

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes September 12, 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, Sept. 12, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He recognized Dr. Merrie Skaggs and education students from Baker University in the audience.

9/12/2017
A.M. Session
(00:03:06)

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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

Board member John Bacon was absent; Ken Willard arrived at 10:10 a.m.

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. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 7-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. Mr. Bacon was absent and Mr. Willard had not yet arrived.

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APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson commented on the responsibility associated with vision work to help students be more successful. He reported on the recent regional banquets to celebrate the Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalists for 2018 (four elementary and four secondary teachers). He praised KSDE staff members who organize the KTOY program, particularly Sherry Bukovatz, and encouraged Board members to help promote KTOY, Horizon and Teacher of Promise recognition programs as celebrations of the teaching profession. Next, Dr. Watson categorized focus points of the Kansans Can School Redesign Project into four areas: creating a personalized journey for students, project-based real world experiences, longer time with teachers (hours and years), and immersion with parents and community. The Mercury and Gemini project schools will lead in this endeavor. Lastly, he stressed the importance of the Individual Plan of Study as key among the vision outcomes for helping students to achieve success.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:33 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Mark Tallman, Kansas Association of School Boards — summer advocacy tour, KASB literature and tracking of K-12 issues; John Richard Schrock, Emporia — credentialing for dual credit program; Glen Coats, Allen — lack of communication for USD 251 North Lyon County bond proposal; Phyllis Farrar, Kansas World Language Association — need to build world language learning infrastructure. Chairman

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Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 11 a.m.

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REPORT ON EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT, KANSAS CONSOLIDATED STATE PLAN

KSDE staff Colleen Riley, Tate Toedman, Sandra Guidry and Beth Fultz described various components of the Kansas Consolidated State Plan created to meet federal requirements for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The plan document was being submitted this week ahead of the Sept. 18 deadline. They covered the public comment period, requirements of the state plan addressed in the Academic Measures of Student Success and data to be shared in the State Report Card. The long-term goals, established in the ESSA plan as accountability indicators, will be reported annually although progress will be measured every three years. It was noted that Governor Sam Brownback had signed the state plan.

BREAK

Board members took a 10-minute break at 11:37 a.m.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ESSA, KANSAS CONSOLIDATED STATE PLAN

Following the break, there were additional questions and comments about accountability, evidence of continuous improvement/student growth, assessment performance levels, equitable access, funding and flexibility.

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UPDATE ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD, TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT

The Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee (TVSC) is a sub-committee of the Professional Standards Board, and was formed as a result of State Board action in 2016 following the final report/recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancies and Supply. TVSC member Deb Ayers-Geist, USD 202 Turner, presented a recap of committee discussions focused on elementary and special education licensing. The committee recommended statewide pilots for a limited elementary education license and a limited special education license. The recommendations were not presented for Board action at this time. Next steps for committee work were outlined. Interim Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Susan Helbert assisted answering questions.

Next, Dr. Debbie Mercer gave a progress report on present goals of the Professional Standards Board and named the 2017-18 goals. Dr. Mercer is dean of the College of Education at Kansas State University and a PSB member. State Board members inquired about micro-credentialing and the Praxis exams. Then, Licensure Coordinator Lori Adams provided highlights of the annual Licensed Personnel Report, including entrance and exit data. There was discussion about the vacancy list, clarification about data that counts teaching assignments and not individuals, and where the greatest gaps are occurring. Board members received a summary of the LCP report for the 2016-17 school year.

LUNCH

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 1 p.m. for lunch. The Board meeting would reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

P.M. SESSION

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KANSAS FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM PRESENTATION

Connecting students to Kansas agriculture directs the work of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. KFAC Executive Director Cathy Musick provided an update on the organization's newest project-based initiatives and resources for teachers. These included school-year projects developed around the "Water Flows: Kansas Grows" theme and summer institutes for professional learning. Natalie Anderson joined Ms. Musick for the presentation. They talked about creative ways to partner and provide resources since legislative funding disappeared nine years ago. They offered to share their expertise with agriculture education information for development of science standards and for school redesign.

PREVIEW OF KSDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE “KANSANS CAN IMAGINE”

Each fall, KSDE hosts a statewide conference that brings hundreds of educators together for professional learning. This year’s event is Oct. 11-13 in Wichita with the theme “Kansans Can Imagine.” Mark Thompson, project director for the annual conference, provided an overview of the schedule and special sessions. The first day is a pre-conference directed at test coordinators and others who administer the state assessments. The main conference is the following two days. Keynote speakers are Dr. David Conley, Professor of Educational Policy and Leadership at the University of Oregon, and Manny Scott, an original Freedom Writer and author. This year, an online app will replace the printed program and evaluation form. He illustrated how participants will navigate the electronic version.

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ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Board members considered recommendations for filling two vacancies on the Professional Standards Board. Mrs. Horst moved to appoint Kristy Oborny to her first full three-year term on the Professional Standards Board to run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Ms. Oborny is from USD 489 Hays and will fill a vacancy for a public elementary school teacher. Next, Mrs. Busch moved to appoint Alicia Young to serve a full three-year term on the PSB representing public secondary school teachers, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 7-2 with Mrs. Cauble and Mrs. Horst in opposition. Ms. Young is a licensed teacher and lead instructional coach for Wichita Public Schools, USD 259.

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VISITING INTERNATIONAL TEACHERS PROGRAM REVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS

More than 100 teachers have participated in the Visiting International Teacher Program with Kansas since 2001. Currently, Memorandums of Understanding are in place with the ministries of education in Spain and China to bring teachers to Kansas. Interim coordinators Dr. Suzanne Myers and Dr. Lizette Burks gave an overview of the program’s multiple purposes and benefits, then introduced Dr. Regina Peszat, who has been hired to oversee the program full-time. During the presentation, they listed subjects taught by the visiting teachers, outlined qualifications for an exchange visitor license and described the support roles of KSDE. Then two of the visiting teachers placed in Topeka schools talked about their experiences in Kansas classrooms. There was Board interest in expanding the visiting teacher program and identifying barriers that might prohibit working with other countries.

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UPDATE ON SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The purpose of the School Mental Health Advisory Council is to advise the State Board of unmet needs within the state in the area of school mental health; coordinate with legislators and stakeholders to address relevant issues effectively to best meet the needs of students; and coordinate statewide collaborative social emotional character development partnerships with stakeholders that will benefit students. State Board Vice Chair Kathy Busch serves as the council chair. She reported on the make-up of the council and expectations. She shared highlights of the first meeting Aug. 25, including discussions on strategic arrangements for required trainings and an overview of social emotional character development standards. The council plans to meet monthly at least until January.

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There was a break until 3:10 p.m.

BREAK

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Jessica Snider, a member of the Professional Practices Commission, represented the PPC for the presentation of cases. Ms. Snider was remotely connected to the meeting and available to answer questions about the recommendations. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and grant Michael Moshiri’s application for an emergency substitute license. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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In the next set of cases, Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and deny Christine Allen's and Rocky Hinds' applications for licensure. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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ACTION ON KANSAS CAN ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS

Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander reviewed goals of the revised Kansas accreditation regulations, formerly designed around Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA) under No Child Left Behind. The amendments align to the new Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) model and provide a separation between Kansas accreditation and the federal ESEA law. The regulations are: 91-31-31, 91-31-32, 91-31-33, 91-31-34, 91-31-35, 91-31-36, 91-31-37, 91-31-38, 91-31-39, 91-31-40, 91-31-41 and 91-31-42. The recommended revisions were presented to Board members last month. Mr. Neuenswander remarked on two suggested changes that have been incorporated since then: removal of the action plan definition in 91-31-31 and removal of section 91-31-39 on rewards. Next steps in the approval process were outlined. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve submission of the proposed accreditation regulations 91-31-31 through 91-31-42 to the Department of Administration and Attorney General for review. Mrs. Horst seconded. During discussion, there were questions about formation of outside visitation teams, training, opportunities for flexibility, and differences between state accreditation and federal accountability. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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UPDATE FROM KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. Blake Flanders, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents, talked about the Regents' Foresight 2020 strategic goals for higher education and the ways in which their work connects with K-12 education. He addressed several initiatives to bridge K-12 with postsecondary, including career and technical education programs under Senate Bill 155 and the Transition to College Algebra Pilot. There was discussion about the concurrent enrollment program, qualified admissions requirements, request for transition to employment report for certificate earners, and state scholarship opportunities.

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BREAK

Board members took a five-minute break at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Willard left the meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis briefly updated members on his office's work to review school budgets. He acknowledged that the pending court decision on the school finance case would be for future budgets. He distributed a pictorial directory of the state's school district superintendents.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition and Mr. Willard absent for the vote. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for August.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Myron Melton as Education Program Consultant on the Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team, effective July 31, 2017, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Regina Peszat as Education Program Consultant on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective Aug. 14, 2017, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Destinee Parker as Public Service Executive on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Sept. 6, 2017, at an annual salary of \$43,680; Gwyndolyn Birk as Auditor on the Fiscal Auditing team, effective Sept. 10, 2017, at an annual salary of \$43,992.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved Cases* — 3154 Todd Giefer, 3156 Gregory Duggan (K-6 and 6-12 ESOL), 3157 Jasmin Williams (PreK-12 high-incidence special education), 3158 Lindsey Schmidt, 3162 Kane Wischan, 3163 Eddi Marks,

3164 Julie Hess, 3165 Chanda Harkness, 3166 Austin Collier, 3167 Rachel Widdersheim, 3168 Diane Hylton, 3169 Lindsey Joern, 3171 Edith Kerns, 3172 Samantha Gastineau, 3173 Corey Jones, 3174 Staci Yoder, 3175 Ethan Randolph. *Denied Cases* — 3151 Victor Horton, 3156 Gregory Duggan (PreK-3 early childhood education and K-6 elementary education).

- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 251 North Lyon County, USD 323 Rock Creek, USD 394 Rose Hill, USD 466 Scott City, USD 489 Hays.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 251 North Lyon County, USD 323 Rock Creek, USD 394 Rose Hill, USD 466 Scott City, USD 489 Hays.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2017-18 school year as follows: Michael Farmer for Blue Valley USD 229, Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program; Jerry Simmons for Haviland USD 474.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with a vendor to be selected through the competitive bid process to provide development and ongoing servicing of a system for managing the data requirements of the Migrant Education Program, for the period of August 2017 through June 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 to be paid out of the MSIX State Data Quality Grant and Migrant Formula Grant.
- approve a contract with Father Flanagan's Boys Home d/b/a Boys Town National Research Hospital for Educator Interpreter Performance Assessment training. The total amount over the five-year period is not to exceed \$64,500.

RECESS

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 4:47 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

RECESS

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes September 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Sept. 13, 2017 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

9/13/2017
A.M. Session
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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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

Member John Bacon was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Porter announced a change in the day's agenda with the postponement of Item 5 "Update on Transition to College Algebra Pilot data." Instead, Communications Director Denise Kahler would provide information on the vision outcomes training modules. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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INFORMATION ON SEAL OF BILITERACY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Kansas Seal of Biliteracy Certificate, adopted by the State Board in 2016, is to recognize any student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages by the time the student graduates. KSDE staff members Julie Ewing and Regina Pezat provided a progress report from year one, stating that nine school districts participated and 200 certificates were awarded in May 2017. There are two levels of proficiency students may achieve. Board members inquired how proficiency was assessed and ways to promote the program. They also asked for information on how many schools offer world languages and to receive a student perspective in the future.

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INFORMATION ON KANSANS CAN VISION TRAINING MODULES

Director of Communications and Recognition Programs Denise Kahler presented information on new 6 to 8 minute videos to be used as training tools for educators and building leaders. Each video in the series will focus on the vision outcomes. The information includes guiding questions to help leaders foster discussions. She previewed videos on social-emotional growth and postsecondary completion/attendance. The training modules will be placed on the Kansans Can webpage and Building Report Card. She credited the team of staff members who helped create the videos, graphics and voiceover.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Kansas has a long history of engagement and leadership with the National Association of State Boards of Education. Mr. McNiece, who is past president of NASBE, highlighted several of the updated resources and services available to members. One of these is a new program to track agenda topics other state boards are discussing across the nation. NASBE sponsors three main conferences a year — one for new members, one addressing national legislative topics, and the all-member annual conference. This year the annual conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia.

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ACTION ON NASBE MEMBERSHIP DUES

Mr. Willard moved to approve payment of calendar year 2018 dues and retain membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education and the National Council of State Education Attorneys. Mrs. Sally Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. John Bacon absent.

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ACTION ON REPRESENTATION FOR NASBE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Mr. McNiece moved to nominate Deena Horst as the delegate and Ken Willard as the alternate delegate for the annual conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

BREAK

There was a 10-minute break at 10 a.m.

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KNEA TEACHER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Kansas National Education Association (KNEA) launched its Teacher Leadership Institute in February 2017, which partners with the national organization. KNEA's Idalia Shuman along with Institute coaches Julie Doyen, USD 383, and Linda Henderson, USD 309, reported that they are currently working with 20 Teacher Leader Fellows who will help support incoming new teachers. There are two growth tracks of the program — personal growth and professional impact. These include mentoring and sustaining positive school cultures focused on learning. The first cohort was named in 2017 and a second cohort will be added in 2018. There were questions about the structure and participation requirements. Ms. Shuman then provided a brief update on Educators Rising during the transition year of its establishment as a new Career Technical Student Organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Communications — Mr. McNiece shared a list of recommended activities Board members might engage in to enhance communication. These included meeting with school service center directors, inviting local business representatives to attend at State Board meeting, and visiting schools to learn how they are implementing the vision. He also plans to help host a legislative forum with the Clearwater Service Center.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh said the Policy Committee has again been rescheduled and will meet next month.

Other committee reports — Mr. McNiece reported that the Coalition of Innovative School Districts is working to establish its identify and will soon provide its report to the State Board.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson did not have a report.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS

Individual Board member reports: Mrs. Cauble accompanied Dr. Watson on school visits in her district. Then they met with community college presidents and district superintendents. Mr. Roberts will discuss his talking points with Mr. Porter, attended the Blue Valley Educational Foundation Breakfast and plans to participate in the Foundation for Excellence in Education Conference in Nashville. Mrs. Waugh encouraged disaster relief support for schools affected by recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Mrs. Horst reported that the Coalition of Innovative School Districts will conduct a work session Sept. 28 in Topeka. She also attended in-services at Solomon and Washington County schools.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During his report, Chairman Porter appointed Janet Waugh as the Board representative on the revision committee for the Social-Emotional Character Development Standards. He also named Deena Horst as alternate on the Kansas Teacher of the Year State Selection committee filling in for Mr. Willard this year. He reminded members of dates for the NASBE Annual Conference and to

consider their travel budgets if planning to attend. His recent activities included attending KASB-sponsored advocacy tours, speaking at the Skills USA regional competition and meeting with community college presidents and their board members.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- Student perspective on Seal of Biliteracy Certificate program (Mr. Porter)
- Expansion of Visiting International Teacher program in Kansas; identification of barriers and solutions to partnering with other countries (Mr. Willard)
- Civic engagement initiatives in schools to encourage youth voting (Mrs. Waugh)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch—Sept. 27 KASB regional workshop in Haysville; Mrs. Cauble — Sept. 21 Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee; Mrs. Horst — Oct. 12 and 13 KSDE Annual Conference, Oct. 20 KTOY state selection committee meeting, Nov. 1-4 NASBE Annual Conference; Mrs. Mah — Nov. 8 USD 287 West Franklin board meeting, Nov. 18 KTOY state banquet; Mr. Porter — Nov. 8 USD 287 West Franklin board meeting; Mrs. Waugh — Sept. 25 Juvenile Justice Oversight committee, Oct. 12 and 13 KSDE Annual Conference; Mr. Willard — Nov. 1-4 NASBE Annual Conference, Nov. 18 KTOY state banquet. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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ADJOURN

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18.

ADJOURN

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary