

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed those in attendance, including student teachers from Baker University accompanied by Dr. Merrie Skaggs.

**10/9/2018
A.M. Session
(00:00:06)**

ROLL CALL

The following nine Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Ann Mah	Steve Roberts
Sally Cauble	Jim McNiece	Janet Waugh
Deena Horst	Jim Porter	Ken Willard

Member John Bacon was absent.

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Porter read the Board’s Mission Statement as well as the Kansans Can Vision, which is to lead the world in the success of each student. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Roberts requested adding discussion time to consider placing requests for future agenda items earlier in the meeting and to consider his written proposal regarding student identification. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion to amend agenda failed to receive the required six votes necessary for passage. Mr. McNiece then moved to approve the day’s agenda as presented. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

**MOTIONS
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APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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APPROVAL OF AMENDED JULY MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McNiece moved to amend the July 10, 2018 minutes to change the term “BASE” in his recorded motion to “State Foundation Aid” to coincide with new terminology in the current law. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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RECEIVE KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Bill Faflick, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA), presented the organization’s annual report of operation to the State Board. This included highlights of initiatives for sports medicine, risk minimalization and coaching education. There were updates on implementation of the new classification system, student leadership programs and achievements in performing arts. KSHSAA staff members Brent Unruh, Mark Lentz and Craig Manteuffel assisted with the presentation.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:47 a.m. There were no speakers for public comment this month.

(00:49:20) **UPDATES FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**
Board members will receive in-person updates from the School for the Deaf and School for the Blind approximately every other month. KSSB Superintendent Jon Harding briefed the Board on progress of goals specific to field services (outreach) and assisting students' transitions to home and school communities. He also talked about providing more supports in rural areas and challenges to find employment opportunities for students. KSD Superintendent Luanne Barron talked in depth about the Language Assessment Program that became law July 1. She shared information about a pilot project to provide educational live broadcasts, particularly for early learners. Board members discussed rules and practices for conducting screenings in school.

BREAK There was a break until 11:50 a.m.

(01:42:52) **COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT AND KANSANS CAN VISION PROGRESS SUMMARY**
Dr. Randy Watson provided his annual summary to the Board as a look at the past year and vision report moving forward. He shared a draft of the 2017-18 KSDE Annual Report titled "Launch," calling attention to stats in student demographics. Dr. Watson highlighted specific achievements within the Kansans Can vision, a 10-year journey to lead the world in the success of each student and to redesign schools. Progress on the state-level vision outcomes included information related to kindergarten readiness, Individual Plans of Study and postsecondary success. He explained particulars of a new recognition system he plans to launch later in October for schools' achievements toward the outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate. He then answered questions.

LUNCH Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

P.M. SESSION
(02:20:20) **PRESENTATIONS BY 2018 NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF CHARACTER FROM KANSAS**
Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He welcomed guests from the two Kansas schools designated as 2018 National Schools of Character by Character.org, a nonprofit organization that supports the advancement of character initiatives in schools and communities. Representatives from Beloit Junior/Senior High in USD 273 and Nemaha Central Elementary/Middle School in USD 115 each described their character education programming. At Nemaha Central, the school created a social-emotional team this year and offers numerous avenues for students to reach out to others. The Beloit district follows a student-centered philosophy, which is supported by changes to improve school culture.

(03:09:33) **RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**
This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week was "Choose Respect." Education Program Consultant Kent Reed shared information from a recent study on reported bullying incidents and other indicators from Wallethub.com. In the study, Kansas led the nation in the fewest physical fights in schools. Mr. Reed also commented on data from other surveys (i.e. Communities That Care) collecting similar youth risk behavior information.

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(03:20:27) **ACTION ON KANSAS MODEL STANDARDS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION**
Last month, members of the review committee presented proposed updates to the standards for health education. The standards indicate what students should know or be able to do by the end of each grade level. Assistant Director Branden Johnson offered to answer questions from Board members. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Kansas Model Standards for Health Education as recommended by the Kansas Health Model Standards review team. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

ACTION ON KANSAS MODEL STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Mr. Johnson then brought forth the updated model standards for Physical Education, which were also

reviewed last month. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Kansas Model Standards for Physical Education as recommended by the Kansas Physical Education Model Standards review team. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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UPDATE ON TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY, PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD AND HIGHLIGHTS OF LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT

Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Mischel Miller led the presentation. She informed members of accomplishments of the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee as it addresses recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Vacancy and Supply. Several areas were identified as first priorities. Among these are mentoring and limited apprentice licenses for elementary and for high-incidence special education. She also reported on the upcoming Retention Summit, held in partnership with the Professional Standards Board. Assistant Director Susan Helbert spoke about data collected on the Licensed Personnel Report. Assignment vacancies, entrance and exit data, and retention are some of the categories school districts report.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, participated remotely to present recommendations of the Commission on licensure cases this month. Mrs. Horst moved to grant the license requested by Michael Slayton and any other licenses for which he may apply and be qualified to receive. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Next for consideration were four licenses the PPC recommended for revocation. Mr. McNiece moved to revoke the licenses of Jordan Ottley, Kyle Miller, Michael Knake and Timothy Weis. Mr. Roberts seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Weis appeared before the Board. General Counsel Scott Gordon was present to help answer questions. Following the advice of Board Attorney Mark Ferguson, a separate vote was taken on 15 b. (4) concerning the case of Mr. Weis. Mr. McNiece and Mr. Roberts approved amending the motion to revoke the licenses of Jordan Ottley, Kyle Miller and Michael Knake. Motion carried 9-0.

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AMENDED MOTION
(03:59:41)

Mr. Willard moved to revoke the license of Timothy Weis. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mrs. Horst abstaining.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Busch moved to 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. The session would begin at 3:30 p.m. for 30 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 4 p.m. Dr. Watson, Mark Ferguson and Scott Gordon were invited to join. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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The open meeting resumed at 4 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for September.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Amy Martin as Senior Administrative Assistant on the Special Education and Title Programs team, effective Sept. 23, 2018, at an annual salary of \$28,308.80; Sharon Bloom as Quality Assurance Technician on the Information

Technology team, effective Sept. 23, 2018, at an annual salary of \$47,236.80; Susan McMahan as Safety Specialist on the School Finance team, effective Sept. 23, 2018, at an annual salary of \$65,000.

- approved renewal of a Visiting Scholar license for the 2018-19 school year to Keri Caudle Maricle, Thomas More Prep-Marian High School.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Deaf or Hard of Hearing* -- Bria Lehr, Elizabeth Senseman, USD 259. *Early Childhood Special Education* -- Shauna Young, C0036; Arleen Sponsel, Kayla Gimple, Olivia Zody, Sheelagh Talkington Sy, USD 259; Kelsey Clemons, D0619; Felisha Bland, D0636; Allison Dollins, D0637; Jennifer Kinderknecht, D0702. *Early Childhood/Preschool* -- Julie Scharping, USD 385; Jennifer Stewart, D0637. *English as a Second Language* -- Alaina Kreft, USD 453. *English Language Arts* -- Alisha Clark, USD 363. *French* -- Emily Holland, USD 500. *General Science* -- Martika Madrid-Crockett, USD 363. *Gifted* -- Nichola Demarest, USD 259; Joshua Yoakam, USD 469; Kristina Bubna, USD 497; Chelsea Harper, D0609; Kimberly Kasson, D0636. *Health* -- Joshua Harbour, USD 457. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Megan Dillavou, Camilla Stamper, Kelly Lucas, USD 229; Kaitlyn Wright, USD 230; Johnathan Stark, USD 232; Trisha Hunter, USD 233; Anna Weniger, Anthony Kavalauskas, Elise Kratz, Brook Lohmeier, Alyssa Beck, Amani Ross, Andra McKenna, Angela Masterson, Bradley Schafer, Brittany Hauck, Eric Hansen, Heather Crump, Laurie McNeil, Lexi Giannetti, USD 259; Miranda Buff, Steven Siemens, USD 261; Rachel Campbell, USD 282; Brylee Soule, David Hughes, Derek Racette, Ivy Newton, Kelsi Baird, Kyle Unruh, USD 308; Brandeena Watson, Jillian Tinkel, Margaret Strait, Racheal Hunt, Skyler Suther, USD 320; Sara Corbin, USD 372; Taylor Walker, USD 409; Aaron Lamar, USD 453; Kristine Carr, Cheryl Rilinger, Cynthia Leiker, Mitchell Moore, Reagan Hill, Samuel Hanes, Lynzee Beery, Lisa Sauvain, USD 457; George Shannon, Nicholas Black, USD 469; Angela Mathews, USD 497; Anthony Ybarra, Amy Wright, Holli Oberheu, Lauren Albright, Shannon Johnson, USD 512; Sherry Woods, Garrett Wilson, Katherine Farrell, Lisa Meise, Cheri Elliott, Kyle Groff, Matthew Brumley, Sarah Thompson, Andrea Schicke, D0607; Jessie Thacher, D0608; Adam Sallee, D0609; Diana McDaniel, Jeffrey Shearon, Carrie Mourn, D0610; Jennie Willard, D0619; Erika Householter, Gina Peak, John Lambert, Randa Linner, D0636; Debra Lopez, Elaina Lawson, Kimberly Bartelli, Teresa Van Epps, Kip Whiteley, Rhyann Lofts, Sarah Braun, Shaunya Timmons, D0637; Blanca Bueno, Amanda Kelley, Jana Laffery, Traci McDonald, D0702; Angela Ward, D0708; Erin Walton, Hazel Davidson, Joshua Simons, Sonya Owings, Stacie Boehm, Calvin Johnson, Z0032. *Library Media Specialist* -- Cynthia Rogers, Jennifer Stebral, USD 259. *Life Science* -- Jaime Nickel, USD 497. *Low Incidence Special Education* -- Zinthia Ramos, USD 207; Anice Sewell, USD 229; Megan Jones, Bailey Christensen, USD 233; Laura Stanley, Nicolle Herman, USD 259; Paxton Rienbolt, D0457; Leah McDonald, Ashlee Spaits, Courtney Cleveland, USD 512; Katherine Allison, D0607; Karrieanne Murdock, D0619; Amber Kloster, Chase Cleland, Jennifer Martin, Shelby Hobbs, D0637. *Math* -- Justin Hinsley, USD 373. *Visual Impaired* -- Lisa Bohlen, USD 308; Codie Berntsen, D0619; Daniel Kelly, D0708.
- approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 387 Altoona-Midway and USD 400 Smoky Valley.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for **accreditation**: Barclay College through Dec. 31, 2022, Pittsburg State University through Dec. 31, 2025, Wichita State University, through Dec. 31, 2024; and **program approval** for Emporia State University — Biology 6-12, High Incidence Special Education (K-6, 6-12), Journalism 6-12, Library Media Specialist PreK-12, Science 5-8, all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024; Kansas State University — Foreign Language PreK-12 MAT new program through Dec. 31, 2020; MidAmerica Nazarene University — Biology 6-12, continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024; University of Saint Mary — Speech/Theatre 6-12, continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024; Washburn University — English Language Arts 5-8, continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024.

- approved the identified evidence-based practices for at-risk programs and instruction of students receiving at-risk program services as presented.
- authorized USD 389 Eureka to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 389 to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Reports — Mr. McNiece asked Board members to make recommendations to him and Mrs. Horst for the Communications Committee’s work next year. Mrs. Cauble shared a video from Dodge City USD 443 promoting the Transition to Teach program. Mrs. Busch stated that recommendations from the School Mental Health Advisory Council on suicide prevention protocols and child abuse awareness training would be forthcoming likely in January.

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Those wishing to provide individual Board reports did so in writing this month.

Board Attorney Report — Mark Ferguson commented on a recent Attorney General Opinion regarding service on local boards of education. He also informed members that the A.G.’s office has online accessibility to open meeting /open record allegations and resolutions on its Open Government tab.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data and Bullying Data
- School Mental Health Advisory Council’s suicide prevention protocols and recommendations for child abuse training (Mrs. Busch)
- Report on music/art education and ESSA (Mrs. Waugh)
- Presentation about student music program at Eisenhower Middle School in Topeka (Mrs. Waugh)
- Positive implementation of ESI at Heartspring (Mr. McNiece)

Chairman’s Report — Mr. Porter commented about the Task Force on Dyslexia subcommittees as well as the transition work group addressing long-term success of students with special needs. He informed members that evaluation responses for the Commissioner, Board Attorney and Board Secretary should be returned to him by Nov. 1.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch — Nov. 8 Governor’s Conference on Child Abuse, Nov. 9 A.G. Task Force on Suicide Prevention, Nov. 12 IPS Roadshow; Mr. McNiece — Nov. 12 IPS Roadshow; Mrs. Mah — Oct. 25 Oskaloosa school visit, Nov. 1 regional redesign training; Mr. Porter — Nov. 17 KTOY banquet; Mr. Willard — Oct. 15 Sterling Rotary presentation, Nov. 17 KTOY banquet; Mrs. Waugh — Nov. 17 KTOY banquet. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

ADJOURN

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

SCHOOL TOURS — WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 2018

Mercury 7 redesign schools in Twin Valley USD 240 hosted State Board members for an on-site tour. Schools participating were Tescott Elementary and Bennington Junior/Senior High. Board members attending the tours were: Jim Porter, Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh and Ken Willard. Commissioner Watson and several KSDE staff members also attended.

Activities included:

- Panel discussions with students, parents and teachers at each school
- Observations of project-based learning
- Visits with local board of education members