and approved by both the USD 500 school board and the Coalition board. He also indicated the possibility of an additional applicant to be considered for Coalition member USD 364 Marysville. A vote is anticipated in June.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 3:10 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis discussed the current status of selected House and Senate bills. He reviewed specific policy provisions of HB 2410, a proposed school finance plan. There were Board comments about provisions related to at-risk funding and a requirement that districts provide applied behavior analysis therapy for students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Mr. Dennis gave updates on other bills that addressed working after retirement and school training to identify sexual abuse victims. He answered questions throughout his report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining and Mr. McNiece absent for the vote. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for April.
- confirmed unclassified special projects personnel appointments to the Child Nutrition and Wellness team as follows: Linnea Rieger, Consultant, effective April 10, 2017, at an annual salary of $48,484.80; and Jill Ladd, Consultant, effective April 10, 2017 at a rate of $35 per hour with varying hours each pay period.
- received third quarter written reports (FY 2017) from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind.
- approved recommendations for funding of the Migrant Summer Services Grants as follows: USD 102 Cimarron $7,000; USD 200 Greeley $1,744; USD 216 Deerfield $5,501; USD 223 Barnes $2,070; USD 250 Pittsburg $12,412; USD 253 Emporia $30,062; USD 374 Sublette $11,732; USD 443 Dodge City $21,235; USD 445 Coffeyville $16,150; USD 457 Garden City $23,789; USD 466 Scott County $475; USD 467 Wichita Co. $1,450; USD 468 Healy $3,050; USD 480 Liberal $10,700; USD 494 Syracuse $12,000; USD 500 Kansas City Kansas $50,000; USD 501 Topeka $14,642; USD 507 Satanta $6,972; D0 602 Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center $18,170. Total $249,154.
- accepted the following recommendation for a licensure waiver valid for one school year: High Incidence Special Education -- Sarah Farnet, USD 231.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: Fort Hays State University — Agriculture (I, 6-12) continuing program approved through Dec. 31, 2024; MidAmerica Nazarene University — Elementary (I, K-6), English Language Arts (I, 6-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12), all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024; Tabor College — Biology (I, 6-12), English Language Arts (I, 6-12), History, Government, Social Studies (I, 6-12), Mathematics (I, 6-12), all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024; University of Saint Mary — Innovative/Experimental (I, 6-12) MA Secondary Education, new program approved through Dec. 31, 2019; Washburn University — Biology (I, 6-12), Elementary Education (I, K-6), English Language Arts (I, 6-12), Music (I, PreK-12), Physical Education (I, PreK-12), Reading Specialist (A, PreK-12), all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024.
accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases — 3113 Terry Azamber (PreK-12 high incidence special education), 3122 Brenda Gonzalez, 3136 Nadia Ji, 3141 John Paxton (extension of restricted technical education certificate through June 30, 2018), 3142 Richard Yocum, 3143 Chelsea Millar, 3144 Jessica Tickle, 3146 Joseph Hanks, 3148 Lucia Hagerman, 3149 Carrie Braun.

approved recommendations of the School Breakfast Program Waiver Review Committee to grant breakfast waivers for the 2017-18 school year to the following: Prairie Ridge Elementary in USD 232; Arbor Creek Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Madison Place Elementary, Manchester Park Elementary, Meadow Lane Elementary, Sunnyside Elementary and Regency Park Elementary in USD 233; Garden Plain Elementary, St. Marks Elementary, Andale Elementary, Colwich Elementary, Garden Plain High and Andale High in USD 267; Southeast of Saline Elementary and Southeast of Saline Junior/Senior High in USD 306; Elmont Elementary, North Fairview Elementary and West Indianola Elementary in USD 345; Conway Springs Middle School in USD 356; Silver Lake Junior/Senior High in USD 372.

approved the revised Kansas School Wellness Policy Model Guidelines.

authorized USD 380, Vermillion, Marshall County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.

authorized USD 380, Vermillion, Marshall County, to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into a contract with a vendor, to be selected through a competitive bid process, to implement a statewide system of professional development for the tiered social/emotional supports framework of College and Career Competencies for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 2021 in an amount not to exceed $800,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Mrs. Busch moved to enter into Executive Session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The session would begin at 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Watson, Wendy Fritz, Mark Ferguson and Kelli Broers were invited to join the session. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The Board returned to open session at 4:05 p.m., at which time Chairman Porter recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. on Wednesday.
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on May 10, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. 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. McNiece moved to approve the day’s agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining and Mr. Willard absent for the vote.

ACTION ON EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS
Laura Jurgensen provided the staff response to comments given during the previous day’s hearing and to written testimony submitted on amendments to Emergency Safety Intervention regulations. She addressed suggestions, questions and clarifications. Mrs. Horst moved to adopt proposed amendments to Emergency Safety Intervention regulations K.A.R. 91-42-1, 91-42-2, 91-42-4 and 91-42-7. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-1 on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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ACTION ON SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REGULATIONS
Kelli Broers and Keith Dreiling provided the staff response to written testimony submitted on amendments to School Bus Safety regulations. There were no speakers during the previous day’s hearing. Mrs. Busch moved to adopt proposed amendments to School Bus Safety regulations K.A.R. 91-38-1, 91-38-2, 91-38-3, 91-38-4, 91-38-5, 91-38-6, 91-38-7 and 91-38-8. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-1 on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

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ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS
Kelli Broers and Susan Helbert provided the staff response to comments given during the previous day’s hearing and to written testimony submitted on amendments to Higher Education Accreditation regulations.
tion regulations. Board members had questions about regulation 91-1-208 which would require license application forms to include a completed Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry release so KSDE could access the registry. There was discussion about due process and protections for all involved. Mrs. Busch moved to adopt proposed amendments to Higher Education Accreditation regulations 91-1-70a, 91-1-208, 91-1-221 and 91-1-235. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 8-2 on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

Mr. Bacon “yes”  Mr. McNiece “yes”
Mrs. Busch “yes”  Mr. Porter “yes”
Mrs. Cauble “yes”  Mr. Roberts “no”
Mrs. Horst “yes”  Mrs. Waugh “no”
Mrs. Mah “yes”  Mr. Willard “yes”

PRESENTATION BY 2017 KANSAS SENATE YOUTH DELEGATES

Dale Dennis introduced the 2017 Senate Youth Program delegates from Kansas. — Tel Wittmer of Holton High School, USD 336, and Jack Campbell, Mill Valley High School, USD 232. These two high school seniors were selected to represent the state in Washington D.C. and were each awarded a $10,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. They told of their experiences during a week in D.C. witnessing the political process in action and touring historic sites. They also talked about their interests in public service.

KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: NESS CITY HIGH SCHOOL TINY HOUSE AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Mrs. Cauble introduced the Ness City High School guests in attendance who then presented on the entrepreneurship project of constructing a tiny house living space from design to the finished product. Students in Brent Kerr’s class talked about “Tiny House Big Learning” and how the year-long endeavor integrated various academic standards, including math and English language arts, plus other skills in technical reading, publication writing and communication. The students described specific work and challenges experienced during phases of construction, the soft skills they acquired and their goal of selling the house.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 10:50 a.m. to tour the tiny house and visit with students.

BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative — Mr. McNiece commented on attending committee meetings, recent legislative actions and stressing the importance of accountability through accreditation.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the committee is working to prepare recommendations for the Board to review possibly in July. The Policy Committee will meet in June.

KSHSAA — Mrs. Busch reported that the Kansas State High School Activities Association named Bill Faflick as Executive Director-elect to work with retiring executive Gary Musselman for the next year.

Student Voice — Mrs. Horst distributed potential questions to share with high school students in the student council leadership program this summer. Chairman Porter asked Mrs. Mah and Mrs. Cauble to assist with the Student Voice committee.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reported on the status of Kansas School for the Deaf NEA negotiations. He anticipates the 2017-18 negotiated agreement will be ready for a State Board vote next month. He noted that his monthly summary would be provided after this month’s meeting.
**Individual Board member reports:** Mr. McNiece visited Maize South Middle School, met with Congressman Ron Estes, and presented Challenge Awards to USD 259. Mr. Roberts participated in a teacher appreciation lunch. Mrs. Busch presented Challenge Awards in several districts and attended the Derby Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Waugh attended legislative meetings and will be serving on an education committee for the University of Saint Mary. Mrs. Cauble provided a follow-up report from Senator Moran’s office concerning Pell Grants for high school students and helped with a National Student Clearinghouse presentation with the Commissioner. Mrs. Horst attended History Day at Royal Valley Middle School and presented several Challenge Awards. Mrs. Mah presented Challenge Awards in Lawrence, attended Shawnee Heights Hall of Fame event and toured schools in Olathe.

Chairman Porter presented Challenge Awards, commented on the April 22 special Board meeting with Senator Moran, reported on the Governor’s Scholars ceremony, and announced the breakfast with new superintendents is June 1 as part of the USA-Kansas annual conference.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**
Mrs. Waugh requested the topic of bullying and how to help students; Mrs. Busch wants cyber bullying included. Mrs. Horst would like history day contest winners from Royal Valley to speak at a meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Cauble, Mr. McNiece — May 31-June 2 USA-Kansas Annual Conference; Mr. McNiece Mr. Roberts and Mr. Willard — June 12 Presidential Awards for Math and Science dinner; Mr. Willard—June 9-10 NASBE Selection Committee meeting. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**ACTION ON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF/SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND SUPERINTENDENT POSITION**
Mr. Willard moved to reopen the search for a KSSD/KSSB superintendent at some point in the near future and asked Commissioner Watson to bring a recommendation to the Board for an interim superintendent to serve at least one year. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Mrs. Busch moved to enter into Executive Session for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to consult with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship, in order to protect the privilege and the Board’s communications with an attorney on legal matters. The session would begin at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Watson, Mark Ferguson and Kelli Broers were invited to join the session. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Open session resumed at 12:10 p.m. at which time Chairman Porter immediately adjourned the meeting.

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Jim Porter, Chairman                  Peggy Hill, Secretary