

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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, May 14, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She acknowledged the celebrations of Teacher Appreciation Week, student graduations and the 65th anniversary of the landmark Brown v Board of Education Supreme Court decision. Board members planned to tour the Brown v Board National Historic Site at the end of the meeting.

5/14/2019
A.M. Session
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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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| Kathy Busch | Ann Mah |
| Jean Clifford | Jim McNiece |
| Michelle Dombrosky | Jim Porter |
| Deena Horst | Steve Roberts |
| Ben Jones | Janet Waugh |

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

Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the Tuesday agenda. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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AMENDMENT TO APPROVED AGENDA

Following the vote, Mrs. Dombrosky moved to pull Item 15 j. (allocation of Preschool-Aged At-Risk Slots) from the consent agenda for discussion and separate action. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote to accept the amended agenda was 6-4 with Mr. McNiece, Dr. Horst, Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Mah in opposition.

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APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the April Board meeting. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

In his monthly report to the Board, Commissioner Randy Watson compared a 1960’s classroom to one today, emphasizing several key differences reflective of a changing world. He noted that while the previous model efficiently focused on academic content, today’s students can benefit from additional outcomes such as social/emotional growth and employability skills. Dr. Watson commented on the challenge of change and the role of schools in the change process. His presentation included information on children’s stages of development and essential elements of learning (repetition, practice of isolated skill building, projects and teacher feedback).

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:45 a.m. There were no speakers for public comment this month.

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- (00:48:26) **UPDATE ON FARM TO PLATE IN KANSAS FROM CHILD NUTRITION AND WELLNESS**
Farm to School is the national initiative to connect K-12 schools with regional or local farms in order to serve healthy meals using local foods. Cheryl Johnson and Barb Depew with Child Nutrition and Wellness explained that the Farm to Plate program in Kansas incorporates food, agriculture and nutrition education. It also supports economic development of local communities and school redesign principles. They talked about a new Farm Fresh Friday Campaign and upcoming recipe challenge. Four school districts participating in Farm to Plate shared news of their student activities and food service partnerships with local producers. These were USD 231 Gardner Edgerton (seasonal menu planning, Harvest of the Month), USD 251 North Lyon (hydroponics and broiler hens) USD 426 Pike Valley (Panther Producers working with FFA and community) and USD 497 Lawrence (school gardens and outdoor learning labs).
- BREAK**
There was a break from 11:25 to 11:35 a.m.
- (01:25:26) **UPDATE ON KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION**
Director Mischel Miller reported on work to align the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) with school redesign principles. She gave updates on regional trainings occurring, support and resources for the Outside Visitation Teams, and work of the Accreditation Advisory Committee. In July, the next systems seeking accreditation in the five-year cycle will be presented to the State Board for review. Board members inquired about the format of the Executive Summary they'll receive, accessing KESA information online and work of the Accreditation Review Council. They also had questions about the anticipated timetable and volume of systems to be presented for accreditation.
- LUNCH**
Chairman Busch recessed the morning session at noon. State Board members joined the US Senate Youth Delegates and Alternates for lunch.
- P.M. SESSION**
(01:49:34) **RECOGNITION OF 2019 US SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**
The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m. at which time Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis introduced the 2019 US Senate Youth program delegates from Kansas. They are Eli Blaufuss, Newton High School, USD 373, and Benjamin "Scott" Sawaya, Blue Valley Southwest High School, USD 229. Mr. Dennis also recognized Benjamin Posch, Eudora High School, USD 491, and Alejandro Rangel-Lopez, Dodge City High School, USD 443, as this year's alternates. The delegates represented Kansas in Washington D.C. and were each awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. These high school students described their most impactful learning experiences in D.C. They then engaged in a question and answer period with Board members.
- (02:24:38) **INFORMATION ON STUDENT HEALTH CONCERN: VAPING/E-CIGARETTES IN SCHOOLS**
Board members were interested in learning more about the growing use of electronic cigarettes and vaping among youth in schools. Mark Thompson, KSDE Education Program Consultant, coordinated the presentation which included information on use, ways in which youth are being targeted, what schools are experiencing, health risks, and the development of strategies/resources for schools to use. One such resource is a Vape-Free Schools Toolkit from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Jordan Roberts, Youth Prevention Program Manager for KDHE, explained how the electronic devices work and are being disguised as everyday items such as a flash drive or inhaler. David Stubblefield, Executive Director of School Administration with Blue Valley USD 229, commented about strategies in place or being considered at USD 229, such as greater education for students and staff. A time for Q and A followed. Members expressed concerns about the issue and need for timely action. They directed Commissioner Watson to convene stakeholders concerned with youth e-cigarette use and to present recommendations for Board discussion and action in June.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, was remotely connected to the meeting and offered to answer questions about the recommendations brought forth on 10 cases. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in the denial or revocation of the following licenses: Amanda Martindale, Bryce Sund, David Beckley, David Porter, Heather Jones, Johnna Crawford, Keaton Krell, Todd Burd and Ethan Huff. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Next, Dr. Horst moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the suspension and subsequent censure of the license of Kelli Jo Henderson. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Board members took a break until 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

UPDATE ON WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM IN 2019

KSDE Director of Early Childhood Amanda Petersen reported on the collaborative work among multiple partners as part of the one-year planning grant authorized by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. She spoke about the community conversations currently occurring around the state to engage families and communities. These sessions are scheduled through July and will help provide input for setting a strategic direction for the early childhood system in Kansas. She also talked about the slot allocations available through the Preschool-Aged At-Risk program for 2019-20. During discussion, there were questions about rural community needs and acquiring data for preschool activities beyond at-risk services.

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SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Mrs. Dombrosky had asked that Consent Item 15 j. (allocation of Preschool-Aged At-Risk Slots) be pulled for additional information. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve slot allocations for the Preschool-Aged At-Risk (State PreK-4 Year Old At-Risk) program for 2019-20. If districts are unable to fill slots allocated by Sept. 20, 2019, the Kansas State Department of Education is authorized to reallocate slots among districts, in an amount not to exceed 8,864 slots statewide. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding 15 j., which was voted on separately in the prior motion. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for April.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Robert Mather as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective April 1, 2019, at an annual salary of \$52,187.20; Brian Dempsey as Attorney on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective April 8, 2019, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Shane Carter as Coordinator on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective April 22, 2019, at an annual salary of \$63,498.76.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Technology Education - extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Kelly Bromley, USD 231. *Elementary - extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Amanda Conrardy, Melanie Blackburn, Toni Glenn, USD 363. *High Incidence Special Education* — Katie Milburn, USD 437; Cicily Rights, USD 497.
- approved the one-year Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 407 Russell.

- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **MidAmerica Nazarene University**—Elementary Education Unified K-6 (Master’s), new program through June 30, 2021; **Pittsburg State University**—Building Leadership, PreK-12 certificate, new program through June 30, 2021; **Sterling College**—Biology 6-12, Chemistry 6-12, English Language Arts 6-12, Health PreK-12, Physical Education PreK-12, all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2025.
- approved the recommendations of the School Breakfast Program Waiver Committee to grant school breakfast program waivers for the 2019-2020 school year to Southeast of Saline Elementary, Southeast of Saline Junior Senior High, and Silver Lake Junior Senior High.
- issued a tentative Order authorizing USD 356, Conway Springs, Sumner County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district’s general bond debt limitation.
- issued a tentative Order authorizing USD 356, Conway Springs, Sumner County, to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- approved recommendations for funding of the Migrant Summer Services Grants as follows: USD 102 Cimarron \$12,530; USD 200 Greeley \$3,000; USD 216 Deerfield \$6,136; USD 218 Elkhart \$2,608; USD 250 Pittsburg \$14,404; USD 363 Holcomb \$10,300; USD 374 Sublette \$10,594; USD 443 Dodge City \$21,235; USD 445 Coffeyville \$24,530; USD 457 Garden City \$23,018; USD 494 Syracuse \$10,557; USD 501 Topeka \$25,245; USD 507 Satanta \$2,762; D0 602 NKESC \$27,285.
- approved renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for Smoky Hill/Central Kansas Education Service Center #629.
- approved an amendment to the two-year Professional Agreement of the Kansas School for the Deaf/NEA and Kansas State Board of Education to add the salary schedule update.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM WAIVERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided Board members with a summary of amendments within House Sub. for Senate Bill 16 that impact the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act. The amendments include such areas as at-risk education programs and accountability reports. He also provided a school finance summary, noting a cap the Legislature has on the capital improvement state aid program. Following a time for questions, Director of Child Nutrition and Wellness Cheryl Johnson provided an explanation on school breakfast program waivers and her team’s work to encourage innovative breakfast practices. Board members had previously inquired about the waiver option. For the 2019-20 school year, three schools requested waivers as allowed by law, down from 149 schools in the 2005-06 school year.

RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 4:32 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Wednesday in the Board Room. Board members had the option to tour the Brown v Board National Historic Site in Topeka on Tuesday evening.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on May 15, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed those in attendance.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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| Kathy Busch | Ann Mah |
| Jean Clifford | Jim McNiece |
| Michelle Dombrosky | Jim Porter |
| Deena Horst | Steve Roberts |
| Ben Jones | |

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Chairman Busch stated that the following agenda items were no longer needed on Wednesday: Executive Session (#6) and Possible action on personnel contract (#7). Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as amended. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Waugh absent for the vote.

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Mrs. Waugh arrived at the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

KANSANS CAN REDESIGN HIGHLIGHT: RURAL DISTRICTS ENGAGING STUDENTS WITH BUSINESS — FREDONIA USD 484 AND BELOIT USD 273

Partnerships with business and industry are key to helping students explore career opportunities, gain real-world experience and connect to their communities. Fredonia USD 484 and Beloit USD 273, two rural districts participating in the Kansans Can School Redesign Project, described ways they have utilized resources to engage students with businesses. Fredonia Superintendent Brian Smith and USD 484 School Board President Dr. Jennifer McKenney highlighted aspects of the Fredonia Medical Academy for students, now in its third year. Dr. McKenney and two high school students described medical learning opportunities provided in this summer program, such as exposure to hospital care, emergency medical services, pharmacy, dentistry, home health and more. Students receive a half science credit for completing the two-week program and become CPR certified. Superintendent Jeff Travis and guest presenters shared examples of the district’s various summer academies to support career exploration and community involvement. Middle school students learn about career options that help economically support their rural region. These include wind energy, construction and destination hunting. Through a partnership with Trane, students participate in an energy and conservation education program that teaches them about many STEM careers.

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There was a break from 10:15 to 10:25 a.m.

BREAK

STATE ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Assistant Director Beth Fultz reported on the delivery platform for state assessments and the testing window, which closed in April. Other information included number of tests taken, improved helpdesk statistics and schedule for release of assessment results. She also reported on the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessments (KELPA), Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment,

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and interim predictive assessments. The latter were administered in October, December and February. Ms. Fultz then informed members of testing center organizational changes.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members shared committee reports from KACCTE (Hillsboro tour and career pathway modifications), school redesign stakeholders meeting (community partnerships), communications (plans for western Kansas tour for members), Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force (Challenge Awards and Governor's Scholars program), Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom (new Executive Director Dianne Paukstelis) and Bullying Task Force (recent meeting).

Chairman Busch referenced the School Mental Health Advisory Council recommendations, now each assigned to KSDE staff. She also commented on the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee's next focus.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Teacher licensure and waiver request (Mr. Roberts)
- Schedule time for future agenda requests earlier in the meeting (Mr. Roberts)
- Statewide Student Council (Mrs. Waugh)
- Informational visit to Kansas Health Institute (Mrs. Clifford)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Board members had the opportunity to make additions to the travel requests for approval. They were reminded about the deadline to submit requests before the fiscal year ends. Mr. Porter moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be June 11 and 12, 2019 in Topeka.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary