



Action

TUES 1. MINUTES for June 2025

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the minutes for the June 10 & 11 meeting. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.

TUES 2. AGENDA

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Agenda. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Receive personnel report
- b. Act on FY26 Grant Awards for IDEA IV-B Special Education Targeted Improvement Plan Grants
- c. Act on local professional development plans
- d. Act on recommendation for a visiting scholar license
- e. Act on recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 6. Approval of the KSDE Budget Recommendations for the State Board to provide to the Governor's office prior to the legislative session

a. Major Categories of State Aid

State Foundation Aid

Supplemental State Aid

Capital Improvement State Aid

Capital Outlay State Aid

Estimates for these categories are set during the Education Consensus Estimates

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recommend the adoption of the consensus estimates for the major categories of state aid in Fiscal Year 2027. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

b. Budget Options

Special Education State Aid

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement to provide funding needed to support 80% of Special Education Excess Costs for FY2027. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Mentor Teacher Program – KSA 72-2561

Chair Hopkins moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$1.3 million for the Mentor Teacher program for Fiscal Year 2027. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Professional Development – KSA 72-2544

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$1.77 million for the Professional Development Program for Fiscal Year 2027. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-3 with Mr. Porter, Chair Hopkins and Mrs. Potter voting no.

National Board Certification – KSA 72-2166

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$360,000 for the Teacher of Excellence program \$360,000 for the Teacher of Excellence program for Fiscal Year 2027. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

c. Other Programs/Legislative Initiatives

Kansas Safe and Secure Schools

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$15 million for the Safe and Secure Schools Grant program for Fiscal Year 2027. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Vice Chair Zeck voting no and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

E-Rate

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$500,000 for the E-Rate Infrastructure Match for Fiscal Year 2027. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-4 with Mrs. Potter, Vice Chair Zeck, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

Increased Office Rent for KSDE

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$148,262 to cover the increase in state office rental for Fiscal Year 2027. Vice Chair Zeck seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Hershberger and Mrs. Potter voting no.

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$7,532 to cover the cost of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission dues increase for Fiscal Year 2027. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

State Board of Education Compensation

Chair Hopkins moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$120,000 plus a 4.4% increase to provide State Board member compensation to be commensurate with legislator compensation for Fiscal Year 2027. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

Administrative Funding for E-Rate

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of \$95,920 to replace funding required to support school districts with the E-Rate process for Fiscal Year 2027. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-4 with Vice Chair Zeck, Mrs. Dombrosky, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Potter voting no.

TUES 12. Teacher Apprenticeship Program

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approves the addition of a graduate degree route within the Kansas Teacher Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approves the addition of a youth apprenticeship route within the Kansas Teacher Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Zeck seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approves grant awards for the Kansas Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program Districts for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Vice Chair Zeck voting no.

TUES 13. Regenerated Licensure Test Scores

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt and set cut scores for the regenerated licensure tests as follows:

Early Childhood Education Foundational Knowledge and Content (Test #5534) with a recommended cut score of 163;

Middle School Social Studies (Test #5589) with a recommended cut score of 149.

Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 14. CTE Cluster and Pathway Review Recommendations

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Career and Technical Education 2024-2025 Cluster and Pathway Review recommendations approved by the Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

TUES 15. Evaluation Review Committee for Educator Preparation Providers

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for educator preparation provider accreditation for Tabor College

and program approvals for Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Haskell Indian Nations University, and Kansas State University. Dr. New seconded the motion. **Motion carried 10-0.**

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 6:30 p.m. for 30 minutes; no action will be taken during this session; and the open meeting will resume in the Board Room at 7 p.m. Mr. Gordon, Mr. Ferguson, Dr. Harwood 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.**

Receive

- State Assessment Cut Scores (in three parts)
- KESA Kansas Education System Accreditation Graduation Requirements

Presentations

- Commissioner's Report
- Persistently Dangerous Schools
- *Declaration of Independence* Reading, Tonganoxie Choir and group singing Extravaganza
- Reading Corner
- Board Goals Discussion
- Federal Issues and Attorney General's Actions
- Presentation on *The Kansas Math Project*
- Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screentime recommendations: District Outcomes

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Dombrosky on the KSD Task Force

Mr. Hershberger announcing Policy Committee meeting in August

Mrs. O'Brien and Dr. New attending Lawrence Gardner High School Graduation

Mrs. Arnold shared about the Whole Child NASBE committee

Chair Hopkins shared her many events (National Teacher Hall of Fame in Topeka and Emporia, Building Opportunities for Outstanding Teachers at Fort Hays State University, Education Funding Task Force replacing Mr. Porter)

Board Member requests for future presentations:

Mrs. Potter: Definition of Persistently Dangerous Schools and Teacher Ethics Standards

Mrs. O'Brien: CI3T teacher website

Mrs. Dombrosky: Screentime in School

Mr. Hershberger: October is Ag Month and Vice Chair Zeck: Info on AI