

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Melanie Haas called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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| Betty Arnold | Deena Horst |
| Michelle Dombrosky | Ann Mah |
| Melanie Haas | Jim McNiece |
| Dennis Hershberger | Jim Porter |
| Cathy Hopkins | Danny Zeck |

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Haas read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Kansans Can Vision Statement. She then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Haas asked to vote on consent agenda items a, b and k separately from all other items per Mrs. Dombrosky’s request. Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the day’s agenda as amended. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck in opposition.

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APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the March 14 and 15 regular Board meeting. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck in opposition.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson proposed four goals for the Board to consider adopting as its focus for the next 18 months. The goals and related outcomes were the result of the Board’s retreat sessions in February and March and are as follows:

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Goal #1: Provide effective educators in every school district.

- Outcome: Increase the number of teacher candidates in Kansas.
- Outcome: Strengthen leadership development in Kansas.

Goal #2: To best position each student for post secondary opportunities and success.

- Outcome: Decrease the percent of students scoring in level 1 on the State Assessments and increase the percent of students scoring in levels 3 and 4 on the State Assessments.

Goal #3: Enhance engagement and partnerships with families, communities, business and policy stakeholders.

- Outcome: *To Be Determined*

Goal #4: Enhance the safety and security of school districts in Kansas.

- Outcome: Diminish the threat and severity of school violence and cybersecurity attacks on school districts.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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Chair Haas declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:28 a.m. There were three speakers and their topics this month: Michael Kratky, Wilson High School Future Committee, informing the Board of their effort to disorganize USD 112 Central Plains; Cheryl Reding, KAPCOTE, sharing information on private colleges of teacher education and KAPCOTE's role in P-20 education; Gretchen Shanahan, Overland Park, asking the Board to provide recommendations to districts for protecting schools for Ed Tech/Big Tech. Chair Haas declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:41 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF USD 315, COLBY, STUDENT MADDIE MCCARTY, WINNER OF SIFMA FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL INVESTWRITE COMPETITION

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State Board members recognized Maddie McCarty, a Colby Middle School student, Colby USD 315. She won the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation's National InvestWrite Competition. KSDE's Nathan McAlister introduced Charlene Nichols, with the Kansas Council for Economic Education, Maddie, and Brandi Jones, a teacher at Colby Middle School. Maddie played the Stock Market Game in Jones' eighth-grade class. She then wrote an essay to submit to InvestWrite about her experience and long-term investing and capital markets. Maddie was the state winner and then moved on to the national competition, which she also won.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023 KANSAS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARS

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Natalie Clark, assistant director of KSDE's CSAS team, announced the 2023 Kansas Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholars. There were 261 Kansas seniors who were named CTE Scholars this year. This is the largest number of seniors recognized since the program's inception in 2017. The program is an opportunity to recognize well-rounded, outstanding CTE students who are finishing their senior year of high school.

ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

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Assistant Director Doug Bodine reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, which included 9 ESSER II change requests with a total net change of \$1.2M. As for ESSER III, 6 new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value of \$13.3M. There are 9 ESSER III change requests this month with a total net change of \$2.3M.

Mr. McNiece moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER II change request as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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Mrs. Arnold moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER III expenditure plans and change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS AWARDED THE KANSAS PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION: USD 207 FORT LEAVENWORTH, USD 260 DERBY AND USD 263 MULVNE

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State Board of Education members recognized three school districts designated as Kansas Purple Star Schools and one district that was the first district in the state to implement a pilot Purple Star School program in 2020. Dr. Keith Mispagel, superintendent at Fort Leavenworth USD 207, and Col.

John Misenheimer Jr., Fort Leavenworth, discussed how Fort Leavenworth USD 207 earned the Kansas Purple Star designation by having events such as the annual USD 207 Freedom Walk, Retiree Appreciation Day and Month of the Military Child. Heather Bohaty, superintendent of Derby USD 260, along with three students from Tanglewood Elementary School and Derby North Middle School, shared how Derby USD 260 earned the designation by conducting age-appropriate spirit weeks, having military morning greeters, military appreciation events and more. Col. Heath Frye, 22nd Mission Support Group Commander at McConnell Air Force Base, and Gregory Martin, school liaison program manager for McConnell, also spoke. Glenda Cowell, director of special services and communication for Mulvane USD 263, shared a message from a former student, Valerie Ford, who just completed Navy boot camp and also shared how Mulvane USD 263 helps military students and their families. Dr. Reginald Eggleston, superintendent of Geary County USD 475, which was the first district in the state to implement the program, and Col. Michael Foote spoke about Geary County's program.

RECOGNITION OF 2023 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

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The 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year Brian Skinner, an interrelated special education/English teacher at Newton High School, Newton USD 373, and the 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team presented to the State Board members. Team members are: Jessica Gazzano, an art and publications teacher at Woodland Spring Middle School, Spring Hill USD 230. Erica Huggard, a biology, anatomy and physiology teacher at Emporia High School, Emporia USD 253. Mallory Keefe, a preschool teacher at Cheney Elementary School, Cheney USD 268. Pamela Munoz, a kindergarten teacher at McCarter Elementary School, Topeka USD 501. Kendal Norberg, a fourth-grade teacher at Broadmoor Elementary School, Louisburg USD 416. Jaimie Swindler, a special education teacher at Ottawa High School, Ottawa USD 290. Carly Torres, a fifth-grade teacher at Wiley Elementary School, Hutchinson USD 308.

ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO K.A.R. 91-31-31 AND 91-31-35

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In June 2021, the Graduation Requirements Task Force was established to review and recommend changes to the Kansas State Board of Education's minimum graduation requirements. Last year, the Kansas State Board of Education reviewed the recommendations and asked for changes to be made to the accreditation regulations. In February and March 2023, KSDE's General Counsel R. Scott Gordon provided the proposed changes to K.A.R. 91-31-31 and 91-31-35 to reflect the State Board's desired changes to graduation requirements and answered Board member's questions. Mrs. Mah moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Kansas State Department of Education to submit the proposed amendments to K.A.R. 91-31-31 and 91-31-35 through the formal regulatory adoption process. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mr. Zeck in opposition and Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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ACTION ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

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During the State Board meeting in March, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on 20 (18 public and 2 private) systems that were ready for review of an accredited status recommendation. The systems that were received by the Board in March USD 204 Bonner Springs, USD 230 Spring Hill, USD 239 North Ottawa County, USD 252 Southern Lyon County, USD 294 Oberlin, USD 300 Comanche County, USD 346 Jayhawk, USD 356 Conway Springs, USD 359 Argonia, USD 364 Marysville, USD 365 Garnett, USD 366 Woodson County, USD 379 Clay County, USD 464 Tonganoxie, USD 474 Haviland, USD 481 Rural Vista, USD 489 Hays, USD 495 Ft. Larned, and for conditional accreditation – Z0060 Accelerated Schools of Overland Park. Mr. Scott brought these 20 systems back to the Board for action. Mrs. Mah made a motion to accept the

recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to the systems presented and conditionally accredited to Z0060 Accelerated Schools of Overland Park. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIPT OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended an accredited status for the next sixteen (16) systems awaiting recommendation (15 public and 1 private). Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the 16 systems. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in May 2023. The systems that were received for accreditation are Western Plains USD 106, Doniphan West USD 111, Barnes USD 223, Clifton-Clyde USD 224, Uniontown USD 235, Valley Falls USD 338, Osawatomie USD 367, Hoxie USD 412, Osage City USD 420, Hoisington USD 431, Easton USD 449, Lansing USD 469, Parsons USD 503, and Linn Lutheran; and recommended for conditional accreditation are Leroy-Gridley USD 245 and Kiowa County USD 422.

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UPDATE ON REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Shane Carter, director of KSDE's Teacher Licensure team, updated the Board on the Kansas Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program. A Teaching Registered Apprentice (RA) program will be a tool to address teacher shortage. The Teaching RA program will allow districts to identify teacher candidates from their current work force such as para educators, substitute teachers, or students who graduated from their district. The Teaching RA program will allow districts to hire candidates as teacher apprentices while the candidate completes college coursework to become a licensed teacher. Teacher apprentice candidates will not serve as teachers of record during the program but serve as an apprentice under the tutelage of a mentor teacher while coursework is completed. The plan is to begin a pilot apprenticeship program during the 2023-2024 school year.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (PPC)

General Counsel Scott Gordon presented two cases for action and Professional Practices Commission Chair Jennifer Holt attended via Zoom and was available for questions. Mrs. Mah moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission and follow the recommendation to the grant the applications in 22-PPC-08 and 22-PPC-18. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. Next, Mrs. Mah moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission and follow the recommendation to the deny the application in 22-PPC-23. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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SUMMARY AND UPDATE OF EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION (ESI) REGULATIONS

KSDE's General Counsel Scott Gordon provided an update on proposed changes to the Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) regulations. In response to an administrative review, the State Board sought clarification and revision on its definition of "seclusion." The State Board approved submission of new language through the formal regulatory adoption process. As part of the adoption process, the State Board will have a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, and is scheduled to vote on whether to formally adopt amendments to the ESI regulations.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: 2023 KANSAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Craig Neuenswander updated the State Board on the current legislative session. Legislative committees will return April 24, and the full legislature will return April 26. In

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addition to highlighting provisions in the appropriations bills he discussed the following bills that have passed:

- HB 2236 assures parents' rights to object to curriculum and materials that conflict with their morals and values.
- HB 2322 defines dyslexia as an identified special education disability.
- Senate Sub for HB 2138 allows school closure decisions to be appealed to the State Board. The bill also requires school districts to provide separate overnight accommodations for students based on biological sex at birth.
- SB 123 requires school districts to pay for CTE credential assessments. No additional funding is provided.
- HB 2080 allowing virtual students to take the state assessment online has been signed into law by the Governor.
- HB 2292 creates an apprenticeship program for aspiring teachers.
- SB 66 allows Kansas to join the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.

RECEIVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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Dr. Jon Harding, Superintendent of the Kansas School for the Blind, presented a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Kansas State School of the Blind (KSSB). Tricia Waggoner from KDHE was also present to answer questions. The purpose of this MOA between KDHE and KSSB is to facilitate the development of a cooperative relationship enhancing coordination of public awareness, child find, screening, referral, evaluation and services for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, who have vision impairments and their families residing in the State of Kansas. This agreement is guided by the state and federal regulations implementing Part C of the IDEA 2004.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chair Haas asked to vote on consent items 21a, b and k separately from the other submissions per Mrs. Dombrosky's request. Mr. McNiece moved to approve consent agenda items 21 a, b and k. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

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- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Received the report of personnel filling unclassified positions.
- Approved the request from USD 465 Winfield for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid.

ACTION ON REMAINDER OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Mah moved to approve consent agenda items 21c, d, e, f, g, h, I and j. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 6-4 with Mrs. Dombrosky, Mr. Hershberger and Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Zeck in opposition. In this action, the Board:

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- Approved recommendations for licensure waivers.
- Approved recommendations for funding the 2022-23 Supplemental AmeriCorps Kansas Grant Award.
- Approved ERC recommendations for accreditation and program approval.
- Approved request to contract with WIDA for alternate English Learner assessments.
- Approved request to amend the contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc., to provide professional development services to 98 additional systems.
- Approved request to contract with Brustein & Manasevit to support the administration of Perkins V.
- Approved request to contract with Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush to develop a CTE

Digital Reference Guide and research Kansas' Career & Technical Education Career Field, Cluster and Pathway model.

- Approved recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee.

CHAIR REPORT

(07:26:22)

In the Chair Report, Chair Haas announced her appointment of Mrs. Arnold to remain on the Interstate Migrant Council and Mrs. Dombrosky to remain on the Charter and Virtual Advisory Council.

Action on Board Travel —

Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve travel requests and updates. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Committee Reports —

There were no committee reports.

Board Attorney's Report —

Mr. Ferguson did not have a report this month.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

Mr. Porter, Mr. Hershberger and Dr. Horst all expressed interest in reviewing/discussing possible permanent changes to the current requirements for substitutes. Mrs. Dombrosky requested a presentation on Emergency Safety Interventions. Mr. Zeck would like an in depth look at the state's service centers including budgets and individuals involved. Mrs. Hopkins requested a presentation of the teacher licensure process. Lastly, Mr. Porter requested a report on why we do not have an approved educator pathway.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas School for the Deaf.

Melanie Haas, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary



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Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

SCHOOL VISITS

The State Board of Education attended scheduled visits to the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

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| Betty Arnold | Ann Mah |
| Melanie Haas | Jim McNiece |
| Dennis Hershberger | Jim Porter |
| Cathy Hopkins | Danny Zeck |
| Deena Horst | |

*Michelle Dombrosky was not in attendance.

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Superintendent Luanne Barron welcomed the Board members and gave a history of KSD and an overview of KSD programs. Presentations from staff members followed, as well as a presentation from two students on their experience at the school.

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Superintendent Jon Harding gave the Board members a tour of the campus including their new maker's space. After the tour, members gathered in the library for presentations by different staff members and a student.

ADJOURNMENT

The day's activities concluded at approximately 3:15 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting is May 9 and 10 in Topeka.

Melanie Haas, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary