

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, March 10, 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, March 10, 2020 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed everyone in attendance and listening online. Guests from the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute introduced themselves.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Jim McNiece
Jean Clifford	Jim Porter
Michelle Dombrosky	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ben Jones	

Member Ann Mah participated by phone.

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

Chairman Busch announced the addition of an information item regarding the Coronavirus. This would occur in the agenda following Item #10. Mr. Roberts asked to add a discussion item to review his talking points. This would occur within Item #19. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the agenda as amended with both additions. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Dr. Watson recapped key events in the origin of the Kansans Can vision to lead the world in the success of each student. He reminded members of the forums with Kansans and reiterated the results of what they said schools need to do to help students be successful. Dr. Watson commented on the timeline that followed to sort data, validate research, develop Kansans Can competencies and re-engineer education. Four main principles drive school redesign: student success skills; family, business and community partnerships; personalized learning; and real-world application. He answered questions following his report.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:32 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Hartej Sethi, representing Sikh community — Sikhism in K-12 education; Dave Trabert, Kansas

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Policy Institute — state assessment scores; Phyllis Farrar, representing Kansas World Language Teachers — terminology within Computer Science recommendations. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:48 a.m.

ACTION ON HISTORY, GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

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Education Program Consultant Don Gifford presented the History, Government and Social Studies standards that have been through a cyclical review. He explained the changes to Board members last month. Mr. Gifford then introduced a video recording from Ashley Umphrey, a sixth-grade teacher at Olathe, who shared her experiences as a practitioner using the standards to drive instruction. Ms. Umphrey was the 2019 Kansas Social Studies Teacher of the Year. During discussion, there were comments concerning "rights" vs "privileges." Mr. McNiece moved to approve the proposed History, Government and Social Studies Standards. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE

Dr. Mark Thompson represented the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force in bringing forth best practice recommendations for schools to implement regarding student discipline for those who are caught using or possessing Electronic Nicotine Delivery System devices or components. The Discipline and Cessation subgroup of the Task Force prepared a menu of best practices to allow schools the flexibility to implement the approach to discipline that works best for their particular setting. Dr. Thompson commented on factors taken into consideration — education, tiered approach and resources for cessation opportunities. Jordan Roberts from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment assisted in answering questions. Board members commented on the content, including concerns about out of school suspension, mentioning other teacher/staff supports, and minor word revisions.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:47 a.m.

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RECOGNITION OF 2019 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD WINNER

Carly Bowden, a seventh-grade mathematics teacher at Andover Central Middle School, Andover USD 385, is the 2019 Milken Educator Award recipient. The State Board recognized Ms. Bowden for this honor. She commented on some of the innovative programs and strategies she uses to foster student achievement in her classroom, such as STEM activities, making community connections (i.e. utilizing a budget in the grocery store) and global references paired with geography. The Milken Family Foundation, in cooperation with the Kansas State Department of Education, sponsors the Milken Educator Award program in Kansas.

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INFORMATION ON COVID-19 GUIDANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

KSDE School Safety Specialist Susan McMahan informed Board members about preparation measures currently in place and guidance being provided to schools regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This included public health officials and local schools working together to determine any potential school closures, a notice from KSHSAA about state competitions, and a list for schools of EPA-approved cleaning products. She then answered questions.

LUNCH

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:23 p.m.

P.M. SESSION
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RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS FROM KANSAS

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting. Mrs. Waugh welcomed representatives from Kansas PTA (Parent Teacher Association) to introduce the newest National PTA School of Excellence recipients. This program supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and

schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Honorees for the two-year distinction are: Belinder Elementary PTA, East Antioch Elementary PTA, Indian Hills Middle School PTA, Shawnee Mission East PTSA, Tomahawk Elementary PTA, all from Shawnee Mission USD 512; Frank Rushton Elementary PTA in Kansas City Kansas USD 500; New York Elementary PTA in Lawrence USD 497. Members of the Kansas State PTA, honored schools and their local PTAs were in attendance. Several of the groups talked about their specific projects.

RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR BUILDING LEADERSHIP AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Institutions of Higher Education utilize specific standards to develop their preparation programs and to establish professional learning requirements for licensure renewal. Dr. Cheryl Redding from the University of Saint Mary outlined the review committee's recommended revisions to the content program standards for Building Leadership PreK-12 and District Leadership PreK-12. She assisted with drafting both documents. After highlighting proposed changes, she accepted comments and questions from Board members. Topics included: special education needs, lack of direction for management functions and financial responsibilities, lack of information for serving preK students, the need to be more explicit and to address the school redesign model. The committee will consider suggestions before bringing the standards back for action.

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UPDATE ON NEW REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CENTER: PARTNERING WITH McREL TO ACHIEVE STATE BOARD OUTCOMES

KSDE is part of the Comprehensive Center Network Region 12 along with Colorado and Missouri served by McRel. Dr. Doug Moeckel, who is the state's comprehensive center liaison, described the efforts to support KSDE's PreK-12 school redesign initiative in the four key redesign principles and to aid with scaling up redesign. The partnership focuses on intensive services to the state.

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There was a break until 3:05 p.m.

BREAK

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Chair of the Professional Practices Commission Linda Sieck announced the Council's recommendations for this month. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions about the first set of five cases. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and follow all recommendations in the issuance of the licenses in cases 20-PPC-01, 20-PPC-04, 20-PPC-05, 20-PPC-06 and 20-PPC-02. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Next, Ms. Sieck presented a single case for consideration. Mr. McNiece moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law to suspend the Licensee in case 20-PPC-07 until the end of the day May 22, 2020. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Jones abstaining.

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ACTION ON PETITION FOR REVIEW OF PPC INITIAL ORDER

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon explained that the applicant in case 19-PPC-50 participated in an evidentiary hearing before the Professional Practices Commission. Subsequent to that hearing, new evidence was made available to KSDE. Mr. Porter moved to remand case 19-PPC-50 back to the PPC to receive further evidence and to make any few findings as may be appropriate. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION TO ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSITION WORK GROUP REPORT AND INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Bert Moore, KSDE Director of Special Education, spoke on behalf of the Special Education Advisory Council, to explain a strategic chart that was prepared as part of the implementation of immediate, six-month and long-term actions to address recommendations from the Special Education

Transition Work Group. He also distributed a letter acknowledging SEAC's support for the Transition Implementation document to help ensure all students with disabilities have transition plans and appropriate services developed by IEP teams no later than age 14 that will lead to postsecondary success. Quarterly reports to the Board on progress will be scheduled. A Transition Summit is being planned for July 27 in Wichita. Mr. Porter commented on the work of the subcommittees.

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Mr. Porter moved to accept the Special Education Advisory Council and Transition Work Group report, to include the five subcommittee reports, and implementation plan for addressing the secondary transition of students following the recommendations of the Transition Task Force. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for February.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Luke McClurg as Public Service Administrator on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Feb. 9, 2020, at an annual salary of \$48,006.40.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Early Childhood Special Education — Paxton Rienbolt, USD 457; Mary Cook, USD 475; Megan Gaston, D0710. *Elementary, extension of days only* — Beth Renfrow, USD 395; Kari Carpenter, USD 475. *General Business Topics—extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Jason Russell, USD 283. *Gifted* — Victoria Lewis, USD 253; Melissa Jacobs, USD 438; Eric Galbreath, USD 497; Robin Miller, USD 500; Megan Kerr, USD 512. *High Incidence Special Education* — Megan Frakes, USD 204; Aimee Lackey, USD 353; Kathryn Totten, USD 364; Rebecca Ryan, USD 418; Caitlyn Scott, USD 453; Erica Wheat, USD 497; Clarence Forshey III, Joshua Gray, USD 500; Meredith Royston, USD 501; Amanda Crabtree, D0603; Amanda Pfeifer, D0608; DeLayna Schooler, D0620; Eric Tate, D0700; Jennifer Weaver, D0710. *High Incidence Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Carrie Belveal, Maureen Cole, D0608; Summer Galdamez, D0613; Coral Jacobson, USD 469. *Library Media Specialist* — Brittany Horning, USD 259; Casey Penner, USD 402. *Life Science - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Ethan Harder, USD 218. *Low Incidence Special Education* — Abigail Myril Semple, Jennifer Talkington-Sy, Teresa Martinez, USD 259; Briana Talley, D0618; Nicole Warzeka, D0718. *Spanish—extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Charlotte Cardenas-Hanekom, D0108.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 310 Fairfield and USD 483 Kismet-Plains.
- accepted recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Fort Hays State University** - Gifted PreK-12, new program through Dec. 31, 2021; **Mid-America Nazarene University** - Building Leadership PreK-12, new program through Dec. 31, 2021; **Newman University** - Chemistry 6-12, Physics 6-12, both new programs through Dec. 31, 2021, and English 6-12, continuing program through June 30, 2026; **Ottawa University** - Building Leadership PReK-12, new program through Dec. 31, 2021, and Physical Education PreK-12, continuing program through June 30, 2026.

- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee: *Approved cases* — 3301, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3308, 3310, 3311, 3313.
- issued Calendar Year 2020 license to Kansas International Drivers Ed commercial Kansas driver training school.
- 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 263 Mulvane, USD 329 Wabaunsee, USD 428 Great Bend, USD 448 Inman.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 263 Mulvane, USD 329 Wabaunsee, USD 428 Great Bend, USD 448 Inman.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- initiate the contract bid process for the design and construction of a new Body Venture exhibit, with the contract amount not to exceed \$300,000.
- enter into a contract with the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center for payment of presenters for the 2020 KSDE/KAESA Summer Workshops.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Board members had the opportunity to make changes to the travel requests for approval. Mr. Jones moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Letter of Support -- Chairman Busch asked for Board approval to support a grant application to the US Department of Education that would aid in the evaluation and scale of Kansans Can Redesign. The draft letter of support was presented. Mr. Jones moved to issue a letter of support to KSDE for its grant application under the Education Innovation and Research Program Early Phase. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Committee Reports — Dr. Horst commented on the status of several bills impacting education. Mr. McNiece reported on work of the communications committee and plans for a Sept. 22-24 Board tour to northwest Kansas. Mr. Porter announced he will chair the Sustainability Committee for NASBE. Mr. Jones reported on the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Mrs. Mah talked about a recent Redesign Advisory Committee meeting. Ms. Busch reported on the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee meeting and the School Mental Health Advisory Council's creation of subcommittees to address recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying. Mrs. Dombrosky will participate in a webinar featuring Kansas' efforts to reduce student vaping.

Board Attorney's Report — Mark Ferguson commented on negotiation team training and the start of professional negotiations at the Kansas State School for the Deaf.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Quarterly updates on progress of SEAC implementation plan for Transition Task Force recommendations. This would include presentation of the plan for adoption. (Ms. Busch and Mr. Porter)
- Opportunity to brainstorm and discuss ideas for the Board's communications committee strategic plan on or before July (Mr. McNiece)

- Update from School Mental Health Advisory Council and its work with Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying recommendations (Ms. Busch)
- Discussion on serving students in foster care and proposed legislation on educational outcomes for foster care students. (Mr. McNiece and Dr. Horst)
- Progress update on micro-credentialing (Mr. Porter)
- Shawnee Mission music teacher's report on academic achievements of music students (Mr. Jones)
- General request for a refresher on accessing KESA reports online before next systems are presented for accreditation consideration

Chairman's Report — Ms. Busch announced that Board members have been given the packet of information for the current Challenge Awards to be shared with honorees in their Board districts. Denise Kahler, Communications Director, reviewed the criteria used in determining the Challenge Award winners and asked Board members to notify the schools on their list by April 15. She also reminded members of several upcoming events.

Request for Discussion — Mr. Roberts reviewed his document "Fix American Education, starting in Kansas" from March 2017 and then offered to answer questions.

BREAK

Members took a 10-minute break at 4:35 p.m.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided information on selected House and Senate bills followed in the 2020 legislative session. He reviewed legislation still alive, the status of pending legislation and budget appeals. Board members asked questions throughout the report.

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Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:20 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on March 11, 2020, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Guests from the KELI program were in attendance.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Jim McNiece
Jean Clifford	Jim Porter
Michelle Dombrosky	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ben Jones	

Member Ann Mah participated by phone for portions of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mrs. Mah absent.

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(00:02:02)**REPORT FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF LEGISLATIVE PAGES**

Students from the Kansas School for the Deaf, Olathe, served as Legislative Pages on Wednesday at the Kansas statehouse. Before beginning their day of service, the students were introduced at the State Board meeting and briefly shared about what they hoped to learn during their experience at the legislature. Ms. Busch explained about State Board representation and the Board's legislative liaisons' work. Dr. Watson described his role as Commissioner of Education.

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PREVIEW OF KANSANS CAN SUMMER WORKSHOPS: IGNITE 2020!

Dr. David Fernkopf, KSDE Assistant Director, described the new format of the upcoming summer workshops. KSDE is partnering with three education service centers for workshops in Garden City, Goddard and Manhattan. The focus will be on the knowledge and depth of standards with multiple break-out sessions offered.

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KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

The Kansans Can vision is to lead the world in the success of each student. The State Board has identified five key elements necessary to be a successful high school graduate: academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement. Oakley High School senior Avery Evins had the opportunity to share her experiences with Board members, including serving on the Principal's Council at Oakley High, and establishing a Buddy System to partner middle school students with high school mentors. She described her experiences advocating at multiple levels and the rewards of perseverance. Board members asked questions and shared encouragement in her future endeavors.

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BREAK

Board members took a 15-minute break at 9:57 a.m. Mrs. Mah joined the meeting by phone.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee of the State Board reviews the Policies and Guidelines every two years. Committee Chair Deena Horst presented the recommended revisions to the Board members in February. She welcomed questions and/or discussion. Dr. Horst then moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board Policy Committee as presented for updating the Policies and Guidelines. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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UPDATE ON KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION PROCESS AND WORK OF THE ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL

Assistant Director Jeannette Nobo introduced Stephanie Hill who will be working as an accreditation consultant with private and special purpose schools. Mrs. Nobo then provided an update on training that has occurred and evaluation of the implementation process. Training for the chairs of the Outside Visitation Team has focused on report writing. She also mentioned several of the current projects involving KESA, such as a crosswalk with school redesign principles. A chart showed the anticipated schedule for bringing systems to the State Board for accreditation consideration. Lastly, the revised Executive Summary Report format was shared. Time was reserved for Q & A. Among the topics were notification to the local Boards of Education, Board member access to the systems' reports online, process to appeal recommendation and accreditation rubric.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary