

# January 2025 Summary Report



## Kansas State Board of Education – January 14 & 15, 2025 Meeting

### Action

#### Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative Liaison, Policy Committee

Mr. Porter move to nominate Mrs. Hopkins as chair. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. A written ballot was taken, and Mrs. Hopkins was elected unanimously.

Mrs. Dombrosky moved that Mr. Zeck be elected vice chair. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Mrs. Haas moved to nominate herself for vice chair. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. A written ballot was taken; Mr. Zeck received 7 votes; Mrs. Haas received 3 votes. **Mr. Zeck was elected vice chair, 7-3.** The list of individual votes is as follows:

Mrs. Betty Arnold voted for Mrs. Haas

Mrs. Michelle Dombrosky voted for Mr. Zeck

Mrs. Melanie Haas voted for Mrs. Haas

Mr. Dennis Hershberger voted for Mr. Zeck

Mrs. Cathy Hopkins voted for Mr. Zeck

Dr. Beryl New voted for Mr. Zeck

Mrs. Connie O'Brien voted for Mr. Zeck

Mrs. Debby Potter voted for Mr. Zeck

Mr. Jim Porter voted for Mrs. Haas

Mr. Danny Zeck voted for Mr. Zeck

After a discussion about the pattern for legislative liaisons involvement in the 2025 Kansas Legislature, Mrs. Arnold moved that the Chair and Vice Chair be elected as the Legislative Liaisons. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded the motion. **Motion carried 10-0.**

Mr. Porter moved and Dr. New seconded to elect Betty Arnold for the Policy Committee. **Motion carried 10-0.**

Mr. Hershberger moved, and Mrs. Arnold seconded to elect Mrs. Haas to the Policy Committee. **Motion carried 6-4.**

Mrs. Potter moved, and Mr. Zeck seconded that Mrs. Dombrosky be elected to the Policy Committee. **Motion failed 5-5.** (the vote must be 6)

Mrs. Haas moved, and Mrs. Arnold seconded that Mr. Hershberger be elected to the Policy Committee. **Motion passed 9-1.**

The Policy Committee will be Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Haas, and Mr. Hershberger.

### Act on appointment of Board Attorney and Board Secretary

Dr. Watson noted that the appointment of the board attorney is not dependent on the contract which ends of June 30, 2025. There is a Request for Proposal for the attorney and that will come before the board prior to June 2025.

Mrs. Haas moved to appoint Deborah Bremer as the board secretary. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Arnold moved to appoint Mark Ferguson as the board attorney. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

### Consent Agenda as amended

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve consent agenda items a, b, and c. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no.

- a. HR Information
- b. Act on recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee (LRC)
- c. Act on teacher licensure waivers

### Act on Capital Improvement and Bond Elections

*To maximize the State Board's authority to approve bond issues, the committee recommends granting full approval to USD 402, USD 265 Godard and USD 499 Galena. The committee also recommends the State Board grant tentative approval to USD 308 Hutchinson.*

Mr. Porter moved to approve the capital improvement and bond election recommendations as presented. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present, not voting.

### Consent item d

Mrs. Haas moved to approve consent item d. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10 – 0.

d. Act on request from USD 261 Haysville, to accept a supplement to their bond application that revises the ballot question to be submitted to qualified electors of the district. The supplement is not a material change to the project. The original bond application was approved by the state board on September 11, 2024.

### Act on Evaluation Review Committee (ERC)

Dr. Chmidling went over the process of reviewing higher education programs. She went through the educator preparation program approvals for the seven programs that were recommended for approval by the ERC.

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for educator preparation program approvals for Benedictine College, Fort Hays State University, Newman University, Ottawa University, University of

Kansas, University of Saint Mary and Washburn University. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Remaining Consent Items voted on separately

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve item e from the consent agenda. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

e. act to approve the renewal of a special education cooperative agreement with Beloit

Mrs. Dombrosky moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve item f on the consent agenda. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

f. Notification to the Kansas State Board of Education of the intention of four private schools to participate in the Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarship Program (TCLISSP)

Dr. New moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve item g on the consent agenda. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

g. Act on local professional development plans

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education act to approve item h on the consent agenda. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

h. Act to initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) for special populations in CTE

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve item i on the consent agenda. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-2-2 with Mr. Zeck and Mrs. O'Brien voting no, and Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

i. Act on request to contract with the Maple Leaf Technology Solutions, LLC for work on the KSDE authentication process

#### Travel Requests

Mrs. Dombrosky moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the travel requests presented for January 2025. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

#### Receive

##### **Receive Annual Review and update of At-Risk evidence based practices**

Dr. Proctor gave the annual review and went through the updated list of At Risk programs for 2025.

##### **Receive FAFSA removal from the graduation requirements**

R. Scott Gordon, General Counsel, KSDE, noted that the public hearing on removing FAFSA from graduation requirements will be next month during the Board meeting. Based on the Board's earlier decision to remove FAFSA from requirements, steps have been taken to make this change.

## Presentations

- Swearing in Ceremony
- Legislative Report and Update (Dr. Harwood)
- School Mental Health Presentation (Trish Backman)
- Kansas Content Standards and Assessment Development (Beth Fultz, Matt Copeland/Susan Martin KU)
- Update on the Science of Reading Licensure Requirements (Dr. Watson for Mr. Carter)
- Federal Education Programs Overview (Dr. Harwood and Dr. Proctor)
- Career and Technical Student Organizations (Natalie Clark and marvelous students)
- Special Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report (Mr. Moore and Council Leaders)