

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes****April 18, 2017****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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A.M. Session
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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Sally Cauble	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ann Mah	Janet Waugh
Jim McNiece	

Member Ken Willard participated in the meeting remotely; John Bacon and Kathy Busch were absent.

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

Chairman Porter read both the Board's Mission Statement and *Kansans Can* Vision Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Before acting to approve the day's agenda, Chairman Porter announced the scheduling of a special Board meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, in the Board Room to discuss federal education issues with U.S. Senator Jerry Moran. The meeting is open to the public.

He informed members that item 21 f. (assessment services contract with Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation) would be removed from the consent agenda at this time. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the April 18 agenda as amended. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the March Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson focused on three areas in his report, beginning with state assessments. He acknowledged positive efforts to shorten the summative assessment stages and expedite release of results to schools. He emphasized the need for a stable, 100 percent reliable testing system throughout the entire test cycle. Board members relayed concerns they've received about intermittent reliability of the system and discussed options. Secondly, Dr. Watson provided an update on the superintendent search for the School for the Blind and School for the Deaf. He outlined the decision-making process, which includes stakeholder meetings at both school locations. The interview team is expected to bring a recommendation to the State Board in May. Dr. Watson then discussed the postsecondary progress data he has been sharing with school districts. Discussion occurred on the identification of risk factors that influence student success.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:47 a.m. There was one speaker — Aaron Wall, who shared information on the First Tee National School Program. He represented the Kansas

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Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:51 a.m.

RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR WORLD LANGUAGE

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Committee co-chairs Elke Lorenz, USD 383, and Phyllis Farrar, retired KSDE consultant, explained the standards review process and proposed changes in the curricular standards for World Language. Updates include consistency for those teaching across languages and alignment to the Rose Capabilities. The drafts standards will be made available for feedback and public comment. The Board is expected to vote on the final version in July, with implementation targeted for the 2018-19 school year.

RECEIVE KANSAS CURRICULAR STANDARDS FOR DANCE AND CREATIVE MOVEMENT

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Proposed revisions to the standards for Dance and Creative Movement were presented as part of the cyclical review process. The standards are meant to guide rather than dictate the structure and development of dance education and artistic literacy for Kansas students. Committee members outlined the review process and integration of the arts with other academic disciplines. Those presenting were Laura Donnelly of Manhattan, Sarah Walden of Wichita, and Lacy Draznik of Overland Park. There was discussion about dance standards being separate from physical education standards and questions about competency-based credits. The Board is expected to vote on the standards next month.

BREAK

Board members took a 10-minute break at 11:30 a.m.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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The first set of licensure cases and recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission involved five cases. PPC member John McKinney reviewed PPC considerations on Case 16-PPC-24 Caitlin Thompson. PPC Chair Linda Sieck was present to answer questions about the other cases. Mr. McNiece moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendations that Caitlin Thompson receive no formal discipline as a result of her misconduct and that it grant the applications of Brittany Pierpoint, Darrold Harper, Julie Zeka-Wright and Jordan Flowers. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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Ms. Sieck then presented the next set of five cases. Mr. McNiece moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendations to deny Kylie Duncan's application, suspend Eliot Eichbauer's license until April 1, 2019, and revoke the licenses of Clare Bachman, Terry Couch and William Drew Magwire. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING BEHIND THE WHEEL DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL

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Kelli Broers, KSDE Assistant General Counsel, presented information on a case involving Behind the Wheel Defensive Driving School. Mrs. Broers briefed Board members on procedural history and results of a two-day hearing. Mrs. Mah moved to adopt the Consent Agreement and Order entered in the matter of Kurt Winterhalter d/b/a Behind the Wheel Driving School and subsequently deny Mr. Winterhalter's 2016 application. The licensee's 2017 application will come to the Board at a future date. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

INFORMATION ON KANSAS CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLAR PROGRAM

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Beginning this year, Career and Technical Education students in Kansas high schools could apply for state-level recognition as a CTE Scholar. Assistant Director Jay Scott provided an overview of the program and application process. He explained the criteria, which involves technical skill attainment, coursework, demonstrated leadership, work experience and the student's career vision summary statement. The inaugural class list of 44 graduating seniors was shared with the Board. Thirteen additional applications were pending at the time. Mr. Scott described how students would be recognized.

Board members were interested in the committee of volunteers who helped create the program, the competency levels, and in the future wanted to know which field of study recipients chose. The students identified as Kansas CTE Scholars achieved in all five skill areas the State Board uses to define a successful Kansas high school graduate.

At 12:40 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

PRESENTATION ON STUDENT DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP IN SCHOOLS

A special presentation on digital citizenship in schools was given by Kristin Magette, communications director for USD 491 Eudora. She also authored the book *Embracing Social Media: A Practical Guide to Manage Risk and Leverage Opportunity*. Mrs. Magette emphasized the importance of addressing safety and privacy while utilizing online social media. She shared examples of how USD 491 helps guide and model constructive uses of social media in the classroom, such as a teacher-led demonstration of how to solve math homework problems. There were also examples of partnerships in learning and helping students properly handle negative comments. The district has established social media policies, procedures and professional development.

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RECEIVE REPORT FROM COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

USD 364 Superintendent Bill Mullins, who chairs the Coalition of Innovative School Districts, informed Board members about subcommittee work on several vision outcomes, particularly measuring social/emotional learning and high school graduation. The Coalition is researching how other states assign credits and set graduation requirements. He also presented information on the Coalition's vision, mission and core beliefs. The Coalition is required to report twice a year to the State Board of Education concerning the status of the Innovative Districts' efforts. Currently there are seven districts in the Coalition.

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ACTION ON RENEWAL OF COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATES

Currently, USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools is the only Coalition member utilizing Specialized Certificates for filling teacher vacancies. Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent of USD 500, gave an update on participants in the Teaching Fellows program who currently possess a Specialized Certificate. The Teaching Fellows program is coordinated with Pittsburg State University. She reiterated the stages of required training and mentoring. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the recommendations of the Coalition of Innovative School Districts for renewal of Specialized Certificates in USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-0 with Mr. Roberts absent for the vote. The renewals are effective from Aug. 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

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RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ESOL

Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, introduced committee member Dr. Socorro Herrera from Kansas State University who summarized proposed revisions to higher education content program standards for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for K-6, 5-8, 6-12 and PreK-12. These content standards help establish what is taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. Board members were provided the revised standards, previous standards and a crosswalk comparing the two. Comments focused on the need for bilingual teachers and whether ESOL teacher candidates should be required to know a second language. The Board is expected to vote on these standards in May.

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KANSAS SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH MODEL UPDATE

KSDE attorney Laura Jurgensen recapped last month's presentation on trauma-informed care in schools and the Board's request for a comprehensive mental health approach that includes supports and training, plus addresses current legislative mandates. The School Mental Health Framework,

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described in a single-sheet flyer, integrates school mental health with multi-tier systems of support as the foundation. Education Program Consultant Kent Reed further described the handout which serves to help school communities build a school improvement plan relative to mental health. Discussion followed, including the need to stray from a piecemeal approach, sharing the information with legislators and ensuring supports are in place for schools. Cherie Blanchat, who works with the Technical Assistance Systems Network (TASN), described how community partners are working together to provide a structure moving forward. Chairman Porter noted that collaboration is key in the process.

BREAK

The Board took a break from 3:25 to 3:40 p.m.

ACTION ON NEXT STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF KINDERGARTEN READINESS DEVELOPMENTAL SNAPSHOT TOOL

Last month, the Kindergarten Readiness Workgroup shared information from the fall pilot to assist schools with use of an early learning developmental snapshot tool. Board members approved the workgroup's recommendation. The next phase is to begin a Request for Proposal process.

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Mr. McNiece moved to rescind the motion from the March 15, 2017 meeting relating to approval of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire as the measurement tool to be used annually to collect Kindergarten entry data in every district. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Next, Mrs. Cauble moved to authorize the Department to engage in the Request for Proposal process to select a vendor that can provide a developmentally appropriate snapshot tool to be used annually to collect Kindergarten entry data in every district. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

ACTION ON RENEWAL OF BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT

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Mr. McNiece moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve renewal of Contract ID 40370 with Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond P.A. for providing legal services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 with no increase in rates. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis updated Board members on House Bill 2410 and shared major policy provisions of a proposed school finance plan. These included a five-year phase-in for Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE), all-day kindergarten funding and a return to at-risk funding based upon free lunch count. He reviewed a computer printout of each school district's estimated state aid calculations under the proposed plan. Mr. Dennis also shared a handout comparing House and Senate positions on KPERS-related bills. The legislature is scheduled to return on May 1.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to postpone action on 21 f. (assessment services contract with CETE). Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for March.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointments of the following persons on the Information Technology team: Jennifer Hayes as Requirements Analyst effective March 12, 2017, at an annual salary of \$54,995.20; and Chris Clark as Applications Development Supervisor effective March 27, 2017 at an annual salary of \$67,997.28.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Early Childhood/Preschool -- Beverly Furlong, USD 231. *Gifted* -- Brittany Vollenweider, USD 336. *Library Media Specialist* -- Jamie Francis, Patricia James, Tiffany Stephens, Veronica Wait, USD 475. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Jeffery Wilkerson, D0609.

- issued a Calendar Year 2017 license to the following recommended commercial driver training school — Horizons Driving Academy, Salina.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into an agreement with the Office of Administrative Hearings in an amount not to exceed \$55,200 for services related to the Professional Practices Commission hearings from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020;

BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Porter designated Steve Roberts to represent the State Board at the May 18 graduation for the School for the Blind, and Janet Waugh to represent the Board at the May 24 graduation of the School for the Deaf.

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During other reports — Board Attorney Mark Ferguson offered to answer questions about his monthly summary. Mrs. Waugh announced that the Policy Committee would meet on May 9.

Individual Board member reports: Mrs. Mah attended meetings of the Kansas Learning First Alliance and the Kansas Advisory Committee on Career and Technical Education. Mrs. Horst has been presenting Challenge Awards to schools in her district and attended a teachers' conference in Emporia. Mrs. Cauble reported on the magnitude of the prairie fires in her district and the effects on schools in those counties. Mrs. Waugh attended several legislative meetings, a juvenile justice graduation ceremony, the KACEE meeting and awards celebration, plus the Early Learning Roadshow. She provided an update on distribution of Challenge Awards to recipients. Mr. Roberts attended the NASBE legislative conference in D.C. and the teachers' conference in Emporia. Mr. Willard gave an update to Board members and plans to attend the May meeting in person. Mr. McNiece attended the NASBE Board of Directors meeting and the legislative conference in D.C. He also reported on the Lt. Governor's Citizenship Awards.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS

Chairman Porter will attend the KSHSAA Board of Directors meeting April 28 and the Governor's Scholars program May 7. His recent activities included the Government Affairs Committee meeting at the NASBE legislative conference, the teachers' conference at Emporia, and presentation of Challenge Awards. He reminded members of the Special Board meeting April 22 in Topeka to visit with Senator Moran.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Mrs. Cauble asked for more discussion on issuing competency-based credits. Mr. Porter would like additional discussions on implementation of the school mental health model and collaboration with other resource groups. Mr. Porter requested more discussion on Senate Bill 323, language assessments for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Mah — May 4 School of Character recognition, Wamego Chamber presentation rescheduled to May 15; Mr. Porter — May 7 Governor's Scholars, May 8 Kansas Alliance for Educational Advocacy; Mrs. Waugh — May 7 Governor's Scholars; Mrs. Horst — May 5 social studies program at Royal Valley, June 1 Kansas Ag in the Classroom conference; Mr. Roberts — March 19-21 NASBE legislative conference, which he had already attended. Updates were also given on Challenge Award presentations. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. There was discussion about prior approval and retroactive reimbursement. Motion carried 8-0.

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RECESS

At 5:30 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas State School for the Deaf in Olathe.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION April 19, 2017

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, Board members made their annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Deaf in the morning and the Kansas State School for the Blind in the afternoon.

Board members present for the morning session were: John Bacon, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Ann Mah, Jim McNiece, Jim Porter and Janet Waugh. Commissioner Randy Watson and Board Secretary Peggy Hill also attended. Members absent were Kathy Busch, Steve Roberts and Ken Willard.

Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Larry Finn presented information comparing the national accreditation model provided by the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) with the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation model. To avoid duplication of efforts on the very similar models, KSSD asked to continue with CEASD. There were no objections. There was a report on Senate Bill 323 language assessment and recent work of a 16-member advisory committee. Several student presentations were on the agenda. These included Individual Plans of Study and work experience, transition to postsecondary and student achievements. A tour of the refurbished gymnasium floor occurred before lunch in the cafeteria.

Board members present for the afternoon session at the School for the Blind were: Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Mah, Mr. Porter and Mrs. Waugh. Commissioner Watson and Ms. Hill also attended. During the meeting, Chairman Porter announced his appointment of Jim McNiece as the Board's representative on the Special Education Advisory Council.

Included on the agenda were one parent's perspective of what KSSB offers to students, a demonstration of Braille literacy, the transition to work program and demonstrations of technical devices to aid with transition to independent living. There were also updates on the Deaf-Blind Project, activities with Accessible Arts programming and work to expand community connections. A tour of the on-site low vision clinic concluded the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary