KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed everyone and made brief announcements.

ROLL CALL
All Board members were present:
John Bacon
Kathy Busch
Sally Cauble
Deena Horst
Ann Mah
Jim McNiece
Jim Porter
Steve Roberts
Janet Waugh
Ken Willard

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
Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Tuesday agenda. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES
Mr. Willard moved to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT
Commissioner Randy Watson provided an update on Kansas’ application for its state plan as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The application is expected to be posted online for public comment in July and submitted to the US Department of Education in September. There were questions about the makeup of the agency’s ESSA Advisory Council. Dr. Watson also discussed the School Redesign Project. Aug. 1 is the deadline for demonstration school applications to be submitted. In addition, he announced the two individuals who will be working with schools selected to participate in the project — Tammy Mitchell (elementary) and Todd Wiedemann (secondary). He asked Board members to encourage districts in their areas to consider applying. The redesign project’s study and learn phase will be in 2017-18 followed by the launch phase.

CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM
Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:34 a.m. Speakers and their topics were:
Emma Baker, Rose Hill — recommendation to add CPR certification as a high school graduation requirement; Leah Fliter, Kansas Association of School Boards — cuts to Medicaid reimbursement for in-school services; Janice Smith, Children’s Cabinet Trust Fund — school district partnerships and promotion of redesign project. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:44 a.m.

RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6
Dr. Amy Hogan, Ottawa University, represented the committee reviewing the educator preparation program standards for Elementary Education K-6. These content standards help establish what is
taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. Board members received draft revised standards for review, the previous standards and a comparison of the two versions. Dr. Hogan highlighted recommended revisions. Discussion followed about grade divisions of students, licensure levels, consideration of English as a Second Language training, and a suggestion to use the term post-secondary instead of college. The Board is expected to vote on the standards in July.

RECOMMENDATION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND ETHNIC STUDIES
State Representatives John Alcala and Valdenia Winn were present to discuss draft legislation (House Bill 2207) that addresses instruction on ethnic studies in Kansas classrooms. They outlined a proposed Ethnic Studies Curriculum Development Project that would bring scholars together to create curriculum guides aligned to the current standards and the Rose Standards, lesson plans and assessment tools for use with grades 7-12. Christina Valdivia Alcala assisted with the presentation. Discussion followed about funding, training and the need to include all cultural backgrounds. More information on refinement of the curriculum development project is expected later in the fall.

BREAK
Board members took a break until 11:45 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR
Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis introduced the Kansas Superintendent of the Year and Principals of the Year as selected and recognized by their peers. Each honoree briefly shared with the Board about special activities and programs occurring in their schools. These included Chamber of Commerce members adopting a class, self-directed professional development, individual learning plans, and addressing the social-emotional needs of students. All speakers praised the work of their teachers, staff and students.

The recipients are: Sue Givens, Superintendent at El Dorado USD 490, the 2017 Kansas Superintendent of the Year as named by the Kansas School Superintendents Association; Britton Hart, Principal at Emporia High School (Emporia USD 253), the 2016-2017 Kansas High School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals; Terrell Davis, Principal at Truesdell Middle School (Wichita USD 259), and Tony Helfrich, Principal at Liberty Middle School (Pratt USD 382), both 2016-2017 Kansas Middle School Principals of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators; and Dana Sprinkle, Principal at Ell-Saline Elementary School (Ell-Saline USD 307), the 2017 National Distinguished Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals.

LUNCH
Following photos with the honorees, Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:35 p.m. The Board’s Policy Committee met during this time.

ACTION ON 2017-18 ASSESSMENT CONTRACT RECOMMENDATION
Chairman Porter called the afternoon session to order. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander summarized the history of state assessment services, options for administering, national assessment issues and long-term considerations. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve a 2017-18 assessment contract with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation for an amount not to exceed $6 million. Mrs. Horst seconded. During discussion, Board members’ questions included the topics of interim assessments, privacy laws with student data, system testing capacity levels and assurances. Chairman Porter called for the vote. Motion carried 10-0.

PRESENTATION ON EDUCATIONAL USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS
Board members received a presentation on how Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), better known as drones, can be used as a creative tool for learning. Agriculture education instructors Paul Lierz, USD 335, and David Holliday, USD 232, talked about drone facts, aviation regulations, technology in agri-
culture and ethics of use. Bob Brock, Director of UAS with the Kansas Department of Transportation, spoke about safety, privacy, standardizing curriculum programs and opportunities for drone business growth in Kansas.

Board members took a 10-minute break at 3:37 p.m.

**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ISSUING 2017-18 SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATES**

USD 364 Superintendent Bill Mullins, who chairs the Coalition of Innovative School Districts, asked for Board approval on 16 applications for Specialized Certificates. The applicants are all for USD 500 Kansas City Kansas and were presented for consideration at the May State Board meeting. The Specialized Certificate is effective for one year. Once approved, the Coalition member district may hire the individual as a non-licensed professional employee. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Specialized Certificate applications as presented for use in USD 500 Kansas City Kansas. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**INFORMATION ON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH FRAMEWORK**

Director Colleen Riley provided a preview of the next day’s work session to discuss the vision outcome on students’ social-emotional growth. She began with a chronological overview of regulations and statutes related to this topic. A focus of the work session will be creation of an integrated, comprehensive school mental health framework to include meeting requirements of relevant legislation, such as Senate Bill 367 and House Bill 2408. In addition, discussions will occur on building resource partnerships. Discussions are timely since the 2012 social-emotional character development standards are due for review soon. Members stressed the importance of communicating with legislators.

**ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Colleen Riley presented the recommendations for three new appointments and four reappointments to serve on the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). One of the major functions of the SEAC is to serve as a liaison between the statewide populace and the Kansas State Board of Education. Mr. McNiece made the motion, which was read for the record by Mrs. Cauble, to reappoint Joan Macy, Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer, Dr. Marcy Aycock and Dr. Marvin Miller for their second three-year terms, and to appoint Laura Thompson, Kelly McCauley and Chelle Kemper to the Special Education Advisory Council for their first terms, all to run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Motion carried 10-0.

**ACTION ON NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF NEA**

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson presented the negotiated Professional Agreement between the Kansas State School for the Deaf NEA and the Kansas State Board of Education. He reported that the document reflects minimal substantive changes. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the Professional Agreement between the Kansas State School for the Deaf NEA and the Kansas State Board of Education for the term Aug. 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis addressed several areas of legislative action affecting education. He began by highlighting major policy provisions of Senate Bill 19, the proposed school finance plan, in addition to providing the committee report on the bill. Mr. Dennis provided information on issuance of bonds and criteria for bond election approval. Other handouts and discussions focused on changes to rules for working after retirement, guideline updates to the Kansas At-Risk Pupil Assistance Program including the definition of an at-risk student, and the appropriated amount of funds allotted for districts with extraordinary need due to declining enrollment. A question and answer period followed.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Busch moved to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The session would begin at 5:20 p.m. following a 10-minute break. Commissioner Watson and Wendy Fritz were invited to join the session. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

The Board returned to open session at 5:30 p.m.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FOR INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

A series of motions followed the executive session. Mrs. Busch moved to confirm the recommendation of Ms. Luanne Barron as Interim Superintendent to serve the Kansas State School for the Deaf, effective July 1, 2017, at a salary of $106,000. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Busch moved to confirm the recommendation of Mr. Jon Harding as Interim Superintendent to serve the Kansas State School for the Blind, effective July 1, 2017, at a salary of $106,000. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Busch moved that the Interim Superintendents work together and with the Kansas Association of School Boards to bring back to the Kansas State Board of Education, no later than December of 2017, recommendations on administrative structures to serve both schools now and in the future. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for May.
- confirmed unclassified personnel appointments of Amanda Sales as Communications Specialist serving the teams of Communications and Recognition plus Child Nutrition and Wellness, effective May 24, 2017, at an annual salary of $53,414.40; and Kelly Steele as Education Program Consultant on the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team, effective May 30, 2017, at an annual salary of $56,118.40.
- approved maintaining the current educator licensure fees for 2017-18, effective July 1, 2017.
- issued Calendar Year 2017 licenses to two commercial driver training schools — BuckleUp School, LLC, Lawrence, and EcoDriver School, Lenexa.
- issued a 2017 license to Behind the Wheel Defensive Driving School, effective from the date of approval through Dec. 31, 2017.
- approved IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Targeted Improvement Plan grants for 2017-18 as follows: USD 115 Marshall/Nemaha $16,675; USD 202 Turner School District $31,443; USD 207 Ft. Leavenworth $14,386; USD 229 Blue Valley $118,200; USD 230 Spring Hill School District $12,761; USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton-Antioch School District $21,887; USD 232 De Soto $29,134; USD 233 Olathe School District $145,814; USD 234 Ft Scott $18,986; USD 244 Coffey County SpEd Coop - Burlington $17,741; USD 253 Flint Hills SpEd Coop - Emporia $60,213; USD 259 Wichita Public Schools $346,381; USD 260 Derby Public Schools $50,609; USD 261 Haysville Public Schools $33,813; USD 263 Mulvane Special Education $18,094; USD 273 Beloit SpEd Coop $22,801; USD 282 West Elk $17,225; USD 290 Ottawa Public Schools $19,229; USD 305 Central
Kansas Coop - Salina $111,383; USD 308 Hutchinson Public Schools $42,846; USD 320 Special Svcs Coop Wamego $25,870; USD 321 Kaw Valley Schools $12,978; USD 330 Mission Valley $10,865; USD 333 Learning Coop North Central KS $35,407; USD 336 Holton SpEd Coop $30,887; USD 345 Seaman Public Schools $25,035; USD 352 Wellington Public Schools $16,708; USD 364 Marshall County Coop - Marysville $14,402; USD 368 East Central KS SpEd Coop - Paola $69,962; USD 372 Silver Lake $11,420; USD 373 Harvey County SpEd Coop - Newton $39,845; USD 379 Twin Lakes Coop - Clay Center $26,142; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden School District $43,550; USD 389 Eureka $12,315; USD 405 Rice County Sp Svc Coop - Lyons $22,084; USD 407 Russell County $13,693; USD 409 Atchison Public Schools $20,908; USD 418 McPherson Co SpEd Coop - McPherson $38,785; USD 428 Barton County SpEd Coop - Great Bend $39,231; USD 437 Auburn-Washburn $37,066; USD 450 Shawnee Heights $25,193; USD 453 Leavenworth- Lansing $24,953; USD 457 Garden City $77,319; USD 458 Basehor-Linwood $17,283; USD 465 Cowley County Sp Svc Coop - Winfield $53,477; USD 469 Lansing $19,440; USD 475 Junction City/Geary County $48,398; USD 480 Liberal $31,084; USD 489 Hays West Central KS SpEd Coop - Hays $34,343; USD 495 Tri County Sp Svc - Larned $17,136; USD 497 Lawrence $76,744; USD 500 Wyandotte County SpEd Coop $175,153; USD 501 Topeka Public Schools $113,195; USD 512 Shawnee Mission $211,822; DO 602 NW KS Svc Center - Oakley $57,642; DO 603 ANW Coop - Humboldt $54,770; DO 605 South Central KS SpEd Coop - Pratt $64,064; DO 607 Tri County SpEd Coop - Independence $71,872; DO 608 NE KS Svc Center - Lecompton $43,710; DO 610 Reno County Coop - Hutchinson $41,148; DO 611 High Plains Coop - Ulysses $75,601; DO 613 SW Area Coop - Ensign $76,691; DO 614 East Central KS Coop - Baldwin City $27,097; DO 615 Brown County SpEd - Hiawatha $20,703; DO 616 Doniphan County SpEd Coop - Bendena $15,426; DO 617 Marion County SpEd Coop - Florence $26,637; DO 618 Sedgwick County - Goddard $117,123; DO 619 Sumner County Interlocal - Wellington $19,012; DO 620 Three Lakes Coop - Lyndon $33,019; DO 636 NCK Special Ed Coop - Glade $37,736; DO 637 SEK Interlocal - Pittsburg $95,872; DO 638 Butler Co SpEd Interlocal - El Dorado $96,827; SO 319/DO 629 Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex $16,434; SO 507/DO 609 Parsons State Hospital $3,705; SO 525/DO 609 KS State Penitentiary $3,006; SO 604 KS School for the Blind $5,300; SO 610 KS School for the Deaf $10,235. Total funding: $3,635,949.

- approved recommendations for funding of the Migrant Family Literacy Grants for 2017-18 as follows: USD 102 Cimarron $78,000; USD 214 Ulysses $50,000; USD 215 Lakin $70,136; USD 216 Deerfield $72,000; USD 218 Elkhart $22,059; USD 445 Coffeyville $20,000; USD 457 Garden City $75,153; USD 500 Kansas City $75,000; Johnson County Community College $125,000. Total funding: $587,348.

- approved recommendations for funding the Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Continuation Grants for 2017-18 as follows: USD 108 Washington County $125,000; USD 210 Hugoton $75,000; USD 214 Ulysses $74,978; USD 218 Elkhart $75,000; USD 244 Burlington $74,001; USD 252 Southern Lyon $124,949; USD 257 Iola (Jefferson) $75,000; USD 261 Haysville (Middle School) $73,000; USD 282 West Elk $119,120; USD 352 Goodland $74,945; USD 374 Sublette $87,590; USD 379 Clay County (Lincoln/Garfield) $75,000; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Bergman) $75,000; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Ogden) $75,000; USD 386 Madison-Virgil $94,329; USD 435 Abilene $75,000; USD 443 Dodge City $99,980; USD 445 Coffeyville $75,000; USD 446 Independence $75,000; USD 461 Neodesha $94,059; USD 475 Geary County (Washington/Grandview) $100,000; USD 499 Galena $75,000; USD 500 Kansas City (New Stanley) $75,000; USD 500 Kansas City (Silver City) $75,000; USD 500 Kansas City (Whittier) $75,000; USD 501 Topeka (Quincy) $75,000; USD 501 Topeka (Robinson) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Hillcrest) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Kennedy) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Woodlawn) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Eisenhower) $100,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Lee) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Roosevelt) $75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Tecumseh North) $100,000; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka
approved recommendations for funding new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for 2017-18 as follows: USD 101 Erie $98,331; USD 209 Moscow Public Schools $71,256; USD 225 Fowler Public Schools $71,016; USD 248 Girard $74,970; USD 257 Iola $75,000; USD 259 Wichita (Adams) $74,971; USD 259 Wichita (Ortiz) $61,813; USD 259 Wichita (Cleaveland) $61,813; USD 259 Wichita (Park) $72,305; USD 290 Ottawa (Sunflower/Lincoln) $74,875; USD 290 Ottawa (Garfield) $63,354; USD 349 Stafford (Middle School) $98,676; USD 387 Altoona-Midway $113,509; USD 445 Coffeyville (Preschool) $88,424; USD 466 Scott City, $74,977; USD 475 Geary County (Ware) $75,000; USD 498 Valley Heights $80,382. Total funding: $1,330,672.

approved recommendations for continuation funding of Kansas After School Enhancement Grants for the 2017-18 as follows: USD 204 Bonner Springs $14,336; USD 310 Fairfield $11,156; USD 373 Newton $13,223; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden $14,222; USD 445 Coffeyville $18,223, USD 446 Independence $11,627, USD 498 Valley Heights $18,223, Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson $18,223, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan $14,097, Cherry Street Youth Center (Chanute) $17,724, Wichita YMCA $18,223. Total funding: $187,500.

approved recommendations for continuation funding of the Kansas Middle School After School Advancement Grants for the 2017-18 as follows: USD 491 Eudora $21,801, USD 497 Lawrence $21,800, USD 500 Kansas City $21,800, Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson $18,223, Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan $19,427, Boys & Girls Club of Topeka $21,801. Total funding: $125,000.

approved the Kansas Volunteer Commission’s recommendations for 2017-18 Kansas AmeriCorps subgrantees as follows: Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence $343,250; Harvesters Community Food Network $69,150; Kansas City Kansas Public School District $156,717; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks $402,961; Rosedale Development Association $70,560; United Way of Douglas County $268,600; Topeka Habitat for Humanity $27,830; Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute $28,855. Total funding: $1,367,923.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- continue a contract with the Kansas Department of Heath and Environment for the support of an interagency information/resource service for persons with disabilities to provide toll-free telephone and website access to information on health, social services and education services, and resources available from public supported programs and special grant projects, in an amount not to exceed $25,000 annually for three years;

- enter into a contract with KU Medical Center’s Area Health Education Center to provide state advisor services for Kansas HOSA in an amount not to exceed $39,980 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021;

- enter into a contract with the Kansas Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America to provide state advisor services in an amount not to exceed $100,000 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021;

- continue a contract with Amber McNew for her services as the state advisor for Kansas Business Professionals of America in an amount not to exceed $60,000 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021;

- continue a contract with Fort Hays State University to provide state advisor services for Kansas DECA in an amount not to exceed $80,000 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021;
continue a contract with Kansas State University to provide Carl D. Perkins leadership grant activities for the position of Executive Director of FFA in an amount not to exceed $226,281 from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 (extending from the contract approved in February 2017).

**BOARD REPORTS**

Legislative — Mr. McNiece announced that the State Board will report to the legislature next January on the implementation of the systems accreditation model and its connection to accountability.

Communications — Mr. McNiece noted the Communications Committee would meet the next day.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the committee’s recommended changes to State Board Policies would be presented to the Board in July as a receive item. The committee will meet in July to review guidelines.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson offered to answer questions about the summary reports for April and May.

Individual Board member reports: Mrs. Mah attended local school board meetings in her district and participated in the New Member Institute hosted by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Mrs. Horst commented on her work at the legislature. Mrs. Cauble completed presenting Challenge Awards and commented on work with the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee. Mrs. Waugh attended several graduations as well as the Confidence in Public Education Task Force meeting, noting that G.A. Buie will be the new chair. Mrs. Busch reported on NASBE policy committee work, the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, a meeting with the Educators Rising organization, and the agenda for KSHSAA’s meeting this month. Mr. Roberts attended the Kansas Excellence in Math and Science Teaching Conference in Hutchinson. Mr. Willard, Mrs. Horst and Mr. McNiece attended the NASBE nominations committee meeting. Mr. McNiece also reported on the NASBE Board of Directors’ meeting.

Chairman Porter assigned Ann Mah as the Board’s ESSA representative, and Jim McNiece and Ken Willard as the Board’s representatives on the School Redesign Committee. He also reported on attending a professional development conference at KU. He offered final comments on the Board’s responsibility for education policy and the need to be proactive in working with the legislature.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

Mrs. Waugh requested a presentation by the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Horst—July 18 and 19 Impact Institute at Great Bend. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the travel requests and addition. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**RECESS**

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 6:12 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas Association of School Boards offices.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary
WORK SESSION — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, for a work session, which was held at the Kansas Association of School Boards in Topeka. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Porter, Vice Chair Busch, Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Mah, Mr. McNiece, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Willard.

Presentations and discussions centered on the Kansans Can vision outcome for addressing students’ social/emotional growth. The concept of creating a comprehensive school mental health framework would incorporate statutory and regulatory requirements targeted at youth suicide, sexual abuse, juvenile justice, bullying, etc. To aid in building the framework, a cross-sector workgroup was tasked with looking at trauma-informed care, including training needed for pre-service teachers and recommendations from other organizations. Mr. McNiece asked to see the report. Multiple presenters shared information and research during the work session. There were discussions about intervention models, social-emotional character development standards, the multi-tier system of supports (MTSS), involving community partners and available resources. Speakers from the Seaman, Emporia and Abilene school districts shared specific practices they’ve implemented to train staff and help students.

Board members then talked about actionable implementation and ways to work with the legislature. They also discussed trainings required and how to assist schools. A draft of a comprehensive school mental health framework with recommendations for action, task force composition and addressing Erin’s Law is expected in the near future.

The work session ended at 1:40 p.m.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary