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Agenda Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Kansas State Department of Education, Suite 102 (Board Room)

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call Mission Statement, Moment of Silent Reflection or Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance	5 min	Chair Hopkins
10:05 a.m. (AI)	1. Approval of November 2025 minutes and the November 18 Special Meeting minutes	5 min	Chair Hopkins
(AI)	2. Approval of Agenda	5 min	Chair Hopkins
(AI)	3. Approval of Consent Agenda		
	a. Receive monthly personnel report and appointments to unclassified positions		Wendy Fritz, Director, Human Resources
	b. Act on Local Professional Development Plans		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	c. Act on recommendations for Licensure Waivers		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	d. Act on request from USD 233, Olathe, Johnson County, to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid		Dr. Frank Harwood Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services
	e. Act on request from USD 233, Olathe, Johnson County, to hold a bond election		Dr. Frank Harwood Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services
	f. Act on request from USD 373 Newton, Harvey County, to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid		Dr. Frank Harwood Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services
	g. Act on request from USD 373 Newton, Harvey County, to hold a bond election		Dr. Frank Harwood Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services
	h. Act on request to renew the contract with the Bruman Group to support the administration of Perkins V, \$20,000 per year, with a 3 year renewal		Natalie Clark, Asst. Director, CTE Career, Standards and Assessment Services

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(AI) Action Item, (RI) Receive Item, (IO) Information Item, * Board Member request

BOARD AGENDA for December 2025

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
	i. Act to ratify the Negotiated Agreement with Kansas National Education Association and the Kansas School for the Deaf		Mark Ferguson, Board Attorney Mrs. Dombrosky, Board Liaison to KSD
	j. Act on recommendation for supplemental 2025-2026 AmeriCorps funding for USD 260 Derby		Jessica Dorsey, Director, Kansas Volunteer Commission
10:10 a.m. (IO)	4. Commissioner's Report	20 min	Dr. Randy Watson
10:30 a.m.	5. Citizen's Open Forum	15 min	
10:45 a.m. (AI)	6. Act on Legislative Priorities for the Kansas State Board 2026 PART ONE	30 min	Dr. Frank Harwood, Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal & Administrative Services and Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator
11:15 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:25 a.m. (RI)	7. Receive Medical Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy in school settings Guidance Special Guest: Linda Heitzman-Powell, KS Center for Autism Research and Training at Kansas University	35 min	Scott Gordon, General Counsel and Brian Dempsey, Asst. Director, Special Education
12:00 p.m.	8. Walk to the Capitol 1st floor Rotunda To hear the Spring Hill High School Symphonic Orchestra They will begin playing at 12:15 for about 30-40 minutes in front of the Christmas Tree!	1 hour	Taygun Ozakinci, Orchestra Conductor Spring Hill High School
1:00 p.m.	Break	30 min	
1:30 p.m.	9. Approve and Sign a Resolution supporting the placement of Tactile (Braille) flags in all Kansas Schools with American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution Representatives (with signing and photos) *	20 min	Dennis Hershberger, Randolph Cabral, Flag Creator Jon Harding, Superintendent KSSB
1:50 p.m. (IO)	10. Receive Higher Education Items a. Receive Higher Education Standards for visually impaired b. Receive Higher Education Preparation	30 min	Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure

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	Standards for Technology and Engineering C. Receive Evaluation Review Committee Recommendations		
2:30 p.m.	Break	10 min	
2:40 p.m. (IO)	11. Update PART 1: New IDA definition for dyslexia and <u>Dyslexia Initiatives</u> <i>Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement</i> *	20 min	Dr. Laurie Curtis, Early Literacy/Dyslexia Program Manager
3:00 p.m. (AI)	12. Act on Legislative Priorities for the Kansas State Board 2026 PART TWO	30 min	Dr. Harwood, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal and Administrative Services Gabrielle Hull, Legislative Coordinator
3:30 p.m.	Break	10 min	
3:40 p.m. (AI)	13. Act on request to approve the contract requests for USD 268 Cheney, USD 336 Holton and Manhattan Catholic School for testing of <i>Healthier Kansas</i> Menu revisions.	10 min	Kelly Chanay, Director. Child Nutrition and Wellness
3:50 p.m. (IO)	14. Teacher Highlight: Thomas Fulbright, winner of Civics History Prize, "Becoming American" <i>Board Goal #2 Quality Leadership Development</i>	15 min	Nathan McAlister, Humanities Program Manager
4:05 p.m.	Break	10 min	
4:15 p.m.	Executive Session	1 hour	
5:15 p.m.	Recess until December 10 th at 9 a.m.		

Agenda Wednesday, December 10, 2025

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
9:00 a.m.	Call to Order		Chair Hopkins
9:00 a.m. (IO)	1. Presentation on AI in Education *	30 min	Dr. Jake Steel, Director, Strategy and Operational Alignment
9:30 a.m. (RI)	2. Receive to initiate RFP (Request for Proposal) contract bid process for maintenance and enhancements of the Kansas Integrated Accountability System (KIAS) suite of applications	15 min	Dean Zajic, Asst. Director, Special Education and Title Services
9:45 a.m. (AI/RI)	3. A. Act on review of KAR 91-41 Mentor Teacher Program Requirements B. Receive Item on Regulation Review <i>Board Goal #3 Policy Regulation & Alignment</i>	20 min	Dr. Renee Nugent, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
10:05 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:15 a.m. (IO)	4. Presentation on School Improvement <i>Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement</i>	30 min	Dr. Renee Nugent Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
10:45 a.m. (IO)	5. Presentation on High Quality Instructional Materials Survey <i>Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement</i>	30 min	Dr. Renee Nugent Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
11:15 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:25 a.m. (RI)	6. Receive item to approve <i>State Board Policy Committee</i> language change for the threshold to approve items to \$25,000	20 min	Mrs. Melanie Haas, State Board Policy Committee Chair Dr. John Hess, Director, Fiscal Services
11:45 p.m. (RI)	7. Receive Kansas School for the Deaf Task Force Recommendations	30 min	Lisa Karney, Education Program Consultant State Board members: Mrs. Dombrosky, Mrs. Haas and Dr. New
12:15 p.m.	Break	10 min	

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12:25 p.m. (IO)	8. Update on School Improvement Days * <i>Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement</i>	15 min	Dr. Jay Scott, Director, Accreditation/Design
12:40 p.m.	9. Committee Reports Chair Report (Act on Legislative Liaison) Board Travel requests (AI) Future Agenda Requests	30 min	Chair Hopkins
1:10 p.m.	Adjourn until TUESDAY, January 13 at 10 a.m.		