



ACTION ITEMS

TUES 1. MINUTES for August 2025

Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve the minutes for the August 12 & 13, 2025, Kansas State Board of Education meeting. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. **Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.**

TUES 2. AGENDA There were three changes to the agenda. The Kansas State School for the Deaf presentation was cancelled due to a family emergency for the Superintendent. There was an executive session added for Wednesday and a receive/action item: *Receive and Act on a Resolution to Disorganize USD 334 Southern Cloud and attach the territory thereof to USDs 273, 333, 224, 379 and 239* presented by General Counsel R. Scott Gordon.

Consent items: b, e, g and t were removed from the agenda.

Mrs. Haas moved to approve the agenda for September 9 & 10, 2025 with the changes noted and consent items b, e, g, and t removed for a separate vote/discussion. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. **Motion carried 10-0.**

INDIVIDUAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED:

Mrs. Haas asked for discussion on F.

F. Act to change category to Postsecondary Asset List: student officer in any state level high school organization.

Mrs. Dombrosky ask for discussion, comment and separate vote on:

B. Act on Request to contract with Kansas State University to support Kansas Family, Career & Community Leaders of America

E. Act to extend contract with ACT for ACT, WorkKeys, and Pre-ACT assessments as required by Kansas Statute.

G. Notification to the Kansas State Board of Education of four private schools and one scholarship granting organization to participate in the Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarship Program (TCLISSP).

Mrs. Potter also requested **B** and added for discussion, comment and separate vote on:

T. Act on request from USD 353 Wellington, Sumner County, to hold a bond election.

There was a brief presentation from Beth Fultz, and comments from Mrs. Haas on **F.** and the issue of the Kansas Thespians wanting to be on the postsecondary asset list. Mrs. Fultz explained that the Thespians are able to use their membership as an asset through a different item. The item stayed on the consent agenda.

VOTING ON PULLED CONSENT ITEMS:

Consent Item B

Mrs. Potter asked for a presentation on the pathway that she feels is not clear. The Chair answered that the pathway has already been voted on. Dr. Watson clarified that there could be a presentation on Mrs. Potter's concern, but the vote on the table is to contract for an advisor.

Mrs. Haas moved It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to contract with Kansas State University to support the Kansas State Advisor of Family, Career & Community Leaders of America at a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year, up to a total of \$300,000.00 for the period of five years, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion.

Mrs. Potter made a point of order and offered an amendment to the motion:

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to contract with Kansas State University to support the Kansas State Advisor of Family, Career & Community Leaders of America at a total amount of \$60,000 for a period of one year, from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded the motion. Motion failed 5-5 with Mrs. Haas, Dr. New, Chair Hopkins, Mrs. Arnold, and Mr. Porter voting no.

(back on the original motion) Motion carried 6-3-1 with Mrs. Potter, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no, Mr. Zeck present not voting.

Consent Item E

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to extend the contract with ACT for the purpose of providing ACT assessments to students in accredited schools. The contract will provide one PreACT to all students enrolled in grade 9, one ACT to all students enrolled in grade 11 including science and one WorkKeys suite to all students enrolled in either 11th or 12th grade. This act would extend this contract to five more years from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, shall not exceed \$25 million. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. Potter voting no, and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

Consent Item G

Mrs. Dombrosky commented that if a child is attending a school receiving a scholarship the parents should be notified. Deputy Commissioner Harwood explained that this item is a notification only and does not need a vote by the Board.

Consent Item T

Mrs. Potter commented that businesses are coming and being paid by the schools to sell these bonds to the public. She stated that local boards are pressured into voting for the bonds even

when they know their constituents are not in favor of the bond. She referenced a local survey.

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education issue an Order authorizing USD 353, Wellington, Sumner County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Potter and Mrs. O'Brien voting no.

TUES 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Receive monthly personnel report and appointments to unclassified positions.
- c. Act on local professional development plans.
- d. Act on licensure waivers.
- h-bb (capitol improvement and hold a bond election) 21 items There were many requests due to the new law that limits the time period these items can be submitted.

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 9. Act on Accreditation Review Council Recommendations

Dr. New moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Accreditation Review Council recommendation that each school system in KESA be accredited for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. Arnold was not present at that moment.

TUES 10. Americorps Contract

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education contract with America Learns for AmeriCorps performance, progress and financial reporting. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

TUES 11. Evaluation Review Committee Recommendations

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for educator preparation program approvals for Emporia State University and Kansas State University. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

WED 5. National Association of School Boards of Education dues

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the payment of \$19,600 for the 2026 dues of the National association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

ADDED ITEM: Receive and Act on resolution to disorganize USD 334 and attach the territory thereof to USDs 273, 333, 224, 379, and 239.

1. Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education suspend the policy of voting on action items a month after receiving the proposed action and vote on the Disorganization item immediately. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Chair Hopkins moved to approve the resolution for the proposed disorganization of USD 334 and attach the territory to USDs 273, 333, 224, 379 and 239 as presented. Vice Chair Zeck seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Board Travel Requests

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Board member travel requests as presented. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0. (Mrs. Arnold was not present).

Executive Session

Vice Chair Zeck moved the Board go into executive session, Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. There were 10 minutes added. Same motion and result. Mrs. Arnold was not present.

ADDED ITEM: Dr. Watson's intention to retire

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education, reluctantly and with the Board's deepest gratitude, to accept Dr. Watson's intent to retire upon the appointment and transition of his successor. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. Arnold was not present.

RECEIVE ITEMS

TUES 13. Receive Assessment Contracts:

Recommended Motion:

It is moved the Kansas Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract with the recommended vendor resulting from the bidding process required by the Department of Administration and Division of Purchasing for the purpose of providing a product linked to English Language Arts and mathematics scale score on the Kansas state summative assessments and resources for students, parents, and teachers aligned to the scientific measure of a student's reading or mathematics ability with a contract amount not to exceed \$1.5 million through June 30, 2031.

Recommended Motion:

It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to contract with the University of Kansas for the purpose of providing the state assessments to students in accredited schools. The contract will provide development of new items, test administration, score reporting, psychometrics, and some released items annually. This contract is for three years from July 1, 2026, and would not exceed \$6,000,000 annually.

TUES 16. Receive KSSB/KSD request to raise out-of-state tuition prices

Recommended Motion: It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the proposed tuition rate increases for out-of-state students at the Kansas School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind.

The proposed new rates for the 2026-2027 school year would be as follows: Day

Services: An increase from \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 per student. Dormitory

Services: An increase from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 per student

PRESENTATIONS

- State Assessment Score Reports (Beth Fultz, Julie Ewing, Matt Copeland and Susan Martin)
- Promoting excellence in Kansas Educational Leadership (G.A. Buie, Exec Director United School Administrators of Kansas)
- Reading Corner: Sarah Newton, Reading Specialist from Horton, with two students (Dr. Laurie Curtis)
- Presentation to honor Clelia McCrory, ESSDACK, CTE for her years of service (Beth Fultz, Dennis Hershberger)
- Kansas State School for the Blind Overview and Budget Request (Superintendent John Harding)
- Student Data Privacy and Third Party Access (Virginia Crossland Macha, Parents in Charge)
- Digital Health and Safety Concerns for Students (Katie Kincaid-Longhauser, The Screen Guardians and Kevin Cronister, Detective with Internet Crimes Against Children ICAC Task Force in Kansas City Metro Area)
- The Impact of AI in Education (Dr. Jake Steel)
- Computer Science Education in Kansas (Dr. Stephen King)
- Practical Aspects of Starting the School Year, from an administrator's perspective (Dr. Renee Nugent, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services)

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Haas reported that the Policy Committee is working with R. Scott Gordon on school district procedures. Next month they will meet with John Hess about when financial items need to be approved by the Board.

Mrs. Haas reported that the Kansas State School for the Deaf School Improvement Task Force has been meeting on a regular basis. Mrs. Dombrosky and Dr. New are both on that Task Force with her. Last meeting focused on literacy and parents' reading with their children. Dr. New felt there is good fact finding activity on resources for students, teachers and curriculum leaders.

Mrs. O'Brien attended the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education. The topic of funding

was discussed and concerns about the possibility of Haskell closing.

Mr. Porter reported on the Kansas Legislative Task Force on School Funding. He noted they are not as far along in the process as predicted. Goal was to have something to look at. There are no more meetings scheduled this year, but there is time left to work on the formula next year. He also spoke about accountability and the cut scores. He was on the board when the last set up cut scores were set.

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Mrs. Potter:

1. Discuss limit contract periods to one board time period.
2. US Dept. of Education letters that have been sent out.
3. Persistently Dangerous School Definition. (Report from Elementary and Secondary Education Act ESEA Committee)

Mrs. Dombrosky: Look over the increase in regulations (using the list Mr. Buie gave the Board)

Mr. Porter: Teacher Point of View on Screens and Technology in the classroom