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Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, September 13, 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, September, 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, o, p, q, r, s and t separately per Mrs. Dombrosky's request. Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9-10 MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the minutes of the August 9 and 10 regular Board meeting. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson's report this month focused on what Kansans have said a successful high school graduate needs in order to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce. His comments included the workforce development challenges that currently exist in our state and how working towards increasing postsecondary success among our high school graduates will strengthen the state's workforce development efforts.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:30 a.m. The two speakers this month and their topics were as follows: Jeff Howards, introduction of himself as a candidate for the District 1 Board position and Sherri Schwanz, KNEA President, sharing her concern for what appears to be a lack of involvement of classroom educators in districts' ESSER funds requests. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:37 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF WELLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S 2022 FBLA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

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The Wellsville High School FBLA chapter had two teams place first in their respective categories at this summer's National FBLA Leadership Conference in Chicago. The Eagles' national champions were the team of Scott Hoehn (2022 graduate), Kendra Kemp (senior) & Lola Kline (junior) in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report, and the team of Lola Kline (junior), Mason Lytle (sophomore) & Jake Richards (senior) in E-Business.

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

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Assistant Director Brian Dempsey reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, which included ten ESSER II change requests totaling \$86.3 million. 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. As for ESSER III, twenty-four new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value \$109 million. There are nine ESSER III change requests this month. 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.

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RECEIVE PROPOSED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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Dr. Randy Watson presented the proposed graduation requirements from the Graduation Requirements Task Force. The Task Force was established in June 2021 with the purpose of the examining graduation requirements in Kansas from at least three lenses:

- 1 - Identify courses to add or delete from current requirements (if any).
- 2 - Review ways to demonstrate mastery of skills and competencies.
- 3 - Study need for value-added assets in addition to a high school diploma.

Proposed requirements are as follows:

Communications (4)

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

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

Society & Humanities (4)

2.5 - Social studies (world, US, government)

1.0 - Humanities/arts

.5 - 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

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

Additionally, the Task Force proposed considering the Kansas Board of Regents recommendation for completion of the FAFSA before graduation. Any student, family or school can opt-out a student completing the FAFSA. Discussion will continue at the October Board meeting.

RECOGNITION OF THE FREE STATE LEGISLATURE LITHOGRAPH

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Bill McFarland, Tim Rues, Tim Nedeau, and Paul BahnMaier presented the history of the Free State Legislature print, how it was discovered, and some of the interesting individuals captured in the print. They were presented a certificate of recognition for their efforts to preserve Kansas History.

ACTION ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL'S KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA) RECOMMENDATIONS

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During the State Board meeting in August, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on four systems that were ready for review of an accredited status recommendation. The systems that were received by the Board in August are USD 260 Derby, USD 381 Spearville (Redetermination), USD 456 Marais Des Cygnes Valley (Redetermination) and Sacred Heart Elementary, Emporia. Jay Scott brought these four systems back to the Board for action. Mrs. Mah made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to the four systems as presented and ask for a one year follow up from Marais Des Cygnes Valley. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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PROPOSAL FOR THE KANSAS PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION

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Deputy Commissioner Dr. Craig Neuenswander gave an overview of the proposed Kansas Purple Star School designation to recognize military-friendly schools that meet specific criteria and demonstrate a commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's armed forces. He was joined by superintendents of USD 475 Geary Co., USD 207 Ft Leavenworth and USD 260 Derby.

ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Scott Gordon, General Counsel for KSDE presented the current cases for action. Professional Practices Commission Chair Jennifer Holt also attended the meeting virtually to be able to answer any questions. He first brought cases 22-PPC-02, 22-PPC-09, 22-PPC-10, 22-PPC-12, 22-PPC-13, 22-PPC-15, and 22-PPC-14 for revocation/denial. Mr. Jones moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission (PPC) and follow the recommendation to revoke/deny the licensure applications listed above. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Next, the PPC recommended licenses be granted for cases 21-PPC-25, 22-PPC-16, and 22-PPC-17.

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The Board requested to vote on each of these three cases separately. First, Mrs. Waugh moved to grant to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and follow the recommendation in the issuance of the license in case of 21-PPC-25. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Second, Dr. Horst moved to grant to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and follow the recommendation in the issuance of the license in case of 22-PPC-16. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Clifford opposing. Third, Mrs. Haas moved to grant to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and follow the recommendation in the issuance of the license in case of 22-PPC-17. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Lastly, the PPC recommended that licenses be issued with public censure in cases 22-PPC-04 and 22-PPC-07. Mr. Jones moved that the Kansas State Board of Education issue a Professional Teaching License, with public censure, to Applicant 22-PPC-04 and Applicant 22-PPC-07. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AMENDING THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

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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. The Policy Committee is charged with reviewing Board policies at least every two years and may suggest to the Board any changes deemed necessary. Review of the current Policies and Guidelines began in 2021. Mrs. Clifford stated that most changes were made so that the guidelines and policies were more easily understood and their intentions were clear. The amendments will be on the agenda for approval in October.

UPDATE ON TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD SUBSTITUTE TEACHER WORKING GROUP

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At the June 2022 State Board meeting, the Teacher Licensure team was tasked to coordinate with the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee and Professional Standards Board to identify long-term solutions to substitute teaching issues. Since June the group has met three times to identify recommendations to provide to the State Board. Shane Carter, Director of Teacher Licensure, updated on this work and provided information on the initiatives they are going to be presenting for consideration. The three main initiatives for consideration in regards to substitute teachers are 1) substitute training modules; 2) substitute handbook/guidelines; and 3) allowing Emergency Substitute

Licenses to be valid for two school years. Topics of discussion in relation to the recruitment and retention of licensed teachers have been apprenticeships, leadership, classroom redesign, communication plans, and testing.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve Consent Agenda items 17a, b, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o and q. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved personnel appointments to unclassified positions.
- Approved the request from USD 465 Winfield to hold a bond election.
- Approved the request from USD 465 Winfield to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid.
- Approved the request from USD 421 Lyndon to hold a bond election.
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- Approved the request from USD 115 Nemaha Central to hold a bond election.
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- Approved the request from USD 329 Wabaunsee to hold a bond election.
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- Approved the request from USD 373, Newton, for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid
- Approved the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee.
- Approved the recommendations for licensure waivers.
- Approved the recommendations for Visiting Scholar licenses.
- Approved the Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) packet for the Kansas School for the Deaf.

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SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to vote consent items 17 c, o, p, q, r, s and t as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Mrs. Dombrosky revoked her request to include items o and q in that separate group. Mr. Jones moved to approve consent agenda items 17 c, p, r, s and t. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. In this action, the Board:

- Approved the request to contract with the Orion Education and Training Service Center to support Perkins V special population updates.
- Approved the extension of the Special Education and Title Services contracts for the State Personnel Development Grant plan (SPDG).
- Approved the recommendation for funding the 2022-2023 AmeriCorps Kansas Planning Grant award.
- Approved the request to initiate a contract bid process for equitable support of Kansas non-

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public schools for professional development of non-public teachers and leaders.

- Approved the request to enter a contract for KSDE Great Ideas in Education Conference.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Action on National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate Assembly —

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After some discussion, Mr. Porter moved that Board members Ben Jones and Deena Horst represent the Kansas State Board of Education as Delegates at the National Meeting in October. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Action on Board Travel —

Dr. Horst had additions to the travel requests. 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 requested that Board members revisit the 2022 Kansas State Board of Education legislative positions in preparation for determining the 2023 positions.

Committee Reports —

Mrs. Mah reported that the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group continues to meet twice a month and are working on a statement of the group's scope of work and goals for the state of Kansas. They are also continuing to look at data collection methodology as well as curriculum.

Board Attorney's Report —

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson presented a report on the "Constitutional Amendment on Rules and Regulations – Legislative Veto Amendment" that will be on the November ballot that if adopted could have an effect on agencies in the Executive Branch of government and their decision-making ability.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Mrs. Arnold suggested a presentation by ESU STUCO members about what they do and services they provide.
- Mr. McNiece requested more specific information on EXACTLY what schools are doing and not doing in regards to school safety.
- Mr. Jones reported that constituents in his areas are concerned about long-term planning for areas being designated as "frontier" and other areas of rural declining population. How can/will education be delivered in those areas where some students still remain.
- Mr. Porter requested retreat/workshop to look at/review KESA. He requested this happen Wednesday afternoon, Oct 12.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED DISCUSSION

Discussion continued as Mr. Porter had requested earlier in the meeting.

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The meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, September 14, 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, September 14, 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

Mrs. Mah moved to approve the day's agenda. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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(00:09:46)**2021 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Kansas State Board of Education had the opportunity to hear from Megan Morgan and Ryan Pfeifer the 2021 Milken Educator Award recipients. Ms. Morgan is a library/media specialist at Oliver Brown Elementary School, Manhattan USD 383. Mr. Pfeifer is a science teacher at Washburn Rural High School, Auburn-Washburn USD 437. They each received an unrestricted cash award of \$25,000. Ms. Morgan and Mr. Pfeifer shared some of the innovative programs and strategies they use to foster student achievement in their schools.

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SUNFLOWER SUMMER 2022

Sunflower Summer is a program of the Kansas State Department of Education and is designed to provide a wide variety of ways for families to get out, explore something new, and enjoy time together with the ultimate goals of promoting active student learning during the summer months and encouraging participation of families and caregivers in children's education. As an added bonus the program supports in-state travel and tourism. Michael Koonce (Greenbush), Adam Smith (Exploration Place) and Janine Hron (KU Center for Public Partnerships and Research) reported on specifics of the 2022 program in which families with a total of 118,477 students were able to visit 90 venues (museums, zoos, historic landmarks and more) all for free. Additionally, special guests Lori

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Kersten and her grandson, Parker, shared about their own personal experience spending the summer taking part in many of the

ACT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT FROM KSHSAA TO K.S.A. 72-7114

In August, Bill Faflick (KSHSAA Executive Director), presented a proposed amendment to K.S.A. 72-7114 which would allow for a multiplier factor to be used when determining classification status for Kansas high schools, and a public hearing was held on the matter. If the Kansas State Board of Education approves the proposed amendment, it will then move to the Kansas Legislature. After discussion amongst the Board, Mrs. Mah moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the amendment proposed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association to K.S.A. 72-7114. Mrs. Hass seconded. Motion carried 6-4 with Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Dombrosky, Mrs. Haas and Mr. McNiece opposing.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Waugh moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recess into Executive Session for one hour to discuss the subject of legal matters with legal counsel, which is justified pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship under KOMA, in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communications with an attorney on legal matters. Scott Gordon, Craig Neuenswander and Ben Proctor were invited to attend. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 10-0. The Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is October 11 and 12, 2022.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary