



## Action

### TUES 1. MINUTES for April 2025

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the additions to the minutes that she is requesting. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-7-1 with Mrs. Haas, Dr. New, Chair Hopkins, Vice Chair Zeck, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Hershberger and Mr. Porter voting no, and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the April 8 & 9, 2025 minutes as drafted. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-1-2 with Mrs. Potter voting no and Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

### TUES 2. AGENDA

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented with slight changes on Wednesday (switching item 1 and 8). Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

### TUES 3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was:

- Personnel Reports
- Local Professional Development Plans
- Licensure Review Committee Recommendations
- Visiting Scholar Application
- Approve Kansas School for Deaf's assurance form (pulled by Mrs. Dombrosky)
- Nomination for Licensure Review Committee

Mrs. Dombrosky moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the consent agenda (without item 3: approve KSD assurance form). Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

### Consent Agenda item e: Approve Kansas School for the Deaf's assurance form

After commenting on the consent item e, Mrs. Dombrosky moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve consent agenda item e, the Kansas School for the Deaf LEA assurance form. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 7. PRESCHOOL-AGED AT-RISK Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve districts to operate Preschool-Aged At-Risk programs for 2025-2026. In districts operating approved programs, 3- and 4-year-old students who meet an at-risk criterion for the Preschool-Aged At-Risk program and who are enrolled and attending a program that meets Preschool-Aged At-Risk program requirements on Count Day will automatically count as a ½ student (0.5 FTE) in calculating a district's enrollment and accompanying weightings. Dr New seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. Potter voting no.

TUES 8. ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTORS Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the proposed Kansas Assessment Performance Level Descriptors for 2025 revised state assessments in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3 with Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

**TUES 10. AMERICORPS** (although the AMERICORPS funding has been stopped by the Trump administration, there is litigation happening and the outcome is uncertain. Therefore the Board decided to vote on the funding in the event the administration changed their decision.)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 AmeriCorps subgrantees as recommended by the Kansas Volunteer Commission. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no and Mrs. Potter present not voting.

**TUES 11. EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER STANDARDS** Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the new educator preparation program standards for History, Government, Social Studies 5-8 and 6-12. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no and Mrs. Potter present not voting.

#### **TUES 12. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Mrs. Potter moved to amend the suggestion motion from being a 5 year contract (from 2025-2030) to a 2 year contract from 2025-2027. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-8 with Mrs. Haas, Dr. New, Chair Hopkins, Vice Chair Zeck, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Hershberger and Mr. Porter voting no.

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to contract with the Kansas Office of Administrative Hearings from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

**TUES 13 PPC** Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission in case 24-PPC-31 and deny the pending application. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

#### **TUES 19. Seal of Literacy List addition**

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education suspend the rules and vote immediately on the Seal of Literacy List addition. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Seal of Literacy list addition as recommended. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

#### **During discussion (time stamp 8:11:14) about Mrs. Potter's allegations of policy violations**

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Policy Committee evaluate the issue of what the word appeal means in the KSBE policy manual and report back to the Board in June with a recommendation that clarifies this policy. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion failed 5-0-1 with Mr. Porter present not voting. (A motion fails without 6 votes)

#### **Executive Session**

Vice Chair Zeck moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of potential litigation/pending litigation/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. This session will begin at 1:10 p.m. for 30 minutes; no action will be taken during this session; and the open meeting will resume in the Board Room at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Gordon, Mr.

Ferguson and Dr. Watson are invited to join this Executive Session. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.

### Extension of Executive Session

Vice Chair Zeck moved to extend the same Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes, and the open meeting will resume in the Board Room at 1:50 p.m. The same guests are invited to join this Executive Session. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

### Receive Items (For June)

TUES 18. Evidence Based At-Risk List (Dr. Ben Proctor)

WED 2. Financial issues (School Board Compensation, RFP process, Raising threshold for approval) (Hess and Harwood)

WED 3. Bullying prevention procedure (Betty Arnold)

WED 4. Nominations for Professional Standards Board (Shane Carter)

WED 5. Modified emergency substitute license (Shane Carter)

WED 6. Evaluation Review Committee Recommendations (Catherine Chmidling)

WED 7. Receive CTE Pathway credential recommendations (Natalie Clark)

### Presentations

Commissioner's Report

Presentation on State Board role in the distribution of Federal and State funds (Watson, Ferguson, Gordon)

State Assessments: Setting Cut Scores with Dr. Karla Egan (Beth Fultz)

KSDE Annual Conference (Pat Bone)

KESA Update (Dr. Jay Scott)

Legislative Update (Dr. Harwood)

Data Collected and Maintained by KSDE (Dr. Harwood, Kyle Lord, Ryan Kurtenbach)

### Special Events:

Senate Youth Delegates

Barbershop Quartet from Lawrence High School

### **Board Future Requests:**

Mrs. Arnold: Screentime – how are districts using devices in school?

Mrs. Haas: Screentime: appropriate ages and stages uses with screens. Reading (actual books) vs. digital

Mr. Hershberger : emergency substitute licenses perspective from districts/individual schools

First Amendment free speech discussion, with a legal perspective from Mark Ferguson

Mrs. Dombrosky: Shane Carter to present on online teachers in the classroom.

Mrs. O'Brien: National Human Sexuality standards compared with Kansas State Department of Education

The Policy Committee will look at the word appeal as it is used in the Policy manual and report back to the Board in June.