

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed everyone in attendance, including guests from Baker University's teacher preparation program. Ms. Busch also acknowledged that February is Black History Month. Lastly, she thanked the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools for hosting the morning panel discussion and breakfast for Board members.

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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

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 AGENDA

Chairman Busch announced a revision to consent item 21 j. (contract bid process for Microsoft IT Academy). A printed copy of the revised language was provided. Dr. Horst moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Roberts then moved to add an agenda item to discuss the Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded the request. Motion failed 4-6, lacking the 6 votes necessary for passage. Dr. Horst, Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Clifford, Ms. Busch and Mr. Jones voted in opposition. Dr. Horst's original motion to approve the agenda, which included the revision to consent item 21 j., was seconded by Mr. McNiece. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dombrosky voting in opposition.

MOTIONS

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APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In his monthly report, Commissioner Randy Watson commented on several aspects of learning, including a closer look at how the education system is organized. He addressed points of interest about developmental stages from birth to age 20. He cited research, responses from educators and administrators, and reasons to reconsider structure, time, content and age(s) to ensure student success. Dr. Watson also commented on increased attention to students' social-emotional needs, levels of academic rigor, and the impact attendance has on graduation rates.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

(00:29:43) Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:30 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Rep. Steve Huebert, Valley Center — gratitude for collaborative efforts on education issues such as computer science training, dyslexia and bullying task forces; Brian McClendon, Lawrence — the need for computer science education to help fill workforce needs; Lisa Roberts Proffitt with FlagshipKansas.Tech — workforce challenges and the support for decision-making skills gained through computer science education; Anita Newton with Kansas Tech Council — support for computer science counting as a math credit in high school; Dave Trabert with the Kansas Policy Institute — Brookings Institute study on relationships between government-funded preK and NAEP scores; Dennis Kear, Emporia — Kansas Masonic Literacy Center activities for children. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:55 a.m.

ACTION ON KANSAS MODEL STANDARDS FOR HANDWRITING

(00:55:30) Nichole Kuhn and Joshua Snyder, members of the Handwriting Standards review committee, along with KSDE's Sarah Perryman, gave an overview of the proposed recommendations for updating the Kansas Model Standards for Handwriting K-6. They reiterated handwriting's connection to literacy skills, emphasis placed on legibility, and cursive writing's presence in the standards. Education Program Consultant Joann McRell presented updates on the standards to the Board in January. Mr. Jones moved to approve the Kansas Model Standards for Handwriting K-6 as recommended by the Kansas Handwriting Model Standards review team. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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REPORT ON VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHER PROGRAM

(01:11:46) Dr. Regina Peszat, coordinator of the Visiting International Teacher program in Kansas, began her annual report to the Board describing the purpose of the program, orientation for the participants and the number of school districts utilizing international teachers. KSDE has agreements to collaborate with Spain, Germany and France. Three of the program participants talked about their experiences in Kansas, and the differences between teaching here and in Spain. These speakers are employed at Prairie Hills USD 113, Nemaha Central USD 115 and North Jackson USD 335. This year there are 25 teachers in the VIT program in Kansas. A time for questions followed.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:50 a.m.

DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION TASK FORCE

(01:41:49) Board members discussed recommendations presented in January from the Computer Science Education Implementation Task Force. Dr. Stephen King restated the five recommendations. Conversation centered on Recommendation #3 enabling computer science to satisfy a core graduation requirement, with science being the recommended content choice. At present, 48 states allow computer science to fulfill a graduation requirement. Board members also had several comments or questions about Recommendation #4 — creating a computer science licensure endorsement for teachers. They were interested in licensing options and meeting the needs of school districts. Members also requested that regular updates on computer science education implementation be provided.

LUNCH

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The State Board's Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

RECOGNITION OF 2020 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

P.M. SESSION
(01:58:01) At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting and welcomed the Kansas Teacher of the Year team. Each member spoke about a particular topic of importance in their classroom or

school. General themes were meeting the diverse needs of students, building relationships, addressing student trauma/mental health issues, and teacher leadership. The 2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year is Tabatha Rosproy, preschool teacher for Winfield Early Learning Center's Cumberland Little Vikes program, Winfield USD 465. She is also one of four finalists for 2020 National Teacher of the Year.

Kansas' regional teachers of the year are: Shawn Hornung, social studies teacher at Wamego High School, Wamego USD 320; Julie Loevenstein, fourth-grade teacher at Glenwood Ridge Elementary, Basehor-Linwood USD 458; Melissa Molteni, second-grade teacher at Corinth Elementary, Shawnee Mission USD 512; Stefanie Lane, fourth-grade mathematics and English language arts teacher at Garfield Elementary, Clay County USD 379; Lara McDonald, seventh-grade language arts teacher at Washburn Rural MS, Auburn-Washburn USD 437; Kara Belew, social studies teacher at Andover Central High School, Andover USD 385; and Amy Hillman, project-based learning teacher at Santa Fe Trail MS, Olathe USD 233. Following questions, there was a short break for photos and presentation of certificates.

Mr. Roberts was absent for the remainder of the afternoon.

ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION PREK-12

Institutions of Higher Education utilize specific program standards in their teacher preparation programs. A standards review work group completed an overview of the Health Education PreK-12 standards and presented their recommendations to the State Board in January. Education Program Consultant Dr. Catherine Chmidling reminded Board members of the purpose of the program standards. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Health Education PreK-12. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION PREK-12

Last month, recommendations were presented for updating the Physical Education PreK-12 program standards used by Institutions of Higher Education in their preparation programs. Mr. Porter moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Physical Education PreK-12. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ESEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

Board members honored the two Kansas schools named as national Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished Schools, formerly known as the National Title I Distinguished Schools. They are Ruth Clark Elementary in Haysville USD 261 (Principal Carla Wulf) and New Stanley Elementary in Kansas City Kansas USD 500 (Principal Shonielle Roberson). They spoke about successful practices that contribute to student achievement, i.e. a focus on relationships and social-emotional growth. They also shared highlights from the national ESEA conference. Distinguished schools are recognized in these categories: 1) exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years or 2) closing the achievement gap between student groups.

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Board members took a break until 3:05 p.m.

BREAK

PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST KANSAS CERTIFICATES IN CHILD NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

The Kansas Certificate in Child Nutrition Management is a program sponsored by KSDE's Child Nutrition and Wellness and approved by the State Board of Education. Cheryl Johnson, Director of CNW, explained that the program requires participants to complete 120 hours of approved management classes to earn the certification. The Child Nutrition professionals who have

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completed requirements and are the first to be awarded the Kansas Certificate in Child Nutrition Management are Kay Cox, Buhler USD 313; Martha Ohnick, Inman USD 448; and Sheila Carinder, Caney Valley USD 436. Mrs. Johnson commended their work and time commitment to ongoing professional development.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Jennifer Holt, a member of the Professional Practices Commission, represented the PPC in answering questions about the recommendations presented this month. Separate votes occurred on each of the four licensure cases.

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- Mr. McNiece moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in renewing the license in case 19-PPC-08. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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- Mr. Porter moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in renewing the license in case 19-PPC-48. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Mah in opposition.

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- Mrs. Clifford moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in renewing the license in case 19-PPC-49. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Mah in opposition.

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- Mr. Jones moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in denying the license in case 19-PPC-39. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

RECEIVE SEAC REPORT ON TRANSITION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), with support from KSDE's Special Education and Title Services (SETS) team, has prepared a review of recommendations from the Transition Task Force. These recommendations address effective transition planning to improve postsecondary outcomes for students with disabilities. Bert Moore, Director of SETS, presented a draft comparison chart showing each Task Force recommendation, along with existing supports, proposed immediate action and long-term strategies. This is a working document and will be updated regularly. Board members plan to take action on the Task Force report and initial implementation plan next month.

RECEIVE SEAC RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE TERM IN KANSAS SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUTE AND REGULATION

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Rebekah Helget, Chair of the Special Education Advisory Council, explained the rationale for SEAC's recommendation to change the term from emotional disturbance to emotional disability in Kansas special education statute and regulation. Information was gathered from multiple sources, including the U.S. Department of Education. She also shared the status of House Bill 2487 addressing the same topic. The recommendation is only a change in term, and not a change in the definition or eligibility criteria for this disability category.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided information on selected House and Senate bills followed in the 2020 legislative session. He reported on several bills that have been introduced, their status and the key points of those related to education. Board members asked questions throughout the report.

ACCEPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Mr. Porter moved to accept a Resolution expressing support for Public Schools Week, Feb. 24-28. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Public Schools Week aims to highlight the nation's public schools for their role in preparing young people to contribute to the society, economy and citizenry of the country. Ms. Busch and Mrs. Waugh signed the Resolution on behalf of the Board. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the Minutes.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for January.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Phillip Salyer as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective Jan. 6, 2020, at an annual salary of \$55,099.20; Jean Rush as Education Program Consultant on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective Jan. 6, 2020, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Julie Rand as Education Program Consultant on the Early Childhood team, effective Jan. 6, 2020, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Myra Stithem as Public Service Administrator on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Jan. 12, 2020, at an annual salary of \$48,006.40; Catherine Swain as Senior Administrative Assistant on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective Jan. 15, 2020, at an annual salary of \$29,161.60.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Early Childhood Special Education* -- Bethani Abbott, D0610. *Early Childhood Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Carrie Strycker, D0607; Rocio Koehn, Jacquelin Castillo Meraz, USD 457. *Gifted* -- Michelle King, USD 497. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Abigail Clemmons, USD 200; Beth Ratzloff, USD 259; Kendra Baumberger, USD 305; Jenny Birk, USD 383; Ira Cape, Jason Duvall, Melissa Schlegel, Tammy Cline, USD 428; Zachary Mickens, USD 450; Thomas Shields, Kristie Ritter, USD 457; Carol Strathe, USD 475; Cicily Rights, Katharine Ritter, Molly Green, USD 497; Kody Thexton, Alexis Hanson, Laura Snyder, USD 501; Angela Shepard, D0602; Simona Finney, D0607; Amy Weeks, D0610; Cynthia Leniton, Julie Crowe, D0725. *Library Media Specialist* -- Jessica Schmidt, USD 259. *Low Incidence Special Education* -- Aubrey Woodard, USD 204; Adam Jilka, Alicia Moore, Amy Woodard, USD 259; Kendra Greenwood, USD 512. *Low Incidence Special Education - Extension on number of days under a standard substitute license* -- Jessica Coda, D0607. *Math - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Dustin Fluderer, USD 231. *Speech/Speech Communication - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Joshua Patterson, USD 361. *Visual Impaired* -- Julie Marston, USD 336.
- authorized the following districts to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 258 Humboldt, USD 356 Conway Springs, USD 375 Circle.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 258 Humboldt, USD 356 Conway Springs, USD 375 Circle.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the purpose of completing on-site health inspections of unlicensed Summer Food Service Program meal preparation and service sites at the rate of \$180 per inspection, not to exceed \$36,000 from May 18 through Aug. 31, 2020.
- enter into a contract with Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., Inc., for the purpose of making the Ages & Stages Questionnaires available statewide for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
- increase the total contract amount not to exceed from \$240,000 to \$300,000 for five years to provide mentorship opportunities for first-year superintendents and principals, and to support school systems in the accreditation process.

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- initiate the contract bid process for Microsoft IT Academy in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with the option for multi-year renewals through June 30, 2024.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

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Board members had the opportunity to make changes to the travel requests for approval. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:05 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Feb. 12, 2020, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Several members of the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) were in attendance and introduced.

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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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTION
(00:01:44)**DISCUSSION OF CHANGES IN QUALIFIED ADMISSIONS AND IMPACT ON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS IN KANSAS**

Dr. Brad Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner for Division of Learning Services, opened the discussion by reiterating changes by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) to admissions requirements at public state universities. He reported what is currently required and what will be in place beginning with the high school graduating class of 2021. KBOR staff members were present to help answer questions. Dr. Neuenswander also reviewed the Kansas Scholars curriculum. High school graduation requirements are set by the Kansas State Board of Education, with the minimum at 21 units of credit. This number may be increased by the local board of education. Commissioner Watson provided additional information and answered questions. The discussion included the importance of a properly facilitated Individual Plan of Study driven by students with input from parents and teachers, mastery of concept and calculation of course units.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

Dr. Stephen King led further discussion on allowing computer science to count as a core graduation requirement in Kansas. Currently, 48 states allow computer science to count as a core graduation requirement. He provided rationale as to why the Task Force recommended computer science count as a science credit as opposed to math. Board members had more questions and need for clarification. Mr. McNiece moved to adopt the recommendations of the Computer Science Implementation Task Force. Mrs. Waugh seconded. There was further discussion about the Task Force's recommendation for licensure, specifying courses that would be allowed to count toward graduation requirements, and using the recommendations as a framework.

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**AMENDED
MOTION**
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Following input from Board Attorney Mark Ferguson, it was suggested that the original motion be amended. Mr. McNiece and Mrs. Waugh accepted the amended motion as follows: It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the recommendations of the Computer Science Implementation Task Force and request further work to report back to the Board for specifics on recommendations for approval and implementation. The motion as amended carried 10-0.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 10:55 a.m.

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ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS
In January, KSDE Legal Counsel Scott Gordon presented proposed changes to the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) regulations. Since then, two categories were added to the list of staff to whom education systems must provide Dyslexia-centered professional development. There was discussion about school systems having latitude in the amount of such training. Mr. Porter moved to continue the formal adoption process of the proposed amendments to the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation regulations. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIVE HISTORY GOVERNMENT SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULAR STANDARDS
Education Program Consultant Don Gifford and committee co-chair Dr. Tina Ellsworth of Olathe USD 233 described the proposed changes to the standards for History Government Social Studies, comparing the 2013 version to the 2020 document. Updates included consistency of language, content focus for lower grades, revision of effective practices, addition of a PreK section, and appendices with suggested resources. They answered questions about the changes. Action to adopt the updated standards is expected in March.

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RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE
Dr. Deena Horst, State Board Policy Committee Chair, reported on recommendations the three-member Board Policy Committee has made to update the Policies and the Guidelines. She reviewed the redline changes, including updating Statute numbers due to recodification of Chapter 72 (education). The changes will be presented for Board approval next month.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Mr. Porter and Dr. Horst reported on legislative activity, including their presentation of written testimony and upcoming celebration of Public Schools Week at the Statehouse. Mr. McNiece reported on work of the communications committee and a potential Board tour to northwest Kansas this fall. Mrs. Mah shared information about Black History Month.

Board Attorney's Report — Mark Ferguson commented on an pending US Supreme Court education case (*Espinoza v Montana Department of Revenue*) that could impact tax-credit scholarship programs, including in Kansas.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Additional discussion on data presented in Commissioner's Report as well as purposeful use of time and content to accelerate student success. (Ms. Busch)
- Regular updates on progress of computer science education implementation plan and specifics on recommendations moving forward.
- Invite practitioner to talk about implementation of History Government Social Studies standards in the classroom. (Ms. Busch)
- Progress update on micro-credentialing as a competency-based form of recertification. (Mr. Porter and Mr. Jones)

Chairman's Report — Ms. Busch commented on the Kansan of the Year ceremony in which Mr. Dennis was one of two honorees. She also reported on work of the Coordinating Council and the School Mental Health Advisory Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m. The next State Board meeting is March 10 and 11, 2020 in Topeka.

ADJOURN

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary