

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed all those viewing the meeting online.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated, either in person or remotely via Zoom:

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

Board member Michelle Dombrosky was absent.

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 AMENDED AGENDA

Chairman Busch announced that additional grant awards were recommended for inclusion in Consent Item 19 j. (Mental Health Intervention Team program). Updated copies of the proposed allocations and grantees were provided. Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

During his report, Dr. Randy Watson announced the Civic Advocacy Network Award winners for 2020. They are Bernadine Sitts Intermediate, Garden City USD 457; Derby North Middle School, Derby USD 260; Fredonia Jr/Sr High, Fredonia USD 484; Halstead High, Halstead USD 440; Lakeside Elementary, Pittsburg USD 250; Maize High, Maize USD 266; North Fairview Elementary, Seaman USD 345; Prairie Ridge Elementary, DeSoto USD 232; Winfield High, Winfield USD 465. Promising Practice recognition was given to Atchison County Jr/Sr High, USD 377; Derby High, USD 260; and Winfield Middle, USD 465. He also spoke about postponement of an in-person event to celebrate the STAR Recognition Program honorees. Qualitative criteria was gathered in the categories of preparation for high school graduation, graduation rate, postsecondary effectiveness, and a Commissioner's Award for schools that outperformed their predicted postsecondary effective rate. Dr. Watson then gave an overview of the work by nearly 1,000 Kansans to provide guidance to schools as they make plans to reopen this fall. He stressed that school districts will make the guidance their own and that the guidance enables families to maximize multiple learning options.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch acknowledged the receipt of written public comment submitted in advance of the meeting. Enclosures were from Jennifer Luna, support for remote instruction; John Richard Schrock, COVID-19 response in foreign countries and science literacy. Citizens' Open Forum ended at 10:37 a.m.

RECEIVE NAVIGATING CHANGE 2020

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Board members received the most recent draft of *Navigating Change: Kansas Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations*. Dr. Brad Neuenswander and Craig Neuenswander led the Board through development of the document and explained changes made since the prior draft. Nearly 1,000 contributors who are educators, parents, health officials and others, along with KSDE staff, worked to develop the guidance for Kansas schools to consider when reopening school buildings to students this fall. The goal of this guidance is to help schools be prepared to reopen safely, to adapt to the unique needs of their school community while working with local health officials, and to transition quickly if the school year is again interrupted. The instruction and assessment section focuses on grade-banded competencies aligned to academic standards, suitable whether on-site learning or remote learning is utilized, or a combination of the two.

Dr. Neuenswander explained the difference between remote learning and a virtual school. He also noted that the 1,116 hours required by statute still apply, but may be calculated differently. The instructional content constitutes about 95 percent of the document, with facilities/operations making up the remainder. Categories for the operations section were common spaces, transitions, classroom spaces, facilities, transportation, food service and extra/co-curricular. Questions were answered throughout the discussion.

BREAK

Board members took a break from 11:17 to 11:27 a.m.

Discussion resumed on development of contingency plans, organization of student instruction, opportunity for alternate venues and preparation for remote learning.

LUNCH

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: REDESIGN SCHOOLS IN BELOIT AND WELLINGTON SHARE SUCCESSES OF CONTINUOUS LEARNING PLANS

P.M. SESSION
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Chairman Busch reconvened the Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. The next item was a report from two schools in the Kansans Can School Redesign Project — Kennedy Elementary In Wellington USD 353 and Beloit Junior-Senior High in Beloit USD 273. Representatives from each school reported on how their current work with redesign aided them with implementing Continuous Learning plans for their students this spring when the Governor's Executive Order closed school buildings during the Coronavirus pandemic. Presenters described academic and behavior supports, addressing obstacles, student engagement, expectations and collection of feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APOLLO II PARTICIPANTS IN KANSANS CAN SCHOOL REDESIGN

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Apollo II is the latest cohort of schools to engage in school redesign as part of the Kansans Can vision. The Kansans Can School Redesign Project began in August 2017 with the first group of schools, named Mercury 7. They committed to redesign an elementary and secondary school around the five outcomes established by the State Board, the five elements identified as defining a successful high school graduate, and what Kansans said they want from their school system. The other cohorts are Gemini I, Gemini II and Apollo I.

Following the most recent application process, these schools/districts were selected for Apollo Phase II: Central Heights Secondary, Central Heights USD 288; Lincoln Elementary, Clay County USD 379; Walnut Elementary, Village Elementary, Emporia Middle School, Emporia USD 253; Marshall Elementary, Eureka USD 389; Flint Hills Primary, Intermediate and Middle/High, Flint Hills USD 492; Lincoln Elementary, Hays USD 489; Lincoln Elementary, Hutchinson USD 308; Marais Des Cygnes Valley Elementary and Jr/Sr High, USD 456; Wamego High, USD 320; Winfield High, USD 465.

PRESENTATION OF GEMINI II AND APOLLO I REDESIGN PLANS FOR ACCEPTANCE

Schools accepted for the Kansans Can School Redesign Project participate in multiple trainings. Once ready to advance, their redesign launch plans are presented to a third-party launch readiness committee made up of representatives from KSDE and educational service centers. Final recommendations are made to the State Board. Mr. Jones moved to accept the Gemini II and Apollo I schools identified as a "Go" for launch for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Plans were accepted for these Gemini II schools: Clay County Middle School, Clay County USD 379; Haven Middle School, Haven USD 312; Lyons High School, Lyons USD 405; Stafford Elementary, Stafford USD 349. Plans were accepted for these Apollo I schools: North Elementary, Goodland USD 352 and Rossville Grade, Kaw Valley USD 321.

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There was a break until 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

DISCUSS ELEMENTS OF STATE'S ACCREDITING MODEL FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is the state's continuous improvement process for school systems. Board members received an overview of the various processes involved with preparing accreditation reports for the State Board. KSDE staff Mischel Miller, Jeannette Nobo and Scott Gordon covered how data is collected and used, an increased emphasis on evaluation, and how a system might appeal a recommendation from the Accreditation Review Council. Consideration is given to whether a program is impacting change and improving student success. There was discussion about transparency and objectivity concerning makeup of the Outside Visitation Team, which has a role in the accreditation process.

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RECEIVE ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KESA

Accreditation recommendations on four school systems were presented to the State Board for consideration: USD 202 Turner, USD 303 Ness City, USD 389 Eureka and Heartspring in Wichita. Accreditation status recommendations are brought to the State Board upon completion of final visitations and meetings of the Accreditation Review Council. Timing is also based on placement in the five-year cycle. An Executive Summary was prepared for each system, outlining evidence of goals and identifying both strengths and challenges. Accountability report data is also provided. Board members will act on the recommendations at the August meeting.

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UPDATE ON COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IMPLEMENTATION

Dr. Stephen King, Education Program Consultant for Computer Science, reported on the current status of the five recommendations approved at the February 2020 State Board meeting for the Computer Science Implementation Plan. Three of the five initial recommendations are yet to be implemented. Dr. King informed members of summer professional development sessions.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE LICENSURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The seven-member Licensure Review Committee reviews the qualifications of applicants who desire to be licensed in Kansas, but who do not satisfy all the requirements of licensure as specified in regulations. Mr. Jones moved to reappoint Daniel Brungardt to his second term, and appoint Brittany Ford and Anita White to their first terms on the Licensure Review Committee effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Professional Standards Board (PSB) is responsible for developing and recommending for adoption rules and regulations for professional standards governing educator preparation and admission to and continuance in the profession of teaching and school administration. There are 21 members on the PSB. Mrs. Mah moved to reappoint Elizabeth 'Libby' Clum and Patty Jurich to their first full terms; reappoint Dayna Miller, Kristy Oborny and Alicia Young to their second terms; and appoint Phillip Wrigley to his first term on the Professional Standards Board effective from date of appointment through June 30, 2023. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

The role of the nine-member Professional Practices Commission is to conduct evidentiary hearings and make recommendations concerning allegations regarding misconduct. Mrs. Mah moved to appoint Kimberly Gilman to a first full term on the Professional Practices Commission effective from date of appointment through June 30, 2023, filling one open teacher position. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Jones in opposition.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon brought forth the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission on one case this month and offered to answer questions. Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and revoke the license of the individual in case 18-PPC-44. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, including additional grantees for the Mental Health Intervention Team program. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for June.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of John Hess as Director on the Fiscal Services and Operations team, effective May 31, 2020, at an annual salary of \$109,671.12.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 314 Brewster, USD 327 Ellsworth, USD 347 Kinsley-Offerle, USD 373 Newton, USD 385 Andover, Marion County Special Education Cooperative and Sumner County Education Interlocal.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2020-21 school year as follows: Alisa Morse, Robin Bacon, Marjorie Holloway, Michael Farmer, Janet Graham and Scott Franklin, all Blue Valley USD 229 Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program; Carson Norton, Wichita County USD 467; Jerry Simmons, Haviland USD 474; Norman Schmidt, Central Heights USD 288.
- accepted recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for accreditation for Haskell Indian Nations University through Dec. 31, 2026, and program approval as follows:
Benedictine College - Music PreK-12, continuing program through Dec. 31, 2026; **Kansas State University** - Mathematics 6-12, new program through June 30, 2022; **McPherson College** - Elementary K-6, Health PreK-12, History Government Social Studies 6-12, Physical Education PreK-12, all continuing programs through June 30, 2027; **University of Kansas** - English for Speakers of Other Languages K-6, 6-12, Building Leadership PreK-12, District Leadership PreK-12, Early Childhood Unified B-K, Early Childhood Unified B-3, Elementary K-6, Foreign Language PreK-12, Mathematics 5-8, Reading Specialist PreK-12, all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2026; **Washburn University** - Mathematics 5-8, Science 5-8, both new programs through Dec. 31, 2022.

- adopted and set cut scores for licensure assessments as presented for Reading Specialist and Middle School Science.
- approved maintaining the current licensure fees for 2020-21.
- authorized USD 205 Bluestem to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 205 Bluestem to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- approved the recommended grant allocations to school districts in the amount of \$5,071,456 and grants for Local Community Mental Health Centers in the amount of \$2,519,010 for the Mental Health Intervention Team Program for the 2020-21 school year.
- approved USD 323 Rock Creek to operate a Preschool-Aged At-Risk program for 2020-21.
- approved the Interlocal Agreement entered into by participating districts to form the North-east Kansas Education Service Center aka Keystone Learning Services.
- approved Articles of Agreement signed by participating districts to continue the Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee: *Approved cases* — 3307, 3309, 3314, 3315, 3316, 3317, 3321, 3322, 3324, 3325, 3326, 3327, 3328, 3329, 3330.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with the Office of Administrative Hearings to provide hearing officer services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 through June 30, 2025.
- enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools for the reimbursement of funds for professional development of non-public school teachers and leaders, in an amount not to exceed \$51,000.
- enter into a contract with Measurement in Practice, LLC to provide professional learning and technical assistance for districts with the Literacy Network of Kansas (LiNK) grant in an amount not to exceed \$43,443 from date of approval in July 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- authorize contracts for out-of-state tuition for the 2020-2021 school year for students attending the Kansas School for the Deaf.
- authorize contracts for out-of-state tuition for the 2020-2021 school year for students attending the Kansas State School for the Blind.
- authorize the Superintendent of the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) to renew a contract with Accessible Arts, Inc. for arts-related services for students attending KSSB in exchange for KSSB facility use and statewide outreach services in the Arts for Kansas individuals with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$134,000.
- authorize the Superintendent of KSSB to renew a contract with Baer Wilson and Company, LLC to provide counseling/evaluation services for students who attend KSSB.
- authorize the Superintendent of KSSB to renew a contract with Providence Medical Center for physical therapy and occupational therapy services in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.
- authorize the Superintendent of KSSB to renew a contract with Supplemental Health for nursing services in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

BREAK

There was a break until 4:05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Designation of State Board member to NASBE delegate assembly for 2020 — Mr. McNiece moved to designate Ben Jones as the state's voting delegate and Jim Porter as the alternate delegate for the annual business meeting of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Action on NASBE Membership Dues for 2021 — NASBE is the only national membership whose members are solely from state boards of education. Mr. Jones moved to approve payment of calendar year 2021 dues and retain membership in NASBE and its affiliate the National Council of State Education Attorneys. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Committee Reports — Mr. Porter commented on the NASBE Sustainability Committee, which he chairs and Mr. Jones is a member. Mrs. Mah commented on work of the three-member committee looking at high school graduation requirements and qualified admissions. Other members submitted written reports with committee and activity updates.

Board Attorney's Report — Mark Ferguson provided an update on professional negotiations for the Kansas State School for the Deaf NEA. The State Board anticipates taking action at the August meeting.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Discuss opportunities for microcredentialing and individualized professional development (Mr. Porter)

Chairman's Report — Ms. Busch commented on work of the School Mental Health Advisory Council and her service on the NASBE Whole Child study group.

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BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Board members had the opportunity to make changes to the travel requests for approval. Mr. Roberts moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 4:40 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on July 15, 2020, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated, either in person or remotely via Zoom:

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

Board member Steve Roberts was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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(00:06:23)**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NAVIGATING CHANGE 2020**

Teams of practitioners and health professionals, along with input from a multitude of other contributors, prepared a guidance document titled *Navigating Change: Kansas Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations* in order to provide resources and guidance for the safe return of students and staff in the fall of 2020. Valley Center Superintendent Cory Gibson, who served as one of the project leaders, described content of the document and how it was prepared. He noted that districts of all sizes can use elements of the guidance that best fit their needs. Shannon Ralph, science teacher at Gardner-Edgerton and former Kansas Teacher of the Year, reviewed the competencies and instructional component of the guidance document, which cover essential learning elements of the standards, and can be adapted to different learning environments. DeSoto Superintendent Frank Harwood reviewed the recommendations for considerations pertaining to operations and facilities. Ashley Goss, Deputy Secretary with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, spoke on issues from a health perspective that schools will consider when reopening. There was time for Q&A, comments and additional discussion.

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Dr. Horst moved to accept the guidelines for *Navigating Change 2020* to assist schools in their preparations for the 2020-21 school year. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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There was a break from 10:34 to 10:55 a.m.

BREAK**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND ACTION ON BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis and Director of School Finance Craig Neuenswander reviewed budget options for consideration for education state aid programs for Fiscal Year 2022. Mr. Dennis also explained the Governor's allotments.

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Action on the following recommendations for state Fiscal Year 2022 occurred:

- Mrs. Mah moved to fund the law for Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) to comply with court order. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.
- Mr. McNiece moved to fund the law for Supplemental General State Aid (local option budget) to comply with court order. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund the law for both Capital Improvement State Aid and Capital Outlay State Aid to comply with court order. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund the law for Juvenile Detention Facilities, which is tied to BASE per pupil. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund Special Education at 72 percent of excess cost. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Porter in opposition.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund Parents As Teachers at the 2020-21 level. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund first two years of the Mentor Teacher Program at an additional cost of \$1 million. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Jones in opposition.
- Dr. Horst moved to fund Professional Development at the 2020-21 level. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.
- Mr. Jones moved to fund current law for Transportation. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-2 with Mr. Porter and Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.
- Mrs. Mah moved to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements for School Lunch. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mr. Jones moved to fund National Board Certification at current level. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Dr. Horst moved to fund Pre-K Pilot at current level. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund Career and Technical Education Transportation at the 2020-21 appropriation level. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Jones in opposition.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund Discretionary Grants (after school programs) at 2020-21 appropriation level. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mr. Jones moved to fund Information Technology Education Opportunities (JourneyEd contract) at 2020-21 appropriation level. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mrs. Mah moved to fund Juvenile Transitional Crisis Pilot (Beloit) at same level as current year as modified by the Governor's allotments. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Dr. Horst in opposition.
- Mr. Jones moved to fund Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot Program at 2020-21 level as modified by the Governor's allotments. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- No action was taken to make new recommendations for Kansas Safe and Secure Schools.
- Dr. Horst moved to fund anticipated costs of ACT and WorkKeys Assessment program in 2021-22. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.
- Mr. Porter moved to fully fund the salary and operating expenses for one new Education Program Consultant to serve as the state dyslexia coordinator. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at noon.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary