CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He recognized Dr. Kerry Dixon and education students from the University of Saint Mary in the audience. He also announced the order of the afternoon session with Congressman Yoder and offered to collect written discussion questions from members.

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

Board member Ken Willard participated in the meeting remotely following opening business.

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
Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Tuesday agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition and Mr. Willard absent for the vote.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES
Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Willard absent for the vote.

COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS BIANNUAL REPORT
Coalition Chair Bill Mullins, Superintendent of USD 364 Marysville, gave the biannual report on behalf of the Coalition of Innovative School Districts (CISD). He reviewed the vision, mission and core beliefs of the CISD. Part of the group’s work is to expand their reach beyond the current seven member districts. He identified the focus areas for 2017-18. These include exploring competency-based promotion, investigating the idea of regional learning networks and sharing how Coalition initiatives are impacting student success. His presentation highlighted activities in each of the seven Coalition districts. One of the members, McPherson USD 418, is also participating in the Mercury 7 school redesign project. USD 500 Kansas City Kansas has another candidate for a specialized certificate, which will be an agenda request for November. There was discussion about competency-based options, providing choice and seeking membership on the career and technical education advisory council.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:31 a.m. There was one speaker—John Morton, Emporia State University, who invited members to ESU’s April 14 conference on school redesign and informed them of the Coaching Hope program. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:34 a.m.
COMMISSIONER’S ANNUAL REPORT AND KANSANS CAN VISION PROGRESS SUMMARY

Dr. Randy Watson provided his annual summary to the Board as a look at the past year and vision report moving forward. He focused on the Kansans Can initiative, which is entering year three of a 10-year journey. He commented on the vision timeline, the need for sustainability over time, and preparing for change as the structure of K-12 education is redesigned. He reminded members that the message and purpose of the vision can’t be told enough. In his report, Commissioner Watson noted that he had on-site visits/and or presentations to 131 school districts and 132 groups this past year. He commented on the importance of giving hope to teachers and helping shape the elements of student success.

BREAK

Board members took a 10-minute break at 11:10. Afterwards, Commissioner Watson continued by providing information on the state-level outcomes, which include academic and workplace skills. He shared a draft of the 2016-17 KSDE Annual Report “Exploration” containing specific information about the outcomes, state testing, postsecondary success and accreditation. He then answered questions.

LUNCH

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. for lunch. The Board’s Policy Committee met with Commissioner Watson during the lunch break. The Board meeting would reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

RECEIVE AMENDMENT TO ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon briefed the State Board on a recommendation to add an amendment to the previously proposed amendments to the Kansas Educational Systems Accreditation regulations presented last month. Specific amendment language is expected in December or January. The addition would address a desire to include provisions of 2017 HB 2048 (Erin’s Law) and other recommendations from the School Mental Health Advisory Council for meeting training requirements for educators. All amendments will continue through the normal review and adoption process.

UPDATE ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Career and Technical Education programs support the Kansans Can vision. Assistant Director Stacy Smith described the opportunities for student career exploration through career clusters and pathways. He included information about the newly established CTE Scholars program as well as participation numbers for Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO). Other team members gave updates on Individual Plan of Study implementation, recent IPS trainings and employability skills framework. A review of career cluster design changes was provided. There were questions about the newest CTSO, Educators Rising, and the status of Individual Plan of Study implementation in school districts. Board members encouraged more promotion of the CTE Scholar program to increase participation. They also expressed a sense of urgency for IPS implementation, the need to partner with businesses, more emphasis on job training experiences, engaging help from business groups and increasing CTE opportunities for smaller school districts.

RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Dr. Suzanne Myers, KSDE Coordinator of Academic Standards, and Dr. Brent Wolf, ELA Standards Review co-chair, explained changes proposed during the cyclical review of the Kansas Curricular Standards for English Language Arts. The standards are a working resource to guide instruction. The draft standards were provided to Board members, along with an overview of public comments received. Dr. Myers shared considerations of reviewer groups and subgroups. She also demonstrated how to navigate through the online document. Both presenters answered questions. The ELA standards are expected to be voted on in November.

BREAK

Board members took a 10-minute break.
REPORT ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES
Assistant Director Jessica Noble helps lead the agency work on civic engagement, which is one of the vision focus areas and a characteristic of a successful Kansas high school graduate. She updated members on behind-the-scenes work occurring for the Civic Advocacy Network (CAN). The first group of CAN awardees will be inducted on Sept. 17, 2018. Mrs. Noble commented on recent roadshows in seven communities with 90 districts participating to date. Emphasis is placed on creating a culture that embraces civic engagement. Plans are being made to host a spring civic engagement conference for students and educators. Lastly, she talked about efforts to help improve voter participation among youth, starting with fostering a desire to vote.

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH
October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, a time when schools and communities throughout Kansas direct attention to education and awareness activities on the topic. Oct. 2-7 was Anti-Bullying Awareness Week utilizing the theme “Take a Stand, Lend a Hand.” Education Program Consultant Kent Reed showed several examples of schools’ activities, such as videos and prevention strategies. He described trends on types of bullying and disciplinary actions. His report included statistics on reported bullying incidents, noting that there has been a change in the collection of data.

CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition and Mr. Willard absent for the vote. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for September.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Linda Aldridge as Education Program Consultant on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Aug. 13, 2017, at an annual salary of $58,999.98; Cynthia Coleman as Administrative Assistant on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Sept. 8, 2017, at an annual salary of $25,688; Rachel Juenemann as Consultant on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team, effective Oct. 2, 2017, at an annual salary of $48,484.80; and Stephen King as Education Program Consultant on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Oct. 2, 2017, at an annual salary of $56,118.40.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Welch-Haney, USD 457; Zachary Nelson, Kelsey Schowengerdt, Amanda Walstrom, USD 489; Matthew Brumley, Melinda Clark, Katherine Farrell, Kristy Hartman, Brandi Rogers, Shawnda Shafer, Brittni Trytek, Glenda Winkleman, D0607; Stacy Koch, Jennie Willard, D0619; Erika Householter, Rebecca Rash, D0636; Blanca Bueno, Whitney Curry, Amanda Kelley, Jana Laffery, D0702; Alden Adams, Rae Allman, Patricia Berger, Tanner Dahlke, Rose Denning, Hannah Ludwig, Eric Steiner, Lauren Turner, D0707; Stacie Boehm, Joshua Simons, Z0032.  


- authorized USD 203 Piper to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.  
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 203 Piper and USD 380 Vermillion.  
- authorized the State Department of Education to pay no more than $25,000 to Larry R. Rute of Associates in Dispute Resolution, LLC.  

Authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and  
- enter into a contract with North Central Kansas Technical College to provide state coordinator services for Microsoft Office certifications in an amount not to exceed $30,000 from Nov. 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018;  
- continue the Microsoft Imagine Academy contract with JourneyEd in an amount not to exceed $500,000 from Dec. 1, 2017 through Nov. 30, 2018;  
- enter into a contract with Wichita State University to provide state advisor services for Kansas TSA in an amount not to exceed $10,000 from Nov. 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018;  
- award two contracts to carry out activities of the federal State Personnel Development Grant program with the two contracts and five-year totals not to exceed (1) $4,181,688 for Kansas School Mental Health Professional Development and (2) $750,000 for Kansas School Mental Health Program Evaluation;  
- enter into a contract with the Center for Assessment and Accountability Research and Design for data collection, analysis and evaluation of the School Redesign Project for the period Oct. 18, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018, in an amount not to exceed $30,250.  

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS  
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis distributed a brief summary of the Gannon V Opinion by the Kansas Supreme Court. He explained some of the specifics in the Opinion pertaining to equity and adequacy. The Supreme Court set a timetable for the filing of briefs by the parties. Oral arguments are scheduled for May 22, 2018. Mr. Dennis also talked about bond limitations. The November elections will determine if other bond election requests can proceed for submission to the State Board.
DISCUSSION WITH CONGRESSMAN KEVIN YODER ON FEDERAL EDUCATION ISSUES
U.S. Representative Kevin Yoder was present to give insight on education issues at the federal level and to discuss educational matters of mutual interest with State Board members. Commissioner Watson began the discussion with an overview of the Kansans Can vision to lead the world in the success of each student. Congressman Yoder commended the Commissioner and Board members on their work. He talked about the importance of personalized education, early learning programs, and expanding support at the federal level. A time for questions and comments followed Congressman Yoder’s remarks. Topics included support for Perkins funding, addressing the teacher shortage, work of the School Mental Health Advisory Council and increasing the value of the teaching profession.

There was a break from 5 to 5:10 p.m. Mr. Bacon left at the break.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS CONTINUED
A brief discussion of legislative matters continued. Chairman Porter reminded members to not issue opinions on the school finance case and to let the legislature and court do their jobs. Mr. Dennis referred to the two separate areas to be addressed — equity and the more difficult adequacy issue.

RECESS
Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 5:23 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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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 Oct. 18, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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

Board member Ken Willard participated in the meeting remotely.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the day’s agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

REPORT FROM KANSAS ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS IN EDUCATION
The mission of the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education (KSAAE) is to ensure that the arts are an integral part of quality preK-12 education to promote students’ personal development and academic performance. KSAAE President Brad Anderson and Executive Director Ken Adams provided an overview of the Alliance, which focuses on professional development and arts integration. They shared how the mission aligns with the Kansas Rose Capacities and State Board outcomes. In addition, advocacy committee member Sandra Gonsher talked about the resources available that could aid with the redesign of schools.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
Four nominations were received to fill a vacancy on the Professional Practices Commission. Mrs. Mah moved to appoint Pat Happer to complete a partial term on the PPC representing chief public school administrators, effective Oct. 18, 2017 to June 30, 2018. This motion failed to receive a second and was not considered. Mrs. Horst then moved to appoint Todd Evans to complete the same partial term on the PPC for a chief public school administrator. Mr. Roberts seconded. Before nominations closed, Mr. Willard moved to appoint Nathan Reed to complete the same partial term on the PPC for a chief public school administrator. Mrs. Busch seconded. The two nominations were considered. Chairman Porter called for the vote for Mr. Evans. The motion failed to receive the six required votes for passage, with only Mrs. Horst and Mr. Roberts in favor. Chairman Porter called for the vote for Mr. Reed. Motion carried 6-3-1 with Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Horst and Mrs. Mah in opposition, and Mrs. Waugh abstaining. Following the vote, there was discussion about balance of representation on the PPC.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL REDESIGN—MERCURY AND GEMINI PROJECTS
The Mercury 7 School Redesign Project was announced in August 2017. Because of the large response, there are 21 additional school districts participating alongside as the Gemini Project. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander reported that support is being provided to all those districts. This is primarily through on-site coaching with school redesign specialists Jay Scott and Tammy Mitchell of
the KSDE staff. Five of the state’s service centers are assisting with resources. Currently, the Mercury and Gemini schools are setting goals and action steps working within bedrock principles of restructuring their education system. Mr. Neuenswander then showed a video further describing what a personalized learning community means. There were questions and comments about the timeline, what evidence of redesign will be seen, communication with parents and communities, and a request for the schedule of on-site visits.

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS FROM KANSAS**

The National PTA School of Excellence recognition program supports and celebrates partnerships between Parent Teacher Associations and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Denise Sultz, National PTA Secretary-Treasurer and immediate Past President for Kansas PTA, introduced the honorees from Kansas for the two-year distinction (2017-2019). They are Belinder Elementary/Belinder Elementary PTA and Indian Hills Middle School/Indian Hills Middle School PTA. Both schools are in Shawnee Mission USD 512. Mrs. Sultz also described some of the activities that helped merit the distinction. Sarah Dunn, Family Engagement Chair for Kansas PTA, helped present the awards.

There was a break until 10:35 a.m. for photos with the honorees.

**BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

School Mental Health Advisory Council — Mrs. Busch announced that the group’s next meeting is Oct. 24. Current work includes building background information and understanding terms. Initial recommendations are anticipated by December.

Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee — Mrs. Busch noted that current work involves limited elementary and special education licenses. Recommendations could be made by December. Mrs. Busch left the meeting after her reports.

Communications and Legislative — Mr. McNiece distributed a resource sheet for Board member use that highlights 2016 and 2017 activities. For the legislative report, Mr. McNiece summarized the K-12 Procurement and Health Insurance Task Force meeting he attended in Mr. Porter’s absence. This is a legislatively assigned task force evaluating purchases and insurance costs/services.

NASBE Delegate — Mrs. Horst reported on NASBE committee officer nominations and proposed changes to the organization’s bylaws. She is the state’s voting delegate at the annual conference.

Policy and Juvenile Justice — Mrs. Waugh said the Policy Committee will be further studying the guideline pertaining to 6th grade athletics. The committee will seek outside input as part of the revision process on this subject. She also reported on the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee’s meeting Sept. 25.

Coordinating Council — Mrs. Mah and Mrs. Horst are member representatives. The Council continues to discuss issues with dual credit and the Higher Education Commission’s requirements for instructors of dual credit courses.

KACCTE — Mrs. Mah asked members to consider business representatives to fill current vacancies on the Kansas Advisory Council for Career and Technical Education.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson provided a summary of monthly activity, which included several personnel and student matters for the Schools for the Deaf and Blind. He also shared a historical perspective of the Gannon school finance lawsuit which started seven years ago. He continues to...
monitor cases filed in state, federal and district courts pertaining to education. He shared an example of one case involving recordings and privacy issues.

**Individual Board member reports:** Mr. McNiece attended a Rotary meeting in Pratt and an economic outlook conference in Wichita. Mrs. Waugh visited the Basehor-Linwood CTE center, KSSD’s outside basketball court dedication, participated in a pre-service teachers’ panel at Emporia State with Mrs. Horst. She announced that the Confidence in Public Education’s Governor’s Scholars is May 6 and the KACEE annual dinner is April 6. Mr. Roberts attended Commissioner Watson’s presentation at Ottawa University and would attend a Charter-Virtual meeting later that day. Mrs. Cauble reported on KELI’s servant leadership seminar and the KSDE annual conference she attended. Mr. Willard attended the Kansas Foundation for Excellence in Education meeting.

Chairman Porter reminded members about the upcoming Kansas Teacher of the Year State Banquet, Dialogue Summit on Retention and KASB annual convention He announced that annual evaluation forms for the Commissioner, Board attorney and Board secretary would be distributed and should be returned to him by Nov. 8.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**
- Initial recommendations from the School Mental Health Advisory Council for December (Mrs. Busch)
- Initial recommendations on limited elementary and limited special education licenses from the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee anticipated for December (Mrs. Busch)
- Discuss acceleration of school redesign timeline to two new deadlines: January 2019 and January 2020 (Mr. Roberts)
- Report on NASBE annual conference and recognize Security Benefit as NASBE Friend of Education (Mr. McNiece)

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**
Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Cauble — Nov. 5 district 5 visits with Commissioner, Nov. 13 Wheatland USD 292 local board meeting, Nov. 18 Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet, Nov. 30 Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee. Mrs. Horst — Oct. 19 Kansas Ag in the Classroom, Nov. 20 Dialogue Summit on Retention. Mrs. Mah — Oct. 20 Lawrence schools with Commissioner, Nov. 13 local school board meeting TBD, Nov. 20 Dialogue Summit. Mr. Porter — Oct. 31 school visits with Commissioner, Nov. 7 superintendents’ meeting at Humboldt.

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0 with Mr. Willard and Mrs. Busch absent for the vote. Mr. Willard then made additions to his travel schedule — Nov 7-8 career expo at ESSDACK, Nov. 13 Haven USD 312 local board meeting. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the additional travel requests. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Busch absent for the vote.

**ADJOURN**
Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 and 15.

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Jim Porter, Chairman          Peggy Hill, Secretary