

# MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

(Delayed recording)

## ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Ann Mah
Jean Clifford	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ben Jones (afternoon arrival)	Janet Waugh

Mr. Jones was absent for the morning session.

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

Chairman Busch 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

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the day's agenda. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**

## APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the November Board meeting. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

During his report, Dr. Randy Watson expressed appreciation to all who are leading efforts to achieve vision outcomes. He commented specifically on inputs for social emotional growth, where the number of counselors and social workers in schools has increased, and kindergarten readiness in which programs for four year olds are on the rise and every student has access to kindergarten. Other programs are being scaled up as well, including ensuring that students graduate high school with postsecondary skills. Dr. Watson referenced graduation data for 2015-19 showing positive movement for various subgroups, but also indicating where challenges remain. Next, Dr. Watson announced the Apollo II phase of school redesign. Applications will be accepted Feb. 4 through April 3. Apollo II participants will be named at the April State Board meeting. In closing, he mentioned a special issue of **Education Week** dedicated to the science of reading.

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## CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:31 a.m. There was one speaker: Steve Roberts, Overland Park, who presented information on aeroponic tower farms in support of public-private partnerships. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:36 a.m.

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**UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF COMPUTER SCIENCE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION**

(00:35:10) Last June, a task force was formed to evaluate and recommend policies and actions leading to successful statewide implementation of the Computer Science Model Standards. Dr. Stephen King, KSDE Enterprise Architect, leads the task force. He provided Board members with an update on work of the four sub-committees, feedback from road shows across Kansas, and other information about the current landscape in schools. Computer Science as an academic discipline also takes into account technical and employability skills, and computational thinking. Among the discussion topics were teacher credentialing, capacity, equity and resources for small schools.

**BREAK** Board members took a 10-minute break at 11:15 a.m.

**ACTION ON POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE**

(01:10:42) Dr. Mark Thompson, Education Program Consultant at KSDE, spoke on behalf of the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force to provide current information about school districts now involved in a lawsuit against an e-cigarette manufacturer. He also shared statistics on lung injury cases, both hospitalizations and deaths. There was continued discussion about flavor bans and Tobacco 21 legislation. Other task force work includes cessation and discipline best practices. Several members of the Task Force were present to answer questions, including ones about the rise in use of electronic nicotine devices and availability of resources to schools. Mr. Porter moved to approve the recommended Comprehensive Tobacco-Free School Policy developed by the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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**LUNCH** Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 11:56 a.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

**RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS**

**P.M. SESSION**  
(01:44:10) Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Member Ben Jones joined the meeting. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis introduced representatives attending from four of the six schools named as National Blue Ribbon Schools in Kansas for 2019. The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors elementary and secondary schools that have made significant progress in closing the achievement gap. Principals in attendance described unique aspects of their school environments. Each commented on the importance of building relationships. Schools recognized were:

- Central Plains Elementary School, Central Plains USD 112, Principal Jane Oeser
- Corinth Elementary School, Shawnee Mission USD 512, Principal Chris Lowe
- Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy Elementary School, Hays USD 489, Principal Vicki Gile
- Holy Rosary-Wea Catholic School, Bucyrus, Principal Nick Antista

Blue Ribbon School honorees Lakewood Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229, and Clear Creek Elementary School, De Soto USD 232, were unable to attend.

**RECEIVE REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON BULLYING**

(02:22:20) The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying was commissioned in April 2019 to research key issues related to bullying awareness and prevention in state schools. Co-chairs are Mr. James Regier, Superintendent of Remington-Whitewater USD 206, and Dr. Rick Ginsberg, University of Kansas Dean of Education. Their presentation covered the guiding objectives and goals of the Task Force plus an overview of the seven main recommendations cited in the report to help schools, families and communities in addressing bullying, including cyberbullying. There was discussion about scope of the problem and definitions of bullying. Members had questions about the current Kansas Communities That Care survey, opt-in versus opt-out participation for accurate data, and potential involvement of the School Mental Health Advisory Council to provide oversight of the Task Force's recommendations. The State Board is expected to take action at its January meeting.

There was a break until 3 p.m.

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**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Professional Practices Commission Chair Linda Sieck connected remotely to introduce six cases for consideration this month. Mr. Jones moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in the denial of 19-PPC-27 and 19-PPC-30. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Next, Dr. Horst moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in the revocation of 19-PPC-31, 19-PPC-32, 19-PPC-33 and 19-PPC-41. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**INFORMATION ON EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS**

Dr. Brad Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner-Division of Learning Services, updated members on the process to identify and approve evidence-based best practices for students with at-risk needs, ensuring the state is meeting the intent of the law. He reviewed information in statute, described the state at-risk criteria, and basis for funding. Dr. Neuenswander shared examples of how districts utilize these funds to support at-risk students. He also talked about what reporting is required in the annual Local Consolidated Plan, resource information on the agency website and availability of district guidance. He answered questions throughout the presentation.

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**ACTION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSITION WORK GROUP REPORT**

The Special Education Transition Work Group aims to improve assistance to children with disabilities on matters concerning postsecondary transition. Work group facilitators were Jim Porter, current State Board member and former State Board Chair, and Rocky Nichols, Executive Director of the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. The areas addressed are (1) training, professional development and the IEP/transition system (2) systems change and coordination (3) capacity building and (4) data collection and tracking. Mr. McNiece moved to send the report from the Special Education Transition Work Group to the Special Education Advisory Council for further review and ask SEAC to report back to the State Board with comments and suggestions no later than February 2020. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**RECEIVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXTRAORDINARY ENROLLMENT GROWTH DEFINITION**

State Statute provides that the State Board of Education shall define enrollment growth for the purpose of allowing school districts that meet the State Board's definition to appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals for additional authority to open and operate a new facility. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis stated the current definition for extraordinary enrollment growth and presented a proposed provision for consideration that addresses the issue of enrollment growth in a selected part of a school district. Board action on the proposed amendment is anticipated in January.

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Legislative** — Mr. Porter commented on Public Education Week Feb. 24-28 and possible activities at the Statehouse to mark the occasion. He commented on education related bills already being considered. Next, he and Dr. Horst reviewed the draft of State Board legislative priorities proposed last month and led a discussion on shared suggestions from other education advocates.

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**Policy Committee** — Dr. Horst reported that the Policy Committee expects to have a redline of recommended changes for review at the February meeting.

**Other** — Mr. McNiece attended the Education Commission of the States' winter meeting. He will provide a written summary at a later time. Mr. Porter and Mr. Roberts attended the National Summit on Education Reform where several state topics are also national issues.

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

**Board Attorney Report** — Mark Ferguson commented on the monthly billing summary, including services provided to the Kansas School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind. He shared information on lawsuits against e-cigarette manufacturer JUUL and its related companies.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items —**

- Presentation about aeroponic tower farms in schools (Mr. Roberts)
- Resolution for observance of Public Schools Week Feb. 24-28 (Mr. Porter)
- Presentation from Education Commission of the States regarding resources/services (Mr. McNiece)
- School choice and concerns for equity (Mr. Roberts)
- Qualified Admissions and impact to K-12 (Mrs. Mah)
- UKan Teach program and filling need for STEM teachers (Mrs. Mah)
- STEM licensure prerequisites (Mr. Roberts)
- Continued discussion about KESA (Mrs. Busch)

**Chairman's Report** — During the Chairman's Report, Mrs. Busch commented on these recent activities: State Board panel discussion at the Kansas Association of School Board's annual conference, the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet, and the Dialogue Summit on Teacher Retention.

**ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for November.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Emily Bonilla as Consultant on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team, effective Nov. 3, 2019, at an annual salary of \$49,920.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Agriculture - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Thomas Zogleman, USD 411. *Deaf or Hard of Hearing* -- Bria Lehr, USD 259; Kelsey Bonnel, D0608. *Early Childhood Special Education* -- Jane Jackson, Stephanie Long, Lisa O'Neill, USD 500; Trinnie Bush, D0710. *Early Childhood Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Stacie Rios, D0608. *Early Childhood/Pre-school* -- Danielle Torres. *Elementary - extension of days only* - Emerald Given, Donald Jones, USD 202. *General Science - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Tami Boettjer, USD 375. *Gifted* - John Williams III, USD 437; Lisa Sauvain, USD 457; Catherine McGowan, USD 497; Jacob Pike, USD 500; Jacqueline Franklin, USD 501; Diana Albright, D0605. *High Incidence Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Jessie Thacher, D0608. *High Incidence Special Education* - Kacie Geiman, USD 229; Stacy Fitzpatrick, USD 231; Kelsey Demott, USD 234; Adrian Mitchell, Denise Roberts, John Kirkpatrick, Lisa McIntire, Kathleen Setser, Christine Barnaby, Mariah Reimer, USD 259; Doris Cheney, USD 305; Kyle Unruh, USD 308; Meshell Thornley, Tamara Wildes, USD 383; David Letson, USD 437; John Zeller, USD 450; David Bean, Dawnyel McCollum, Jami Knight, Michael Carpenter, Patty Ratliff, Sara Bailey, Shawn Agnew, Stefanie Boice, Stephanie Schultz, Tara Chalfant, Ashley Dobbie, Cole Younger, Erica Wisdom, Jennifer Labarr, Kelly Meyer, Kelly Scarrow, Kristin Chatham, Kyle Long, Marsha Warren, Megan Mejia, Molly Maher, Regina O'Dell, Sarah Folse, Sharon Simwinga, Shea Wright, Robert Ewing, Shelly Roehrman, USD 500; Alicia

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- approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 270 Plainville.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 281 Graham County and USD 320 Wamego.
- accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for educator preparation provider accreditation for **Bethel College** through Dec. 31, 2026, and program approval as follows: **Bethany College** - Chemistry 6-12, Health PreK-12, Physical Education PreK-12, all continuing programs through June 30, 2026; **Fort Hays State University** - Driver Education 9-12, new program through Dec. 31, 2021; **Sterling College** - Art PreK-12, continuing program through Dec. 31, 2025.
- issued Calendar Year 2020 licenses to the following recommended commercial Kansas driver training schools: McPherson Driving School, LLC, McPherson; Double Team Driving School, Overland Park; Varsolona Driving School, Frontenac; Royal Driving School, Salina; Rawhide Harley Davidson, Olathe; Safety First Driving, Olathe; BuckleUp School LLC, Lawrence; Legacy Driving School of Andover, Andover; Schuetz Driving School, Olathe; Motorcycle Rider Education, Wichita; Behind The Wheel, Inc, Overland Park; EcoDriver School, Lenexa; Freedom Driving School, Lenexa; Go Driving School Manhattan, Manhattan; Go Driving School, LLC, Lawrence; Premier Driving School LLC, Newton; Premier Driving School of Derby, Derby; Premier Driving School of Hutchinson, Hutchinson; Premier Driving School of Wichita, Wichita; Wichita Driving School East, LLC, Wichita; Twister City Motorcycles, Park City; Drive Right School of Wichita, Wichita; Drive Right School of Johnson County, Overland Park; Little Apple Driving School, Manhattan; Topeka Driving School, Inc, Topeka; Twin City Driver Education, Overland Park; Wichita Collegiate Comm. Driving School, Wichita; HyPlains Driving School, Inc, Dodge City; HyPlains Driving School of Garden City, Garden City; Bi-State Driving School, Inc, Overland Park; Behind The Wheel Defensive Driving School, Wichita; Horizon's Driving Academy, Salina; Suburban Driving Academy, Kansas City; Yost Driving School, Wichita; Johnny Rowlands Driving School Metcalf, Overland Park; Wichita Driving School, Inc, Wichita; Midwest Driving School, Lawrence.
- approved the amended Butler County Special Education Interlocal agreement.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- initiate the contract bid process to provide mentorship opportunities for Kansas' first-year superintendents and principals, and to support school systems in the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation process, in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the period of five years.

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**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Board members had the opportunity to make changes to the travel requests for approval. Dr. Horst moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**RECESS**

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:03 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Dec. 11, 2019, at the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

(Delayed recording)

## ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Ann Mah
Jean Clifford	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ben Jones (late arrival)	Janet Waugh

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Jones absent for the vote.

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## UPDATES FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Kansas State School for the Blind Superintendent Jon Harding included these topics in his regular update to the Board: various partnerships aiding with STEM education, navigational information using technology, playground construction, student attendance at a space camp, progress on goals, and upcoming events. Next, Kansas School for the Deaf Superintendent Luanne Barron reported on accreditation visit and report from CEASD (Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf). She also talked about a new robotics club, career fair, early start intervention in the Wichita region and parent support groups. Each superintendent answered questions about his/her respective programs.

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## INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

The 10th annual celebration of Computer Science Education Week occurred Dec. 9-15. During this week, Kansans were encouraged to learn about computer science and how it can be used to solve problems each day. Students from Oskaloosa, Wichita and Wamego school districts were paired one-to-one with Board members while demonstrating how to code. They also shared what they are learning in the classroom related to computer science instruction. Lisa Roberts Proffitt, Executive Director of FlagshipKansas.Tech, organized the personalized demonstrations.

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Board members took a break from 10:15 to 10:25 a.m.

**BREAK**

## ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Mr. Roberts moved to appoint Shelly Weir, Blue Valley North High School teacher, and John Wyrick, Labette County USD 506 Superintendent, to the Professional Standards Board effective Dec. 11, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. They will fill

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vacancies for a public secondary school teacher and chief public school administrator, respectively.

**UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION**

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Mischel Miller and Jeannette Nobo with the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation division led an overview and discussion about the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) process, which started in 2017-18. Time was reserved during the meeting for questions and answers. Topics included responsibilities of the Outside Visitation Teams (OVT); OVT training, structure and concerns about consistency; potential areas of conflict; tracking evidence of systems' progress and accountability during the accreditation cycle; roles of the Accreditation Review Council and the Accreditation Advisory Committee; levels of accreditation status and rubric of evaluation criteria; support for any systems that are conditionally accredited; improvements to the Executive Summary the State Board receives; and the volume of systems that will be presented for status consideration in the near future.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

The next State Board meeting is Jan. 14 and 15, 2020 in Topeka.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary