CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed all in attendance and those viewing online.

ROLL CALL
All Board members were present:
Kathy Busch        Ann Mah
Jean Clifford      Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky Jim Porter
Deena Horst        Steve Roberts
Ben Jones          Janet Waugh

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon was present in the absence of Board Attorney Mark Ferguson.

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman Busch read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Kansans Can Vision Statement. She then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA
For the day’s agenda, Chairman Busch announced the postponement of Consent Agenda Item 16 k. (Mental Health Intervention Team program grant applications) for a later meeting. Mr. Porter moved to pull Consent Item 16 h. (evidence-and research-based reading programs) for discussion. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. McNiece moved to pull 16 f. (cut scores for licensure tests) and 16 j. (safe and secure schools state aid grants) for discussion. Dr. Horst seconded. Mr. McNiece then moved to approve the July 9 agenda with the noted amendments. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Roberts commented on the identification of a future agenda item request in the June 12, 2019 minutes. Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
In his monthly report to the Board, Commissioner Randy Watson cited the USA Women’s World Cup soccer championship and the 1969 moon landing as examples of extreme time commitment leading to positive results. Schools engaged in the redesign process are also committed for the length of time necessary to engage in major change. He talked about specific committee or task force work of the State Board, both at the policy level and through initiatives. He referenced data collected on the post-secondary effective rate and graduation rate to show graduate increases. Dr. Watson then answered questions following his presentation.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:34 a.m. There were no speakers for public comment this month.
**PRESENTATION OF GEMINI I AND II SCHOOLS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND LAUNCH IN 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

The first Kansans Can redesign schools were announced in August 2017 as the Mercury 7. Since that time, other schools have applied and been accepted to transform their school systems around the State Board of Education’s vision, outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate. Subsequent cohorts are referred to as Gemini I, Gemini II and Apollo. This month, Gemini I and II schools ready to launch in the 2019-20 school year were presented for acceptance. These schools spent one or two years planning prior for the launch. School Redesign Specialists Jay Scott and Tammy Mitchell described elements of the planning process and evaluation rubric. Schools’ redesign plans were reviewed by a third party Launch Readiness Committee consisting of representatives from KSDE and Educational Service Centers. They acknowledged partners involved in the process, then answered questions from Board members or received comments about the connection to KESA, regional model to build infrastructure, vetting and efforts to maintain momentum. Mr. Porter moved to accept the Gemini I and Gemini II schools identified as a “Go” for launch in the 2019-2020 school year that have been approved by their local board of education. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The districts and schools accepted are: Andover USD 385 (Cottonwood Elementary, Meadowlark Elementary, Robert Martin Elementary, Andover Central Middle); Basehor Linwood USD 458 (Basehor Elementary K-2, Basehor Intermediate, Basehor-Linwood HS); Caldwell 360 (Caldwell Elementary, Caldwell Secondary); Canton-Galva USD 419 (Canton-Galva Elementary); Cedar Vale USD 285 (Cedar Vale Elementary, Cedar Vale Memorial High); Chaparral USD 361 (Chaparral Jr-Sr High); Clay County USD 379 (Garfield Elementary, Clay Center Community HS, Wakefield Elementary, Wakefield HS); Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh USD 410 (Hillsboro Elementary, Hillsboro Middle-High); Emporia USD 253 (William Allen White Elementary); Fredonia USD 484 (Lincoln Elementary, Fredonia Jr-Sr High); Halstead (Halstead High, Halstead Middle); Haven USD 312 (Haven High, Haven Grade, Yoder Charter); Haviland USD 474 (Haviland Grade K-8); Kingman-Norwich USD 331 (Kingman Elementary, Kingman Middle); Lakin USD 215 (Lakin Grade, Lakin Middle, Lakin High); Leavenworth USD 453 (David Brewer Elementary, Leavenworth High); Liberal USD 480 (Seymour Rogers Middle, Eisenhower Middle); Little River USD 444 (Windom Elementary, Little River Jr-Sr High); Lyons USD 405 (Central Elementary, Park Elementary, Lyons Middle); Neodesha USD 461 (North Lawn Elementary, Heller Elementary, Neodesha Middle-High); Newton USD 373 (Slate Creek Elementary, Chisholm Middle); No. Lyon County USD 251 (No. Lyon County Elementary, Northern Heights High); Osawatomie USD 367 (Swenson Early Childhood Education Center, Trojan Elementary, Osawatomie Middle); Ottawa USD 290 (Garfield Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Sunflower Elementary, Ottawa Middle, Ottawa High); Peabody-Burns USD 398 (Peabody-Burns Elementary, Peabody-Burns Middle); Renwick USD 267 (Colwich Elementary, Garden Plain High); Spring Hill USD 230 (Prairie Creek Elementary, Spring Hill High); Whitewater-Remington USD 206 (Remington Elementary, Remington Middle, Remington High); Wichita USD 259 (Cessna Elementary, Chester Lewis Academic Learning Center); Winfield USD 465 (Irvind Elementary, Country View Elementary, Winfield Middle). Those districts/schools awaiting local BOE approval will be presented to the State Board in the near future.

**BREAK**

Members took a 10-minute break until 11:30 a.m.

**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION**

Assistant Director Jeannette Nobo provided Board members with information on eight public and 14 private schools seeking an accreditation decision in 2019. Members were provided findings and accreditation level recommendations in the format of an Executive Summary for each system based on the evaluations of the Outside Visitation Team and Accreditation Review Council. Ms. Nobo also provided an overview of the review process, including information about systems utilizing AdvancEd. There was discussion about refining the Executive Summary, identification of goals, systems’ response...
to recommendations, importance of accountability and transparency. Board members are scheduled
to take action on recommendations for accreditation in August.

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAS INDUCTEE INTO NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME
At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting. The National Teachers Hall of Fame in Empo-
ria seeks to recognize and honor exceptional career teachers, encourage excellence in teaching and
preserve the rich heritage of the teaching profession. Dyane Smokorowski, Andover USD 385, was one
of five Hall of Fame inductees this year — the only one from Kansas. She is the 12th Kansas teacher to
be inducted into the NTHOF since its establishment in 1989. Ms. Smokorowski is a prekindergarten
through 12th grade technology and innovation lead teacher at Andover USD 385 and the 2013 Kansas
Teacher of the Year. She joined the meeting remotely from Orlando, Florida where she was attending
the Network of National State Teachers of the Year Conference. Chairman Busch congratulated her
on this honor, then Board members had an opportunity to ask questions or offer remarks.

UPDATE FROM E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE
In June, the State Board of Education accepted the general recommendations of the E-Cigarette/
Vaping Work Group presented to them. The Board also requested monthly updates and the oppor-
tunity to take action as needed. Education Program Consultant Mark Thompson, who oversees the
establishment of a E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force, reported on the anticipated membership makeup
of the Task Force, early formation of subgroups and initial work to distribute education and aware-
ness information by the start of the 2019-20 school year. Additional speakers were Jordan Roberts
with KDHE and Linda Sheppard with Kansas Health Institute. Chairman Busch suggested alerting
schools in advance to watch for the upcoming information. Discussion included parent education,
comprehensive tobacco-free policies on school grounds, cessation resources and topic inclusion for
the Board’s legislative agenda.

RECEIVE KANSAS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR DRIVER ED.
Proposed model standards for use within Kansas Educator Preparation Programs were presented to
Board members for first review. Providing updated standards is necessary because Driver Education is
being reestablished as an endorsement for current teaching licenses. Director of Teacher Licensure
and Accreditation Mischel Miller briefly explained about each category within the standards: content
knowledge, safety and instructional practice. The proposed standards are aligned with the Novice
Teen Driver Education and Training Administration Standards and will serve as a guide for higher edu-
cation programs preparing driver ed instructors. The Board plans to act on the Standards in August.

INFORMATION ON TEACHER LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
PROCEDURES
Director Mischel Miller described the role and makeup of groups affiliated with Teacher Licensure and
Accreditation that make recommendations to the State Board either by state statute or regulation.
These include Professional Standards Board, Professional Practices Commission, Licensure Review
Committee, Accreditation Advisory Council and Accreditation Review Council. Another such group is
the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, which was a product of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on
Teacher Vacancies and Supply, rather than statute or regulation. She explained representation and
nominating/vetting processes.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD
The Professional Standards Board is responsible for recommending rules and regulations of the pro-
fessional standards governing teacher and school administrator preparation programs, including the
requirements for continuing education. Recommendations of individuals to fill four category openings were presented. This included tabled action last month on the vacancy representing Unit Head, Institutions of Higher Education Public. Mr. Porter moved to accept the recommended new appointments to the Professional Standards Board, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 for Jim True-love (unit head, institutions of higher education public), Krista Hedrick (public elementary administrator), Annie Diederich (public middle administrator) and Daniel Minde (public middle teacher). Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

**ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding 16 f. (cut scores for licensure tests), 16 h. (evidence- and research-based reading programs for state aid reimbursement), 16 j. (safe and secure schools state aid grants) all separated for individual discussion and votes; and 16 k. (Mental Health Intervention Team program grant applications) previously announced as postponed. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this Consent Agenda action, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for June.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Joann McRell as Education Program Consultant on the Career Standards and Assessment Services team, effective June 3, 2019, at an annual salary of $56,118.40; Mike Pounds as Education Program Consultant on the CSAS team, effective June 5, 2019, at an annual salary of $56,118.40.
- approved, with modifications the in-service education plans for South Central Kansas Education Service Center and Smoky Hill Education Service Center.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2019-20 school year to Janet Graham, Robin Bacon, Marjorie Holloway, Michael Farmer, William Skeens, Scott Franklin, all for Blue Valley USD 229 Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS); Kelly Welch, Lawrence USD 497.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee: accreditation through June 30, 2026 for Emporia State University and University of Saint Mary; and program approval for Bethany College — Art (PreK-12), Business Education (6-12), Elementary Education (K-6), English for Speakers of Other Languages (K-6, 6-12), History Government Social Studies (6-12), continuing programs through June 30, 2026; Fort Hays State University — Elementary Education (M.Ed.)(K-6), new program through June 30, 2021; Newman University — Building Leadership (PreK-12), District Leadership (PreK-12), English for Speakers of Other Languages (PreK-12), continuing programs through June 30, 2026; Ottawa University — Elementary Education (K-6), Mathematics (6-12), continuing programs through June 30, 2026; Pittsburg State University — Early Childhood Unified (B-K), High Incidence (K-6 MAT), new programs through June 30, 2021; Sterling College — History Government Social Science (6-12), Music (PreK-12), Speech/Theatre (6 -12), continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2025.
- approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 450 Shawnee Heights.
- issued Final Order authorization for the following districts to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation: USD 373 Newton, USD 253 Emporia, USD 266 Maize, USD 445 Coffeyville and USD 464 Tonganoxie.
- issued Final Order authorization for the following school districts to receive capital improvement
(bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 373 Newton, USD 253 Emporia, USD 266 Maize, USD 445 Coffeyville and USD 464 Tonganoxie.

- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation: USD 205 Bluestem, USD 309 Nickerson-South Hutchinson, USD 322 Onaga, USD 428 Great Bend.

- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 205 Bluestem, USD 309 Nickerson-South Hutchinson, USD 322 Onaga, USD 428 Great Bend.

**authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and**

- enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools for the reimbursement of funds for professional development of non-public school teachers and leaders, in an amount not to exceed $40,000;

- authorize a contract for out-of-state tuition for the 2019-20 school year for a student attending the Kansas School for the Deaf;

- authorize contracts for out-of-state tuition for the 2019-20 school year for students attending the Kansas State School for the Blind;

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas School for the Deaf to renew a contract with the Helen Keller Regional Office for Deaf-Blind Adults for rent of office space at KSD for a renewal period of two years at a monthly charge of $993.75 ($11,925 annually);

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind to renew a contract with Accessible Arts, Inc. for arts-related services for students attending KSSB in exchange for KSSB facility use and statewide outreach services for Kansas individuals with disabilities in an amount not to exceed $134,000;

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind to renew a contract with Baer Wilson and Company, LLC, to provide counseling/evaluation services for students in an amount not to exceed $95,000;

- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind to renew a contract with Providence Medical Center for physical and occupational therapy services in an amount not to exceed $95,000.

**INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. McNiece requested discussion on the consent item pertaining to cut scores for licensure tests. KSDE staff explained operation of the standard setting panel and work of the Educational Testing Service. Mr. McNiece moved to adopt and set cut scores for licensure assessments: School Superintendent Assessment, Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching, including Social Studies, Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

Mr. Porter requested discussion on the consent item pertaining to evidence- and research-based reading programs eligible for state aid reimbursement. His concerns centered on more efficient use of allocated money to provide structured literacy. Mr. Porter moved to approve the list of evidence- and research-based reading programs that will be used for state aid reimbursement to schools. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Board members took a break from 3 to 3:10 p.m.
ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Licensure cases brought forth by the Professional Practices Commission were divided into four categories. PPC member Nathan Reed connected remotely to describe the cases and recommendations for State Board action. Each category was voted on separately. Mr. Porter moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for the issuance of licenses for cases 19-PPC-15 and 19-PPC-17. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Case 19-PPC-16 was contingent upon fulfillment of obligations by the Licensee. Mr. Jones moved to deny renewal of Licensee in 19-PPC-16 for failure to comply with requirements set forth by the PPC. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Next, Dr. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendations for the denial of licenses for cases 19-PPC-18 and 19-PPC-19. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Lastly, Mr. Porter moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendations for the suspension of the Licensee in case 18-PPC-22 until June 1, 2021. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON CONSENT ITEM

Mr. McNiece requested discussion on the consent item pertaining to Safe and Secure Schools State Aid grants and allocations. KSDE staff explained the restrictions for use outlined in legislation, matching funds requirement, calculations and number of grant applications received. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Safe and Secure Schools State Aid grants and the recommendations for allocations to school districts not to exceed $5 million. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reviewed the Kansas Supreme Court’s opinion on school finance, Gannon VII, released June 14, 2019. He then reviewed Fiscal Year 2021 budget options, noting that some policy decisions had already been determined, but money was not appropriated yet. Chairman Busch asked for general comments before considering budgetary line items. Mrs. Mah moved to recommend Special Education Budget Option 2 for 2020-21 for an additional $19,435,564 out of the general fund. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion failed to receive the six votes necessary for passage. Additional discussion followed on the topics of mentoring, professional development and career/technical education transportation. Mrs. Mah moved to recommend the CTE transportation option for an additional $1,550,000 in 2020-21. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 6-4 with Mr. McNiece, Dr. Horst, Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Waugh in opposition.

There was a break until 4:50 p.m.

Discussion on budget considerations continued. Mr. Porter moved that a written comment accompany the budget recommendation stating if additional money is available, the State Board requests the following considerations be prioritized: 1) fund the law for Special Education (92 percent of excess cost) 2) decrease transportation mileage rate from 2.5 miles to a lower number. Mr. Porter prefaced his motion by acknowledging the funding needs of other agencies. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:10 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Wednesday in the Board Room.
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on July 10, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL
All Board members were present:
Kathy Busch  Ann Mah
Jean Clifford  Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky  Jim Porter
Deena Horst  Steve Roberts
Ben Jones (arrived 9:05 a.m.)  Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Dr. Horst moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Jones absent for the vote.

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECT ON APOLLO MOON LANDING
Max Kuhlman, 2018-19 6th grader from Wanamaker Elementary School in Auburn Washburn USD 437, won the “Discovery and Exploration” Award this year for his National History Day project competition. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon Landing, he was invited to present his project “How the Tragedy of the Apollo 1 Fire Lead to the Great Triumph of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing.” The individual performance combined research, oration and acting. Board members asked questions at the conclusion.

UPDATE ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAY REVIEWS; DISCUSSION ON WORKFORCE READINESS
During this annual update of CTE reviews, Assistant Director Stacy Smith shared statistics about state-approved pathway offerings and commented on recent modifications to selected ones — architecture and construction, business finance, education and training, health science. The Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education examines pathway modifications. Next, Education Program Consultant Natalie Clark joined Mr. Smith in providing information about the federal “Strengthening CTE for the 21st Century Act” referred to as Perkins V. Development of the Perkins V state plan is ongoing, with proposed presentation to the Board in January. They talked about career exploration, collaboration with such groups as Department of Commerce and Kansas Board of Regents, registered apprenticeship programs and a mobile learning lab for students. A time for discussion and questions followed. This included inquiries about marketing of CTE information/ opportunities to schools and businesses, plus increasing access to pathways.

There was a break from 10:35 to 10:45 a.m.

ACTION ON CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND 2021 STATE BOARD MEETING DATES
Proposed State Board meeting dates for 2020 and 2021 were presented last month for consideration. The proposal followed the traditional schedule of meeting the second Tuesday and Wednesday of the month, with the exception of November 2020 when a one-day meeting is planned to avoid
conflict with Veteran’s Day, a state holiday. Mr. Porter moved to establish the regular meeting dates for 2020 and 2021 as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The schedule for 2020 is:
- Jan. 14 and 15
- Feb. 11 and 12
- March 10 and 11
- April 14 and 15
- May 12 and 13
- June 9 and 10
- July 14 and 15
- Aug. 11 and 12
- Sept. 8 and 9
- Oct. 13 and 14
- Nov. 10 (one day only)
- Dec. 8 and 9

The schedule for 2021 is:
- Jan. 12 and 13
- Feb. 9 and 10
- March 9 and 10
- April 13 and 14
- May 11 and 12
- June 8 and 9
- July 13 and 14
- Aug. 10 and 11
- Sept. 14 and 15
- Oct. 12 and 13
- Nov. 9 and 10
- Dec. 14 and 15

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
During committee reports, Mr. Porter offered to accept suggestions for this fall’s discussion of a State Board legislative agenda. He also announced an Aug. 14 reception for disability rights advocates to meet Bert Moore, KSDE’s new Special Education and Title Services Director. Dr. Horst stated the Policy Committee would meet in August. For communications, Mr. McNiece commented on plans for the State Board’s visit to western Kansas. Those wishing to provide individual Board reports did so in writing. Chairman Busch previewed the August State Board meeting.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —
- Information on various licensure tests, to include cost for examination, changes over the years, location of testing centers/testing times  (Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Clifford)
- Baseline school safety requirements, what every school should have (Mr. McNiece for legislative agenda discussions)
- Update on Perkins V state plan development  (Mrs. Busch)
- Education of foster youth, addressing mobility issues, virtual school options and State Board support  (Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Dombrosky)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL
Board members had the opportunity to make additions to the travel requests for approval. Mr. Jones moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be Aug. 13 and 14, 2019 in Topeka.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman  Peggy Hill, Secretary