

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim McNiece
Melanie Haas	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh

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

Chairman Porter asked to vote on consent agenda items c, d, h and j separately per Mrs. Dombrosky's request. Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13 and 14 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the September 13 and 14 regular Board meeting. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:02 a.m. The two speakers this month and their topics were as follows: Michelle Olson, "consent" should be a mandatory sexual education topic, not an optional topic and Steve Roberts, proposing that K-3 primary teachers should have 7-8 students per class and pay would be related. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:10 a.m.

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ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

Assistant Director Doug Bodine reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations,

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which included three ESSER II change requests totaling \$1.3M. As for ESSER III, it was reported that two districts previously on the Board's slate for approval have now met stakeholder consultation requirements and have been fully approved. Those two districts are USD 344 Pleasanton and USD 463 Udall. Nine new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value of \$180 million. There are seven ESSER III change requests this month totaling \$9.7M. The Task Force is also requesting to establish a deadline for receiving new ESSER III applications by December 16th. It was decided to hold the vote on all items until Wednesday as not all of the board members had been able to review the materials yet.

ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR THE KANSAS PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION

In September, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Craig Neuenswander gave an overview of the proposed Kansas Purple Star School designation. Mr. Jones moved to approve the Kansas Purple Star School Designation, recognizing military-friendly schools that meet specific criteria and demonstrate a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's armed forces. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS AMENDING THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

In September, Jean Clifford, Board member and Chair of the Policy Committee of the Kansas State Board of Education, presented the Committee's recommendations for amending the Board's Guidelines and Policies. Mrs. Clifford moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the recommended amendments to the Kansas State Board of Education Guidelines and Policies. Mrs. Dombrosky mentioned the Mission and Vision statements as needing looked at as they are part of the Policies and Guidelines documents as they were established before most of this Board was elected. Board Attorney, Mark Ferguson said that the motion on the table does not include the Mission and Vision as it there was not a recommendation to change it. Chairman Porter agreed the topic of the Mission and Vision of the Board of Education needs to be looked at in a future Board retreat. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIPT OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended a conditionally accredited status for the next three systems awaiting recommendation. Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the three systems. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in November. The systems that were received by the Board in October are USD 468 Healy, Lawrence Gardner High School, and Lakemary Center.

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COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT

This month Commissioner Randy Watson presented his annual report to the Kansas State Board of Education, looking back data related to the goals the Board has set in relation to Kansans CAN

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outcomes for measuring success. Dr. Watson reflected back to the Kansans Can Vision timeline, which provides for systems that can withstand political changes and winds along a 10-year journey to be in place by 2026.

His review of the most current data released in 2022 included the demographics of public schools. The data shows that Caucasians and African American student populations are decreasing, while the Hispanic population has the greatest increase in K-12 students. One other group also shows an increase, and that is the "Other" category which refers to mixed races and Asian races. Students with disabilities is another area of increase in our state. The largest increase of disability is in area of autism, dyslexia, developmentally delayed. Another demographic trend being seen is the migration from rural to urban schools.

One problem that stood out in the student data is that that "Chronic Absenteeism" has jumped from 13.2% in 2018 to 25.7% in 2022 (defined as missing 10% or greater of the total numbers of days enrolled during the year. Some schools had Chronic Absenteeism rates of 50% or more in 2022. Dr. Watson urged that this must be looked at and change in order for students to learn.

He shared good news that graduation rates up are up overall across the state.

Post-secondary Effectiveness increased by 8% over the 6 years, as shown by the most recent studied group. Possibly the most powerful of the current data is that Kansas State assessment performance shows that level 2 students are NOT failing as some in Kansas would say. They have an over 90% graduation rate, 45-62% postsecondary success rate and an average act score of 21, which is the required college admission score. Dr. Watson ended his discussion on student data urging that work must be done to move students out of level 1 score range into level 2 as that is where the most gain in success indicators is being seen. He ended his presentation with recognizing schools obtaining STAR recognition status for 2022.

UPDATE ON TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE AND HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT

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The Kansas State Board of Education tasked the Teacher Licensure team, the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee (TVSC), and members of the Professional Standards Board to identify and recommend actions to address substitute teacher shortages. Shane Carter, Director of Teacher Licensure, provided the following recommendations for the Board to vote on in November:

- Expanded Emergency Substitute License extended through the end of the 2022-2023 school year (currently expires December 2022).
- "The Third Option" to qualify for an emergency substitute license should be made permanent, which requires the applicant have a high school diploma, completion of Greenbush+ Substitute Training Modules, a background check, application, and fee. It would carry the same limitation as an emergency substitute with (60) college credit hours only.
- All state-accredited LEAs create and maintain a substitute handbook/guidelines to ensure substitute teachers are supported.
- All emergency substitute licenses extended to be valid for two years.
- Creation of a "Legacy License" for retired teachers.

Additionally, Mr. Carter provided highlights from the most recent vacancy data and licensed personnel

data collected each year from school districts.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED DISCUSSION

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Discussion continued regarding the graduation requirements proposed in September from the Graduation Requirements Task Force but with a new option that would increase total graduation credits to 22 (new option shown in **RED**).

Communications (4)

3.5 - ELA (reading, writing, literature, technical)

.5 - Communications (speech, debate, forensics, public speaking)

Society & Humanities (4) **(5)**

2.5 **(3)** - Social studies (world, US, government)

1.0 - Humanities/arts

.5 **(1)** - Fine Arts (music, dance, art, theater, etc.)

(Additional fine arts, additional history and government, foreign language, elective SS course)

STEM (7)

3 - Math (algebraic and geometric concepts)

3 - Science (physical, biological, earth/space)

1 - STEM elective (computer science, advanced math, advanced science, advanced CTE, advanced technology)

Employability & Life Skills (6)

.5 - Physical education

.5 - Health

.5 - Personal finance/financial literacy

.5 - Life Lessons (strongly asked for by students in surveys)

4.5 **(4)** - IPS choices (emphasis on CTE/Pathway courses)

Discussion will continue again in November with possible action by the Board.

PRESENTATION FROM AYANNA HENSLEY, MISS KANSAS 2022

Ayanna Hensley, Miss Kansas 2022, presented her social impact initiative as Miss Kansas 2022 - ACEs Low: Overcoming Adverse Childhood Experiences. As an individual directly affected by severe trauma, Ayanna knows what a child needs to overcome their realities and to break their generational cycles. She is working to educate by sharing that it is crucial for people of all ages to understand the importance of creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

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RECEIPT OF KANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION - WORKING GROUP (KACIE-WG) MASCOT REFORM STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Kansas State Board of Education member Ann Mah introduced the statement that the KACIE-WG requests the Board vote to show its support of. Dr. Alex Red Corn followed Mrs. Mah's introduction with research and other information as to why they are requesting this show of support for mascot

reform from the Board of Education. Other testimony from other members of the KACIE-WG and Native American community. Several of the Board members voiced their support of this statement. The November agenda will contain action on this item.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve Consent Agenda items 16 a, b, e, f, g, i, k, l. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved personnel appointments to unclassified positions.
- Approved recommendations for licensure waivers.
- Approved new appointments to the Professional Standards Board.
- Approved recommendation to appoint new Special Education Advisory Council member.
- Authorized Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to contract with Bishop Ward High School for advance placement courses for KSSB students.
- Authorized Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to renew contract with Quantum Resource Professionals for speech language pathology services.
- Authorized Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to renew contract with Accessible Arts, Inc. for related services and facilities use.

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SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to vote consent items 16 c, d, h and j as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Mrs. Arnold moved to approve consent agenda items 16 c, d, h and j. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. In this action, the Board:

- Approved request to amend contract for Adaptive Schools Training.
- Approved request to amend state assessment contract with the Achievement and Assessment Institute at the University of Kansas.
- Authorized out-of-state tuition contracts for students attending Kansas State School for the Blind.
- Authorized Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to renew contract with Providence Medical Center for PT and OT services.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Action on Board Travel —

Dr. Horst moved to approve travel requests and updates. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Legislative Liaison Report —

Dr. Horst reported that the liaisons did not receive any suggestions/feedback from Board members regarding legislative priorities for the 2023 legislative session. She and Mr. Jones will compose a draft of priorities for discussion at the November meeting and will welcome input at that time from the Board.

Committee Reports —

Mrs. Mah reported that the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group are focusing mainly now on data collection and curriculum and are accomplishing the objectives of the Working Group in an efficient manner and ahead of the projected schedule.

Board Attorney's Report —

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson presented a report on the increasing cases of Fentanyl overdose, use of Narcan in schools and liabilities of doing so and other related subjects for schools to be considering.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Mission/vision board retreat
- Legislative priorities
- HB 2567- what the Board will comply with and what they might choose not to
- Gender preference issues in schools; LGBTQ students feeling safe in school
- Hutchinson Magnet School at Allen – National Champions at the KidWind Challenge

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:31 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, October 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim McNiece
Melanie Haas	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda, amending it to add action on the ESSER information received yesterday during the Board meeting. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0 as Ben Jones was not in the room yet for the vote.

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ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

After presentation of the slate of applications and change requests presented yesterday during the Board meeting, the following action was taken:

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- Dr. Horst moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER II change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.
- Mr. Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER III expenditure plans as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.
- Mr. McNiece moved to set the deadline for ESSER III submissions for December 16, 2022. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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PRESENTATION FROM THE 2022 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

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2022 Kansas Teacher of the Year Susanne Stevenson (ESOL Instructional Coach, Dodge City USD 443) along with 2022 Regional Teachers of the Year Amber Carithers (Hutchinson USD 308), Natalie Johnson-Berry (Kansas City USD 500), Amanda Ketterling (Bonner Springs USD 204), Lisa Martinez (Topeka USD 501) and Kristin Salazar (Goddard USD 265) recapped their year as Kansas's Teacher of the Year team. Highlights included 18 college visits, professional development opportunities, advocating at the Capitol, and touring 8 school districts.

UPDATE FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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Kansas School for the Deaf Superintendent Luanne Barron presented their quarterly report to the Board. Highlights include the addition of services to Grant and Steven counties in 2022 along with the creation of a virtual tour video of the school and its programs that will be a welcomed addition to their efforts to spread the word about what the school does versus hosting multiple site visits for families that often are disruptive to the learning of the current students. There currently is a waiting list for students requesting services as the number of students needing services across the state continues to rise. They are also working on new service delivery models to serve their students more effectively and efficiently.

UPDATE FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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Superintendent Jon Harding, KSSB, shared the school's 2021-2022 Annual Report with the Board. He highlighted many of the activities that support the following 5-year goals:

- Grow Outreach
- Expand Professional Development
- Increase Visibility
- Improve Transitions

Next steps/needs of KSSB include coordinating statewide vision services (i.e. teacher shortages), better informed parents of their child's specific academic and functional skills, and focusing on 0-3 with more staff, better identification methods, referrals, etc.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Bill Faflick, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, presented a summary of the organization's past year. He introduced newest staff member Kyle Doperalski, Assistant Executive Director, whose primary responsibilities will be administering the activities of cross country, basketball and track & field. Mr. Faflick also announced the upcoming retirement of long time KSHSAA staff member Fran Martin, who will be missed by all. His "year in review" touched on risk minimization (introduction of the use of the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer), legislative issues (proposed classification rule change), inclusion, sportsmanship (Student Advisory Team input), public-private school topics, name/image/likeness topics, officials, coaches, and celebrations. Topics of focus moving forward continue to include student health and safety (including mental health),

officials, coaches, transfer rule, coach/athlete summer opportunities and expectations, and classification to name few.

KESA RETREAT/WORKING LUNCH

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The Board ended their meeting with a learning and discussion time on the Kansas Education System Accreditation. Many of the current Board members were elected after the launch of the KESA program. Topics for this retreat session included questions that KSDE staff had for the Board (what is feedback they hear from systems within their Board district, etc.); what educators have shared with KSDE in regard to possible improvements to the process; the current state of KESA and what KSDE's response is to what educators have shared (i.e., future state of KESA).

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is November 9 and 10, 2022.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary