

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Mr. McNiece welcomed those in attendance, including pre-service teachers from Baker University and participants with the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute's superintendent mentor/mentee program.

**2/09/2016
A.M. Session
(00:00:07)**

ROLL CALL

Board members present were:

John Bacon	Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Kathy Busch	Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Jim McNiece	Ken Willard

Member Jim Porter was at the Statehouse during the opening agenda items. He arrived at 10:25 a.m.

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

Chairman McNiece 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

Mrs. Busch asked to pull consent item 16 k. from the agenda and agreed to postpone action on it until Wednesday after the work session on Individual Plans of Study. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-1, with Mr. Porter absent and Mr. Roberts abstaining. Mrs. Waugh asked for confirmation from the Board Attorney that Board action could be taken during a work session as long as it was announced to the public and occurred during an open meeting.

**MOTION
(00:03:44)**

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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(00:04:50)**

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Following a brief summary of the *Kansans CAN* Vision activities to date, Dr. Randy Watson stated that next steps are to refine the outcomes and organize the agency to carry out vision work. As an example of collaborative efforts, he distributed a letter composed for the Higher Learning Commission with support of multiple agencies asking for flexibility of a new policy concerning dual credit enrollment courses for high school students. Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander concluded the time with an update on financial literacy teaching resources schools may utilize, many of which are free. During discussion, Board members directed staff to conduct a survey very soon to determine how many school districts include financial literacy in their course schedule or embed it with other standards. This information is to be included in a progress report to the legislature as indicated in a letter signed last May by the House Education Committee Chairman and State Board Chairman strongly encouraging each local board of education to pass and implement a policy on the instruction and desired outcomes of personal financial literacy education in the manner best suited to their district.

(00:05:14)

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

(00:32:06)

Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:32 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: John Morton, Emporia State University — invitation to a statewide conversation on school redesign May 7 at ESU; Shellie Stahly, Kansas Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance—advocating for administrator involvement in training programs that support student movement. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:37 a.m.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

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(00:38:31)

Dr. Scott Myers presented the recommendation of Christina Carlson to fill a vacancy on the Professional Standards Board. Ms. Carlson is an art teacher at Valley Center High School, Valley Center USD 262. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Christina Carlson to the Professional Standards Board representing Career and Technical Education teachers. This partial term is effective Feb. 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO LICENSURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

MOTION
(00:39:33)

Dr. Scott Myers presented the recommendation of Jaime Byers to fill a vacancy on the Licensure Review Committee. Ms. Byers is a 5th-grade classroom teacher at Lincoln Elementary, Great Bend USD 428. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Jaime Byers to the Licensure Review Committee representing elementary level teachers. This partial term is effective Feb. 11, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

BREAK

Board members took a break from 10:40 to 10:45 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (PART I)

(00:43:22)

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis began his report on education legislation by reviewing the status of several bills introduced in the House and Senate. These included the creation of a School District Bond Project Review Board, realignment of school districts, amendments to the tax credit for low income student scholarship program and citations for camera-captured violations of ignoring a bus stop arm. Mr. Dennis summarized key points of proposed legislation and answered questions.

RECOGNITION OF 2016 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

(01:03:10)

Resuming the agenda schedule, Mr. Dennis welcomed the 2016 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team. Honorees introduced themselves and each one shared remarks related to his or her classroom and passion. They addressed such topics as project-based learning, developing the whole child, providing a safe and happy environment, global connections, student-led parent/teacher conferences and building relationships. Those presenting were Kansas Teacher of the Year Justin Coffey, a mathematics teacher at Dodge City High School (USD 443), and team members Shelly Jennings, a 2nd-grade teacher at Maize South Elementary (USD 266), Nona Mason, a kindergarten teacher at West Elementary in Goodland (USD 352), Anna Sahadeo, a 2nd-grade teacher at Riverview Elementary in Shawnee (USD 232), Jolene Pennington, a 5th-grade teacher at Sunflower Elementary in Paola (USD 368), Lucinda Crenshaw, a 7th-grade science teacher at West Middle School in Lawrence (USD 497), Sheila Koup, a high school English teacher at Eureka Junior-Senior High (USD 389), and Kristoffer Barikmo, a social studies teacher at Blue Valley High School (USD 229). The group answered questions and relayed their encouragement for the *Kansans CAN* Vision and kindergarten readiness.

LUNCH

At 12:10 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

RECEIVE PROPOSED SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION REGULATIONS

P.M. SESSION
(00:00:40)

KSDE Education Program Consultant Kent Reed provided national facts and statistical impact data about youth suicide. He also shared an intervention model and components of recovery plans. Board members asked a number of questions, seeking answers about causes of youth suicide, trend data

and at-risk populations. KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon then presented proposed amendments that would add suicide awareness and prevention training in schools to current State Board accreditation regulation 91-31-32. The recommendation models the Jason Flatt Act, but expands the training to all school staff, one hour each calendar year, plus provides for a building crisis plan. The Jason Flatt Act, which has been introduced to the Kansas Senate, would require only licensed personnel to be trained. Discussion included availability of the training, time requirements, law verses regulations, challenges associated with reduction of mental health facilities and school counselors. Proceeding with the recommended regulation amendments will be voted on in March.

ACTION ON TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS TO COMPLY WITH NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

General Counsel Scott Gordon explained that a law passed last year, called the Freedom from Unsafe Seclusion and Restraint Act, required the State Board to adopt regulations by March 1, 2016. The new law interrupted emergency safety intervention regulations the State Board had already started through the adoption process. Mr. Porter moved to adopt temporary Emergency Safety Intervention regulations to comply with the Freedom from Unsafe Seclusion and Restraint Act. Mr. Willard seconded. A public hearing on the regulations is expected in April. Motion carried 10-0 on a roll call vote recorded as follows:

MOTION
(00:49:05)

Mrs. Busch	“yes”	Ms. Wims-Campbell	“yes”
Mr. Willard	“yes”	Mrs. Waugh	“yes”
Mr. Bacon	“yes”	Mr. Porter	“yes”
Mrs. Cauble	“yes”	Mrs. Horst	“yes”
Mr. McNiece	“yes”	Mr. Roberts	“yes”

RECEIVE INFORMATION ON CITIZENSHIP PROJECTS

There were two parts to the presentation by KSDE Education Program Consultant Don Gifford. First, he provided information about Black History Month, and named many everyday devices invented by African Americans. Secondly, Mr. Gifford outlined an award for Kansas schools, as proposed by the Civic Advocacy Network, that would promote civic education and engagement. The award is based on the guidebook “Six Proven Practices for Effective Civic Learning” produced by the Education Commission of the States and the National Center for Learning Engagement. More details will be provided later. Board members stressed that students should recognize the importance of voting as civic duty.

(00:51:37)

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Assistant General Counsel Kelli Broers presented the recommendation of the Professional Practices Commission following a hearing Jan. 20, 2016 on licensure case 15-PPC-51 Elisabeth Crider. Mrs. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for licensure revocation. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (PART II)

Mr. Dennis continued his legislative update from the morning. He answered several questions about the intended role of a proposed School District Bond Project Review Board, which was introduced in similar bills in both the House and Senate. This review board would prioritize bond projects and determine those items eligible for potential state aid. Mr. Dennis also reviewed House and Senate recommendations on KSDE budget requests.

(01:08:45)

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding 16 k. This particular item will be voted on the following day. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

MOTION
(01:37:49)

- received the monthly Personnel Report for January.
 - confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointment of Stacy Smith as Education Program Consultant on the Career Standards and Assessment Services team effective July 5, 2016, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40.
 - received 2nd quarter reports (FY 2016) from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind.
 - authorized the following school districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 344 Pleasanton, USD 423 Moundridge and USD 506 Labette County.
 - accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Early Childhood Special Education -- Sarah Freeman, USD 259; Brianna Pettit, USD 475; Kristin Briggs, D0638. *Earth Space Science* -- Michael Adams, USD 259. *English Language Arts – Extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license* -- Marianne Tennant, USD 453. *Gifted* -- Brenda Spangler, USD 333; Stuart Ross, USD 368; Jessica Tossier, USD 500. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Leslie Wagner, USD 200; Amy Hammett, USD 230; Emily Thayer, USD 232; Brianna Boyce, USD 253; Douglas Putnam, Elizabeth Arnce, Lisa Dridi, Tonya Nottingham, Heather Castro, Maggie Spratt, Renee Elliot, Ann Walker, Christopher Gebhardt, CiCi Nafeh, Taylor Clark, Thomas Manion, USD 259; Fallon Votipka, David Hughes, USD 333; A'Lana Bates, USD 457; Kimberly Hutto, USD 465; Sarah Rossillon, USD 497; Kevin Kelley, Megan Kiefer, Nicole Nafziger, Michael Fredette, Novelette Osbourne-Luster, Shannon Powell, USD 500; John Swift, USD 501; Ronald Wolf, D0602; Michael Gripe, D0605; Dustin Wetzels, D0609; Timothy Kaminski, D0613; Taylor Zimmerman, D0620; Alyssa Riffel, D0638; Whitney Curry, D0702. *High Incidence Special Education – Extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license* -- Lisha Merrill, USD 493; JoAnn Cline, Jose Martinez, D0613. *Library Media Specialist* – Linda Bland, USD 259. *Low Incidence Special Education* – Amanda Scheu, Margaret Gugino, Arleen Sponsel, Stephanie Moore, USD 259. *Math* – Tricia Loehr, Victoria Acevedo De La Torre, USD 259; Melanie McGinn, USD 439. *Math – Extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license* – Brenda Smart, USD 313.
 - approved the local in-service education plan for Northeast Kansas Education Service Center (Keystone) #608.
 - accepted recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Central Christian College** — Continuing Program: Physical Education (I, PreK-12) through June 30, 2023.
 - approved recommendations of the Mathematics Partnership Review Committee for funding Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants for 2016-17 as follows: Kansas State University in the amount of \$150,000 in partnership with USD 475, USD 427, USD 383 and USD 320.
- authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*
- enter into a contract with the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin for the purchase of curriculum for the teachers and students involved in the Transition to College Algebra pilot in an amount not to exceed \$29,000 for the 2016-17 school year;
 - enter into a contract with the Kansas State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of completing on-site health inspections of unlicensed Summer Food Service Program meal preparation and service sites at the rate of \$180 per inspection, not to exceed \$36,000, effective May 16, 2016 and not to exceed four months duration;
 - continue a contract with Kansas State University to provide Carl D. Perkins leadership grant activities for the position of Executive Director of FFA in an amount not to exceed \$75,427 effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

BREAK

The Board took a break from 3:10 to 3:20 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative — Mr. Willard and Mrs. Horst indicated that Mr. Dennis had adequately covered education legislation already. Mrs. Horst will continue to provide Capitol Observations for Board members. Chairman McNiece thanked those who attended the previous night's dinner with members of the House and Senate Education committees. Thank you letters will be sent to Rep. Highland, Sen. Abrams and Federico Consulting for coordinating the event.

Communications — Mrs. Cauble listed other groups she would like to hear Dr. Watson's presentation about the vision, including community college presidents and trustees, and the Kansas Board of Regents' Technical Education Authority.

Confidence in Public Education Task Force — Mrs. Waugh reported that 99 schools are recipients of the 2015 Challenge Awards. She thanked Board members for assisting with the presentations and asked for feedback about the individualized recognition instead of hosting one large banquet. Overall, there were positive experiences. She asked that the remaining presentations be scheduled by March 4. Mr. Willard suggested that the Task Force next year reconsider the criteria for the awards, placing less focus on assessment scores and more emphasis related to the new vision outcomes.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson referenced copies of exchange letters he provided to Board members between the Kansas School for the Deaf NEA and his office regarding topics for upcoming negotiations. He also offered to answer questions from his monthly written report.

During individual Board member reports, Mr. Bacon reported meeting with a member of the Kansas Association of the Deaf regarding elementary student assessments at the Kansas School for the Deaf and lack of early language for children deaf and hard of hearing. He asked that assessment data be given to State Board members. He also suggested that school districts be asked to post contact information for their local school board members on the district's website for patrons to access. Mrs. Cauble reported on topics addressed at the Career and Technical Education Board meeting. She also talked about challenges to migrant students and refugees. Mrs. Waugh attended a meeting of the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, which has been discussing water issues. KACEE's convention is April 1 in Manhattan. Mr. Porter's written report was shared, which included Challenge Award recognitions and presentations of the ESI Task Force Report. Mrs. Horst plans to attend the breakfast hosted by the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools. Mr. McNiece briefed Board members on the status of the Community Service Award project. Those involved will meet on March 4. Funding options are still being considered.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Mrs. Horst requested a presentation on the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The session would begin at 4:06 p.m. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The open meeting resumed at 4:16 p.m., and Chairman McNiece immediately adjourned. Board members were reminded of the work session starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the Kansas State High School Activities Association for the purpose of *Kansans CAN* vision work regarding Individual Plans of Study.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**
(01:38:29)

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

**INDIVIDUAL
MEMBER
REPORTS**
(01:58:40)

MOTION
(02:22:59)

POST-MEETING ACTIVITY

On Tuesday evening, Board members and Commissioner Watson were invited to a screening of the documentary “Most Likely to Succeed” at the University of Missouri Kansas City, and to participate in a panel discussion with Executive Producer Ted Dintersmith. Those attending were: Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Jim Porter and Commissioner Watson.

Jim McNiece, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

WORK SESSION — WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 2016

The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, for a work session, which was held at the KSHSAA offices, 601 Commerce Place, Topeka. Board members in attendance were: Chairman McNiece, Vice Chair Wims-Campbell, Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Porter, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Willard.

Commissioner Randy Watson provided an overview of the day’s itinerary, then introduced guest presenters Jay Scott, KSDE Assistant Director of Career and Technical Education, and Kathleen Mercer, Career Pathways Coordinator. They described benefits of using a software system that would interface with school districts’ current student information systems to help build Individual Plans of Study (IPS) focused on students’ career interests. The process would help students explore various forms of postsecondary education and career fields. An IPS is a living document that serves as a comprehensive career guidance roadmap based on the students’ interests and strengths. It also facilitates conversations with students, faculty and parents to evaluate progress toward goals.

By identifying state-preferred vendors who could meet 20 pre-determined components, schools could have the options of using Individual Plan of Study software that meets their needs and secure a better subscription price. Board members raised questions about ownership of data, access to the IPS portfolios after high school graduation, data security, student mobility, and ability for schools to customize features. It was noted that currently about 80 percent of school districts are implementing some form of IPS. Different models were described. Guest presenters from Emporia High School and McPherson High School shared how the IPS process worked in their districts. They talked about the importance of purposeful parent/teacher conferences, considerations for flexible graduation requirements, use of college and career advocates, and college visits.

Board members then learned about specifications to be included in a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the IPS software and suggested modifications related to data security. They were presented an anticipated timeline and projected costs. Mr. Porter moved to authorize the Commissioner of Education to enter into a Request for Proposal bid process for the purpose of identifying state-preferred vendors of Individual Plans of Study software systems, with modifications for incorporating data security, and grant Perkins Reserve Federal dollars for start-up costs to middle and high schools not currently utilizing a state-preferred vendor over a two-year period (July 1, 2016-June 30,2018) in an amount not to exceed \$625,000. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTION

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mr. McNiece Feb. 23 Kansas Alliance for Educational Advocacy in Topeka; Mr. Willard Feb. 17 legislative work at the Statehouse. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. The group dismissed at approximately 3:15 p.m.

MOTION