

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the special meeting and work session of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Textron Aviation Activity Center, 9710 E. Central Ave., Wichita, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Jim McNiece
Sally Cauble	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ann Mah	Janet Waugh

Members John Bacon and Ken Willard were absent.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Area business and industry leaders were invited to discuss workforce needs and opportunities to partner with schools. First, Chairman Porter led introductions and gave an overview of the Kansans Can vision, mission and outcomes. Representatives from Textron Aviation, Murphy Tractor, Spirit AeroSystems, Cox Machine and Legacy Bank were in attendance. Issues discussed were the need for skilled workers to replenish a retiring workforce, opportunities for training and growth in the aviation industry, avenues to inform students of job options/career exploration, emphasis on interpersonal and employability skills, and job attendance/retention problems.

TOURS

Board members transitioned to Textron Aviation's Plant IV to tour the Citation Longitude production line and view the static display of Scorpion and T-6 aircraft.

The next tour stop was Wichita State University Tech and the National Center for Aviation Training. WSU Tech President Sheree Utash directed the tour. Programs there are designed around job demand and workforce needs. The institution works with area high schools, traditional-age students, and adults who need retraining. Two of the program areas visited were aviation and manufacturing. Lunch was provided at WSU Tech. Members then traveled to WSU's Innovation Campus. The tour there included the 3-D printing lab, a robotics demonstration and presentation of the 3-D experience center.

SUPERINTENDENTS' FORUM

Chairman Porter led a roundtable discussion with area school district superintendents. This was an opportunity for Board members to hear issues and concerns from the field. A theme was the need for adequate resources to meet various challenges, such as creating business partnerships and matching students' interests with different businesses. Examples of positive initiatives were shared. The group also discussed implementation of the Individual Plan of Study, hiring of career advisors or similar positions, the new accreditation model, and suggestions for ways KSDE can more effectively communicate with the field.

Adjournment was at 3:50 p.m.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary