KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
November 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, Nov. 14, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed guests in attendance, including Dr. Melissa Reed and education students from Emporia State University.

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

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
Mr. McNiece moved to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Dr. Randy Watson provided information on teacher licensure and reviewed prior recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancies and Supply. He noted that while 99 percent of positions are filled, teacher vacancies are clustered in these areas — southwest Kansas and the urban centers of Kansas City (Kansas) and Wichita. Using examples from several higher education institutions, Dr. Watson spoke about programs to attract qualified teachers to the classroom. He also highlighted the state’s Rural Opportunity Zones program. In contrast, the Commissioner mentioned challenges identified by the Task Force. He recommended that the Board work with the Professional Standards Board and Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee to consider an adaptive solution rather than a technical solution since new pathways have not generated significant numbers in the past five years to alleviate the teacher shortage. He emphasized the importance of mentoring as well as advocating for the teaching profession.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:42 a.m. Speakers and their topics were:
John Morton of Emporia State University, Joan Hearne of Kansas Newman University, and consultant Steve Batt — upcoming presentation on Logan Avenue Elementary’s Coaching Hope Project; Marlys Gwaltney, representing the Kansas Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance — importance of physical education for physical literacy and a growth mindset; Leah Fliter with the Kansas Association of School Boards — KASB’s draft legislative policy document and next month’s annual convention. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:53 a.m.
LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis summarized results of recent Legislative Coordinating Council meetings concerning the school finance court case. The Council has chosen members for an interim committee to study school finance. Mr. Dennis provided information on the committee makeup and other decisions made by the Coordinating Council, including authorizing a school finance study to be finalized early in the 2018 legislative session. School districts are being surveyed as to where they would plan to use new funding. He also commented on the state general revenue estimates for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:15 a.m.

UPDATE ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The model curricular standards for Health and Physical Education are scheduled to be updated. A standards review committee is being assembled to begin the process. While this is occurring, an amendment is being considered to the current Health and PE standards to add language for CPR instruction, first aid and safety. Assistant Director Branden Johnson, who is the agency lead overseeing graduation, informed members that the American Heart Association is committed to providing resources to schools. Kevin Walker with the American Heart Association spoke of the need to teach hands-on CPR, a lifelong skill, thereby increasing the bystander CPR rate. He affirmed the association’s commitment to placing training kits in schools and/or regional service centers. Others from the emergency medical field also advocated for CPR instruction.

RECEIVE KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Gary Musselman, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA), presented the organization’s annual report to the State Board. This was his 22nd yearly report. He introduced Bill Faflick, Executive Director-elect, who is transitioning into the leadership role prior to Mr. Musselman’s retirement in July 2018. The update included an announcement of the inaugural Spirit Game Day Showcase Competition for cheerleading, number of KSHSAA member schools, continued emphasis on student safety, and the new classifications. As part of the report, KSHSAA staff Cheryl Gleason gave an overview of the Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) program and David Cherry talked about the student leadership program. Leadership and service both parallel elements of the new Kansas accreditation model.

LUNCH

At 12:10 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting until 1:30 for lunch. The Board’s Policy Committee met during the break.

EDUCATION SUPER HIGHWAY REPORT ON THE KANSAS CONNECT AND LEARN INITIATIVE

The Kansas Connect and Learn initiative began one year ago in an effort to ensure 21st Century connectivity to all Kansas schools and upgrade the infrastructure for Kansas teaching/learning. Jack Lynch of EducationSuperHighway provided the progress update on the initiative to Board members, addressing bandwidth, fiber connections, affordability benchmarks for services and Wi-Fi connections. Currently, 62 Kansas school buildings lack access to fiber. Supports provided to these schools include bid evaluations and funding options. Mr. Lynch shared information on E-rate funding and next steps. He also answered questions about shared costs and technology infrastructure.

ACTION ON KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Dr. Suzanne Myers and Dr. Brent Wolf summarized the proposed revisions to the Kansas Curricular Standards for English Language Arts, which were fully explained at the Board’s October meeting. Special mention was given to the ELA foundational practices and expanded progression view. Mrs. Horst moved to approve adoption of the 2017 Kansas Curricular Standards for English Language Arts. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS: SECONDARY EDUCATION UNIFIED

The draft standards for Secondary Education Unified 6-12, a new license area, were presented to the Board for review. Education Program Consultant Dr. Catherine Chmidling and Chair of the writing committee Dr. Beverly Schottler from the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas, explained the process for developing the standards. They commented on the amount of research required to create content standards specific to this area. The standards are designed to prepare teacher candidates to provide special education support across the content areas, specifically English Language Arts and Mathematics, in inclusive settings. Board members asked questions concerning the Praxis test and potential overlap. The proposed standards will be presented as an action item in December.

REPORT ON TRANSITION TO COLLEGE ALGEBRA PILOT FINAL DATA

The 2016 data analysis for the Transition to College Algebra Pilot project was shared with Board members. Information was collected on the initial year participants from postsecondary institutions and through a student survey. Mathematics Education Program Consultant Melissa Fast gave the summary report, looking at level gains and impacts created by the various placement exams being given. She also shared several lessons that were learned from the first pilot year. Solutions to the challenges are already being established.

RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was observed Nov. 13-17. Time was reserved on the November agenda to acknowledge the great work occurring in schools across Kansas. American Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals making a difference to ensure that every child receives a quality education. Students from Washburn Rural High School, USD 437 Auburn-Washburn, were present to talk about their involvement with student-based enterprises that foster leadership and civic engagement. These include a school bank, coffee shop, cookie shack and school apparel shop. Among the educational benefits are managing finances, marketing, advertising, customer service and sales.

There was a break from 2:55 to 3:10 p.m.

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 six cases. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and impose no discipline on the license of Derek Cole and grant the application of Casey Curran. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Next, Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and revoke the licenses of Julie Woodland, Robert Bulk, Sandra Walsh and Michael Melcher. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

REPORT ON KANSAS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI), headquartered in Manhattan, continues to provide research-based mentoring and professional development for new and veteran school administrators. Dr. Richard Doll, KELI Executive Director, updated Board members on participation numbers as well as the services KELI provides for new superintendents, principals and special education administrators. He also announced that the organization has been accredited by the International Mentoring Association. Dr. Doll acknowledged certain challenges with geographic isolation, professional isolation and administrative turnover, referred to as “churning.” He then answered questions on recruitment, coaching vs. telling practices, and training for administrators on the Kansans Can school redesign.
REPORT ON NASBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RECOGNITION OF SECURITY BENEFIT FOR NASBE FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) conducted its annual conference Nov. 1-4 in Atlanta, Georgia. Kansas was represented by several of its State Board members. Mr. Willard commented about the national attention on rethinking high school, noting that Kansas’ school redesign efforts are ahead of other states. Mrs. Horst reported on the selection of NASBE officers for the coming year. Mr. McNiece shared news from the Board of Directors meeting. During the conference, Kansas-based Security Benefit was presented the NASBE 2017 Friend of Education Award for long-time contributions to the Kansas Teacher of the Year program. Representatives from Security Benefit attended the conference to accept the national award. Security Benefit was recognized for this honor at the November State Board meeting. Company representatives were present to make remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- received the monthly Personnel Report for October.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of John Girodat as Education Program Consultant on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Oct. 9, 2017, at an annual salary of $56,118.40; Amanda Williams as Administrative Assistant on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Oct. 9, 2017, at an annual salary of $28,308.80; Meredith Slan as Public Health Educator on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team, effective Oct. 17, 2017, at an annual salary of $41,870.40; Dan Ubel as Information Systems Manager on the Information Technology team, effective Oct. 30, 2017, at an annual salary of $71,302.40; Stuart Lillie as System Software Staff Consultant on the Information Technology team, effective Nov. 6, 2017, at an annual salary of $60,320.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: Benedictine College — English for Speakers of Other Languages (A, 5-8, 6-12) new program through Dec. 31, 2019; Fort Hays State University — Biology (I, 6-12), Physics (I, 6-12), both continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024; Kansas State University — Technology (I, 6-12) new program through Dec. 31, 2019; MidAmerica Nazarene University — ESOL (A, PreK-12), Music (I, PreK-12), both continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024; Pittsburg State University — Foreign Language (I, PreK-12), continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024; Tabor College — Music (I, PreK-12), Instrumental Music (I, PreK-12), Vocal Music (I, PreK-12), all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: Chemistry -- Chelsea Jonte, USD 314. Deaf or Hard of Hearing -- Brad Sternberg, USD 469; Mandy Hinton, D0638. Early Childhood Special Education -- Shauna Young, C0036; Brynn Shellenberger, USD 200; Amber Smith, Alayna Riley, Jillian Godley, Joanna Ruback, Tori Garrison, USD 480; Megan Chappell, USD 500; Audra Rush, Tara Lopeman, D0603; Allison Dollins, Michelle Gregory, D0637; Hannah Ludwig, D0707. Early Childhood Special Education — extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license -- Angela Scheele, USD 364. English as a Second Language -- David Hassall, Julie Adams, Kelly Shultz, USD 259; Jeff Voss, Carla Goertzen, Erin Maxfield, Kara Voss, Krista Fredrick, Robyn Tech, Shelly Cole, Alton Neill, Bernetta Burkhart, Kristi Zogleman, USD 313. English Language Arts — extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license -- Sara Pursley, USD 497. Gifted -- Nicole Bishop, USD 233; Molly Kysar, USD 260; Jessica Clasper, USD 263; Rebekah Wadkins, USD 290; Brenda Spangler, USD 333; Matthew Campbell, Karlee Kilts, USD 501; Glenn Garcia, Lisa Wicoff, D0603; Kara Cooper, Kylie...
Rush, D0618; Jason Puckett, D0638. High Incidence Special Education -- Amber Garetson, Kaylynn Anderson, Kendra Haynes, Allison Wilkins, Brittany Hemann, Brittny Kiedrowski, Emmanuel Adigun, Heather Myers, Linda Steele, Lisa Schultz, Shiela Fowler, Tessa West, Wendy Byrne, USD 200; Bridget Frayer, USD 202; January Lare, USD 204; Diana Iannetto, USD 233; Kenneth Gully, Desiree Dye, Meghan Buller, USD 253; Eric Torres, Malik Jaradat, Tonya Nottingham, Anthony Kavalaukas, Bailey Mathiesen, Brenda Monjaras, Julie Tucker, Jennifer Peterson, USD 259; Bailee Jablonowski, Cassandra Coleman, Charmetra Walker, Emily Chippeaux, Brandi Webb, Juan Yanez, Krystina Paul, Mary Smith, Nicolette Mendoza, Rebecca Casey, USD 260; Christie Lewallen, Melissa Hopkins, Miranda Buff, USD 261; Carolyn Day, Amy Dempsey, Brandon Bean, Christina Allen, Matthew Meils, USD 263; Ashley Long, Breetta Moe, Susan Durham, Samantha Toombs, USD 273; Jennifer Stogsdill, USD 290; Janelle Stelter, Bria Scott, Amanda Ediger, Dallas Meneley, Stacy Lambert, Tanya Hite, Allyson Henry, John Prickett Jr., Steven Taylor, Nathan Bjelland, USD 305; Jean Tracy, Brandeena Watson, Davina Marquardt, Jillian Tinkel, Rachael Hunt, USD 320; Donna Corbin, USD 321; Angela Gabel-McConkey, Arlene Ediger, Fallon Votipka, USD 333; Louise Tanking, USD 336; Teresa Whitener, USD 353; Jamie Slupianek, Megan Peterson, USD 364; Annette Fieger, USD 372; Haley Dreith, Kat Riley, Nicole Meritt, USD 383; Claire Willms, USD 409; Keri Berta, Stacey Nyp, Bradley Johnston, Courtney Appelhazn, Kelly Legleiter, Paige Hetrick, Teresa Crumpton, USD 437; Shannon Powell, USD 458; Anastasia James, Mary Hill, USD 469; Tera Ingsalbe, USD 480; Alice James, USD 489; Brandon Becknell, Laura Henderson, Ryanna Peterson, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, USD 497; Audrey Boring, Bruce Lapham, Matthew Fearning, Sara Meis, Angela Lawless, Aprill Frederick, Connie Shirley-Olson, Dawn Miti, Dora Sandoval, Ellen Rehmer, Francene Lopez, Laura Hall, Leesa White, Micah Saxby, Sharon Wilkes, Stephanie Bridwell, Colleen Spaits, Michael Fredette, USD 500; Andrew Hartley, Brandon Wittman, Chauncey Funk, Jennifer Hixson, Joseph McGann, Melissa Jeanneret, Alyssa Burket, Sheree Huddlin, Bethel Goodenow, Bryan Unruh, Oliver Schbley, Nathan Hanna, Shannon Kettler, USD 501; Cody Hager, Eric Sparks, James Leonard, Melonie Vest, Richard Hurst, Elizabeth Cobb, Elizabeth Dunlap, Lisa Wicoff, Russell Vallier, Rhonda Foster, D0603; Jeffery Kilgore, Audra Sundberg, Rena Kilgore, Brandon Parker, Caleb Denton, Matthew Moore, Richard Menninger, Terra Bumgardner, D0608; Adam Sallee, Jeffery Wilkerson, D0609; Bret Konrade, Diana McDaniel, D0610; Travis Olson, Allison Davis, D0614; Erin Swallow, Stephanie Brand, D0616; Crystal Holub, Amy Pagenkopf, D0617; Danielle Savage, Daina DeSmit, Adam Jilka, Amanda Smith, Brian Lange, Connie Hughes, Dawn Kimber, Erin Nelson, Jolene Chapin, Kaleigh Wulf, Lindsey Goldwater, Maryanne Cruz, Michelle Lewis, Patricia Oleson, Rebecca Haines, Sarah Kiphart, Rachael Robinson, D0618; Traci Pearce, Jordan Tice, D0620; Debra Lopez, Kimberly Bartelli, Kip Whiteley, D0637; Ashley Deaver, Derek Sarkett, Alisha Chavana, James Roberts, Kathy Ryff, Carmen Carson, Cassie Hall, Christine Stittsworth, David Arnold, Fred Sims III, George Shannon, Karli Winter, Lyndie Glidewell, Michele White, Neal Krajicek, Sheryl Wiele, William Conley, D0638; Samantha Teri, D0707; Amanda Warkentine, D0718. Kansas History -- Joseph Dohrmann, USD 254. Library Media Specialist -- Emily Seaman, USD 497. Low Incidence Special Education -- Megan Jones, Jamie Van Scyoc, Jonathan Stahl, USD 233; Nicolina Spataro, Jessica Lopez, Tera Switzer, USD 259; Ali Santag, USD 260; Alisa Mulryan, USD 263; Melissa Hyman, USD 273; Paige Meek, USD 330; Anna Berger, Diana Habig, USD 364; Alisha Rutherford, Kaitlyn Dispensa, D0603; Joe Dalgarn, D0609; Kayla Zellars, D0614; Marilyn Bartel, D0617; Abigail Easter, Amanda Green, D0618; Amber Kloster, Cortney O'Brien, D0637. Physical Education – extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license -- Kimberly Whiteside, USD 385. Physics -- Chelsea Jonte, USD 314. Social Studies – middle level -- Kathryn Lewis, USD 497. Visual Impaired -- Heather Pedersen, D0608; Laura Mitchell, D0618. 

- accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: Approved Cases -- 3170 George Vallejo (6-12 biology), 3180 Zoey Clock, 3182 Genesis Gallant, 3183 Precious
Clark, 3185 Emily York, 3186 Patricia Palmer, 3188 Emily Bastian, 3190 Marianne Ross-Knight.

- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 112 Central Plains, USD 261 Haysville, USD 349 Stafford, USD 507 Satanta and Kansas Independent Colleges.
- authorized USD 260 Derby to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 260 Derby 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 the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in an amount not to exceed $24,000 for the purpose of disseminating Public Service Announcements to inform the public about AmeriCorps and to encourage participation in the Kansas Volunteer Commission’s AmeriCorps programming;
- enter into a contract with Kansas State University, Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation, for the purpose of designing and implementing an evaluation plan for the 2017 Team Nutrition Training Grant from Dec. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2020 in amount not to exceed $72,250;
- enter into a contract with a vendor to assist KSDE with integration of web-based Administrative Review Modules for the Summer Food Service Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program into KN-CLAIM for the period January 2018 to Sept. 15, 2020 in an amount not to exceed $155,000;
- purchase services from Gizmo Pictures, Inc. under existing state of Kansas contract in an amount not to exceed $40,000 for the purpose of producing an informational Body Venture video and three Public Service Announcements;
- expand its use of the current $55,200 contract with the Office of Administrative Hearings to include hiring review officers for special education cases;
- enter into a contract with SiteImprove, Inc. to provide software service and consulting related to the resolution of the Office of Civil Rights complaint against KSDE websites and accessibility issues for the contract period Nov. 17, 2017 to Nov. 16, 2018 in an amount not to exceed $12,867.

RECEIVE REQUEST FOR SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATE FROM COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
The Coalition of Innovative School Districts approved granting a Specialized Certificate for teaching middle school drama, theatre and speech in USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools. Bill Mullins, Coalition Chair, explained the background of the request, which was presented to the State Board for consideration. Shelly Beech, Director of Professional Workforce Development for USD 500, was available to answer questions. Mrs. Waugh moved to suspend Board rules to allow for a vote this month on a receive item. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mr. McNiece then moved to approve the Specialized Certificate application as presented for use in USD 500 Kansas City Kansas. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch — Dec. 2 KASB panel, Dec. 5 Educators Rising; Mrs. Cauble, Dec. 2 KASB panel, Jan. 24-27 Interstate Migrant Education Council; Mrs. Horst, Mr. McNiece and Mr. Willard — Dec. 2 KASB panel; Ann Mah — Dec. 2 KASB convention all day; Mr. Porter, Dec. 5 Educators Rising; Mr. Roberts — Nov. 20 Retention Summit; Mrs. Waugh — Nov. 20 Retention Summit, Dec. 2 KASB panel. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the Policy Committee and Commissioner Watson met with Gary Musselman and Bill Faflick from KSHSAA to discuss the guideline on sixth grade participation in interscholastic athletics. Next month, the committee will meet with superintendents who have expressed suggestions for updating the guideline.

School Mental Health Advisory Council and Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee — Mrs. Busch, who serves on both of these committees, said the next meetings are after Thanksgiving. She anticipates recommendations to be presented to the Board in December or January.

Coordinating Council — Mrs. Mah announced that she and Mrs. Horst would be representing the Coordinating Council at the Education Commission of the States’ Dual Enrollment Policy Academy Nov. 28-29. The next Coordinating Council meeting is Nov. 30.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson shared a historical perspective of proposed amendments to the Kansas Constitution Article 6 over the past 25 years. He also referenced avenues of openness and transparency of the State Board and reminded them of changes in the wording for entering into Executive Session.

Individual Board member reports: Mrs. Cauble reported on a meeting she attended on DACA. Mrs. Horst talked about a Veteran’s Day Celebration at USD 377 Effingham that was student initiated. Mrs. Waugh referenced a news article on transparency in government. Mrs. Mah attended an open house at Washburn Tech and stressed that companies have openings for skilled workers.

Chairman Porter summarized work of the Procurement and Health Insurance Task Force, participated in a review of TASN programs, was selected for a panel discussion at the NASBE conference, and invited to a social-emotional academic learning workshop in Tacoma, Washington.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:
- Continued discussion of legislative issues (Mr. Porter)
- Classroom visits and student success stories from KSSB and KSSD during on-site visit (Mr. Porter)
- Receive recommendations on limited special education license from the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee (Mrs. Busch)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Busch moved to enter 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 5:10 p.m. for 20 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The open meeting resumed at 5:30 p.m. and Chairman Porter immediately recessed the meeting 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 Nov. 15, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed graduate students from Shawnee Mission schools in the audience.

ROLL CALL
The following Board members were present:
- John Bacon
- Kathy Busch
- Sally Cauble
- Deena Horst
- Ann Mah
- Jim McNiece
- Jim Porter
- Janet Waugh
- Ken Willard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the day’s agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Roberts absent.

RECEIVE FIRST QUARTER REPORTS FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
Interim Superintendents Luanne Barron (Kansas School for the Deaf) and Jon Harding (Kansas School for the Blind) jointly presented the quarterly reports for their respective state schools. They outlined common goals for both schools and each described specific outreach services provided in addition to the campus-based programs. Mrs. Barron commented on the need for more staff training to serve the increased number of students with a secondary disability. She also referenced the Lead-K initiative for earlier identification of gaps/delays in language. Mr. Harding talked about the network of services offered, including the deaf-blind project. Specific goals were also outlined. Chairman Porter asked about services in western Kansas, benchmark data for graduation-effective rates, challenges with recruiting qualified faculty, then stressed the Board’s interest in potential legislative issues and the desire for more student success stories during on-site visits. There were additional questions about expansion of services within the state. A report on recommendations for the future structures of KSSB and KSSD will be on the December State Board agenda.

Board member Steve Roberts arrived at 9:30 a.m.

There was a break at 10 a.m. Board members transitioned to an informal setting within the Board Room for a work session.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
Chairman Porter and Legislative Liaison Mr. McNiece led a group discussion on three legislative-related areas — Board reports expected this next session, direction on potential issues and topics, and relationship building. Mr. Dennis stated that data was being collected on how districts plan to use additional state funding as well as data for a report on career and technical education costs per individual program. Mrs. Busch updated members on the School Mental Health Task Force’s work to prepare recommendations for required trainings in a comprehensive plan. A draft report is expected in December with the final report for legislators in January. Discussion occurred on development of a
three-year plan for districts possessing high cash balances and those with low cash balances. The report of cash balances as a percentage of operating funds would be provided. Other topics included Coalition of Innovative School Districts and teacher supply/demand.

Board members took a 10-minute break at 11:35 a.m. Mr. Bacon did not return after the break.

**DISCUSSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION AND PROGRAM APPROVAL OF COLLEGES OF EDUCATION**

Interim Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Susan Helbert led an informative overview of the process that must occur before an institution of higher education can prepare educators for a Kansas license. There are 25 Kansas teacher education institutions. The two-step process involves a content-area specific program review and a unit-wide accreditation. Both require peer review and approval from the State Board of Education. Education Program Consultant Dr. Catherine Chmidling explained the work of the review team and role of the Evaluation Review Committee. Dr. Allen Jantz, Chair of the Teacher Education Department at Bethel College, provided additional information on the accreditation process, which is built upon the philosophy of continuous improvement.

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Roberts initiated the planned discussion on the Mercury and Gemini School Redesign time frame by focusing on the need to establish values, welcome families more, and be sure every human being is valued. There were no specific recommendations to alter the current 10-year time frame of the school redesign project.

**ADJOURN**

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12 and 13.

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Jim Porter, Chairman          Peggy Hill, Secretary