

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shaver called the March meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m., March 12, 2013 in the Board Room of the Kansas Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

Members present were:

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

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

Chairman Shaver read the Board Mission Statement and then asked for a moment of silence. The moment of silence was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Shaver indicated that there was no longer a need for the executive session; that issues were not yet ready to bring to the Board. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Horst, that the agenda be approved. Mr. Willard asked to pull several items from the Consent agenda: m., a contract for a model anti-bullying policy; n., supplemental awards for current 21st Century Community Learning Center grants, and o., a contract to have a new Board table built. Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Horst accepted Mr. Willard's request and the motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Horst moved that the February minutes be approved, noting that there were several clerical errors to be corrected. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wims-Campbell. The Board Secretary noted she was aware of the errors as Mrs. Waugh had emailed them to her earlier. The motion carried 10-0 to approve the minutes with the corrections indicated.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner DeBacker reviewed the work done by the Board at its February planning retreat. In presenting the five objectives Commissioner DeBacker also shared with the Board the priorities Board members had defined by vote at the retreat. Nine in all, there were 3 top tier objectives under the goal to "provide a flexible and efficient delivery system to meet our students' varied and changing needs". Under the goal to "provide an effective educator in every classroom" there were also 3 top tier objectives. The remaining three goals to: "ensure effective, visionary leaders in every schools," "promote and encourage best practices for early childhood programs" and "develop active communications and partnerships with families, communities, business stakeholders, constituents and policy partners," each had at least one top tier objective identified.

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Commissioner DeBacker asked for any discussion members would like to have on the decisions made at the retreat, indicating that at some point approval of them would be requested so that staff could begin moving forward to develop strategies to achieve them. Mrs. Busch asked that the Board and staff not lose sight of the need to review special education requirements for teacher licensure even though it had been identified as a tier two priority.

Mr. McNiece moved with a second by Mrs. Wims-Campbell, that the Board accept the mission, goals and objectives developed at the retreat and as just presented by the Commissioner. There was some discussion if the motion was to "accept", "approve" or "adopt". Mr. McNiece

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amended his motion to “adopt” the mission, goals and...” Mrs. Wims- Campbell agreed to the change. The motion carried 9-1, with Bacon voting in opposition.

Dr. DeBacker spent the rest of her report providing Board members with an update on the status of the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards in the legislature. Some amount of time was spent on discussing the roles of the State Board of Education and the legislature and how those roles differed. Opposition to the standards in the legislature because of the mistaken perception that the standards were tied to federal government funding was also discussed.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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Chairman Shaver declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:37 a.m. One individual addressed the Board: Gary Brockus, from Overland Park, requesting that the Board support HB 2197, concerning the membership of the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board. With no one else requesting to speak, Chairman Shaver declared the Citizens' Open Forum closed at 10:40 a.m.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER'S REPORT ON COMMON CORE STANDARDS (CCS)

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It was mentioned that in discussion of the standards with the public there was a misperception about how the Kansas State Board was organized and that organization of education boards differed across the country. This led to individuals not understanding that the State Board of Education only adopted and assessed the standards. In Kansas it is left to local districts to determine how and what will be taught in district schools. It was requested that time be made available later in the meeting to receive information from the Board attorney on the subject. Mr. Willard, the Board's legislative coordinator, agreed that the legislative opposition was not to the standards themselves, but to a perceived federal intrusion into state government affairs. He suggested that the Board come up with a “Plan B” if the bill in the legislature prohibiting public monies being spent on CCS implementation is passed. Questioned by more than one member, was the type of recourse the Board would have if passage of the bill occurred and if communicating with the legislature before the bill was acted on would help.

BREAK

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The Board took a break from 11:00 a.m. to 11:10

PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR HISTORY, GOVERNMENT, AND SOCIAL STUDIES

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Don Gifford, KSDE Education Consultant, and Co-Chairs of the History, Government and Social Studies Standards (HGSS), Maureen Donegan, Mary Madden, Kim Rasmussen and Glenn Wiebe, provided an update to the Board on the standards. They focused on how these standards were different from the previous HGSS. The standards document focuses on discipline-specific *habits of mind* that encourage the application of content in authentic situations rather than specific content, and is intended as a framework for curriculum, instruction, assessment, and teacher preparation. The writers of the standards made a concerted effort to address discipline-specific methods of thinking. A *Best Practices and Literacy Expectations* section is included to encourage educators to address this type of disciplinary approach to learning.

In the discussion that followed, interest was expressed in the type of professional development that will be needed to help students develop higher order thinking skills. Mr. Gifford reported that the summer academies on implementation of the standards would address how to use them effectively in the classroom. There was also interest in how the standards would be assessed.

ACTION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

A decision was made to move the item to modify the current Kansas assessments in Reading and Mathematics to the afternoon. Mrs. Waugh moved, with second by Mrs. Cauble, that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and approve the orders of the Commission in cases 13-PPC-01, Drew Colcher; 13-PPC-02, Rachael Gehringer; 13-PPC-06, Gary Goldsberry; and 12-PPC-13, Elijah Gragg. After brief questions the motion carried 9-0-1, with Roberts abstaining.

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The Board recessed for lunch at 12:06. They returned at 1:30 p.m. when the afternoon session began.

LUNCH

2012 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

The Board had the opportunity to welcome and hear from representatives of the six 2012 Blue Ribbon Schools. They were: Basehor-Linwood High School, USD 458 Basehor-Linwood, Principal Sherry Reeves; Blue Valley High School, USD 229 Blue Valley, Principal Scott Bacon; Garden City High School, USD 457 Garden City, Principal James Mireles; Goddard High School, USD 265 Goddard, Principal Doug Bridwell; Marshall Elementary School, USD 389 Eureka, Principal Robert Leis; and Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, Overland Park, Principal Dr. William Ford.

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The Board asked questions after their presentations.

The Board took a break from 2:24 to 2:34 while pictures were being taken.

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RECEIVE CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION

Jessica Noble, KSDE educational program consultant for charter and virtual schools, reviewed for the Board the history of charter schools in Kansas. She also reviewed the timeline for submission, review and action on charter school petitions. Regarding the review, she indicated that there was a rubric that had been developed for use by reviewers examining applications to determine if a proposed charter had a good chance of success. She shared the possible points for each component of that rubric, noting that they totaled 188. A passing score would be 75% of the total, or 141 points.

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Ms. Noble reported that the Department had received a new charter petition for the Mount Hope Charter School, USD 312. She shared details about the charter and the goals that had been established for the school. After review by three independent reviewers, the petition had only received 121 points. She reported that the charter petition was not recommended for approval as currently written. Discussion of the petition followed and action the Board could take at this point. Ms. Noble stated that if directed by the Board to open up the process for revision before the April meeting, staff would work with the district by advising them of the type of information that was needed in each area to help improve its score. Mr. Bacon asked to see the petition reviews from each reviewer.

Mr. Willard moved that the Board direct the Department to work with USD 312, Haven, to revise its Charter School Petition in order to have it resubmitted and scored, with a recommendation by the April Board meeting. Mrs. Horst seconded the motion. After additional discussion, the motion carried on a vote of 10-0.

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CHANGES IN THE 2014 STATE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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Earlier in the year the U.S Department of Education sent the states a letter suspending federal peer review and allowing states to modify their current assessment programs to better align with more rigorous college and career ready standards. Kansas staff proposes to modify the current Kansas assessments in Reading and Mathematics to align with the new Kansas College and Career Ready standards adopted by the Board and to give schools a look ahead to using the new standards.

Deputy Commissioner Neuenswander and Director Tom Foster explained what the modifications would be and how they would be implemented. They would provide an assessment that would support the transition to College and Career Ready Standards for teachers and schools by providing a single focus for instruction with students and for district planning. This will take place a year before more rigorous accountability measures take effect in 2015, giving time for teachers, administrators, and local boards to transition. They discussed how the proposal had been shared with the field, meeting with a very favorable response. The proposal would have Department staff work with the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation (CETE) with a contract that would be revenue neutral for the next year.

Concern was expressed about the effect on the assessment plan if the legislature's ban on the Common Core Standards passes. One response was that most educators in the state agree that there is a need for new more rigorous standards and staff and the Board would have to understand which items in the CCSs were objectionable to members of the legislature. Interest in the plan for special education students was also expressed, with staff explaining the use of Dynamic Learning Maps and support for it in the special education field.

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Mrs. Busch moved to approve staff working with CETE to modify the current assessments to align with the Kansas College and Career Standards in English language arts and math. Mr. McNiece seconded the motion. Additional discussion followed about the budget for the project and the effect the transition would have on Priority and Focus schools. The motion carried on a vote 9-1, with Roberts voting in opposition. Explaining his vote, Mr. Roberts had shared his concern that he wasn't hearing anything in the discussion of the standards about age appropriate standards that distinguish between the teacher who is taught to teach at the primary and elementary level and the teacher who has subject matter expertise in the secondary grades.

PRESENTATION ON THE PROCESS KANSAS HAS ESTABLISHED FOR DISTRICTS CONTRACTING WITH FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

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Under agreements with KSDE, school districts are responsible for operating the school nutrition programs including the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. To assist in carrying out this responsibility, a school district may contract with a Food Service Management Company to manage its food service operation. KSDE is required to ensure that school districts entering into contracts with Food Service Management Companies comply with State and Federal cost and procurement standards and applicable Federal regulations. Ellen Black of Child Nutrition and Wellness explained how the process is operated in Kansas. Mr. Willard, who had requested that the item be on the agenda, shared his understanding of how the contracting process worked in other states, particularly Missouri. He felt the Kansas should provide more flexibility in the process and its time line

It was suggested that the dates be removed from the information outlining the steps necessary in the contracting procedure. Deputy Commissioner Dennis also offered to speak with the administrator that was currently experiencing difficulties with the process.

The Board took a break from 4:18 until 4:25 p.m.

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UPDATE ON THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCES STANDARDS

Matt Krehbiel reported that the writers of the NGSS were taking the feedback received from the last public draft and developing the final draft which would be available in April. The plan was to have the Kansas NGSS review committee meet again the first week of April to look at the final draft, which he hoped he would be able to bring to the Board at the April meeting. Questions from members about the type of feedback that had been received and additional details about the process followed.

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REVIEW EDUCATION LEGISLATION AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KSDE

Deputy Commissioner Dennis updated the Board on an Appropriations Committee's ten percent budget cut that would decrease the Department's operating budget by \$1.25 million and that a cap on how much a department could spend on salaries was also being discussed. He also reviewed bills of educational interest.

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During the discussion of legislation, Mrs. Cauble asked about action the Board could take to inform the legislature which activities were under the purview of the State Board of Education and share the Board's concern that some of the legislation this session seemed to be crossing into territory under the State Board's Constitutional authority. Board attorney Ferguson discussed the self-executing power of the State Board and separation of powers between the Board and the legislature.

The idea of writing a letter regarding the separation of power was discussed and whether that method of communication with the legislature would accomplish anything. The outcome of the discussion was a motion by Mrs. Waugh, that a letter be drafted by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, in cooperation with the Commissioner and the State Board Attorney. The letter should include the basic concerns raised by board members and sent to all members of the Kansas Legislature and the Governor. Mrs. Cauble seconded the motion.

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Discussion followed about what concerns should be included in the letter. The motion was amended, with the approval of Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Cauble, to read, "It is moved that a letter be drafted by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Commissioner and the State Board Attorney directed to all members of the Kansas Legislature and the Governor informing them of the Constitutional authority and responsibilities of the State Board of Education." The motion carried 7-2-1, with Bacon and Roberts voting in opposition and Willard abstaining.

**AMENDED
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BOARD REPORTS

Board members reported on recent and upcoming meetings. Mrs. Shaver attended a presentation on entrepreneurship which was very compelling. She indicated that it would be presented again at Independence Community College May 29th. Mrs. Busch reported that she would be attending upcoming meetings of the Education Coordinating Council and the Kansas Learning 1st Alliance. Mr. McNiece reported on the Scholastic Art Awards in Wichita. He also attended the MACE conference, including a session on how technology is being used to implement the College and Career Ready Standards. He also attended sessions on digital citizenship.

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Mrs. Horst attended the McPherson TIKC II focus group. Mrs. Wims-Campbell attended the Families Together annual conference, "Together We Can Learn." Breakout sessions she attended included one of the Common Core standards and another was about KANKare.

Mrs. Cauble attended a superintendents' meeting in NW Kansas. Most were from 1A schools. She reported that 1A-3A schools are having difficulty with the Career Pathways because of needing increased personnel they are not able to afford. Transportation is also an issue because of distances between schools. She asked about the possibility of forming a group of small and rural schools to work on CTE issues.

Mrs. Waugh reported on attending two TKC II Focus group meetings. She also reported on a meeting of the Deeper Learning Focus Group she had been serving on. She reported that the group took time to study the financial ramifications of some of the recommendations included in the final report. She also wanted Board members to know that the Governor's Scholars Award celebration would be May 5th at Washburn University.

**Requests for
Future Agenda
Items**

Mr. McNiece requested that Mike Ribble of KSU be invited to address the Board about digital citizenship. Mr. Roberts asked that a representative of Mathematica be invited to make a presentation to the Board in June.

It was requested that staff provide Board members with links to the Common Core videos.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Mr. Willard indicated that he had discussed the three items he had pulled from the Consent agenda earlier in the day. He stated that the supplemental awards for current 21st Century Community Learning Center supplement grants could go back on the Consent Agenda to be voted on, but he would like to discuss the other two and vote on them separately.

Mr. Willard moved that the Board vote to approve the consent agenda and include all items except m., a contract for a Model Anti-Bullying Policy, and o., a contract to have a new Board table built. Mrs. Busch seconded the motion which carried on a vote of 10-0.

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Contract for A Model Anti-Bullying Policy

Mr. Willard, after stating that he didn't see a need to spend \$400,000 for an expanded anti-bullying policy that would meet federal recommendations, moved that the Board deny the request to contract for the services to accomplish it. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Asked for more information about the item, Commissioner DeBacker reported that it was part of the S3 grant that the Board received three years ago. She indicated the state would have to request an amendment to the grant if the contract was denied. Deputy Commissioner Neuenswander provided more information about the grant request which was designed to strengthen the Kansas bullying policy to meet more than five of the 16 commonalities identified by the federal government in a survey of the states.

**MOTION TO
TABLE**

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Feeling that the Board needed more information, Mrs. Cauble moved to table the motion until the April meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion to table carried 10-0.

Contract to Have a New Board Table Built

Mr. Willard moved that the \$25,000 building project which would include a new board table be put out for bid unless Pittsburgh State University (PSU) would like to do the project at no cost, with the Board providing the materials. Craig Neuenswander and the Commissioner provided additional information. John Bacon seconded the motion. There was a question about going around the state bidding process. It was pointed out that it was not necessary when contracting with another state agency. Several Board members liked the idea of working with PSU. It was noted that there were employers in the private sector trying to keep employees on the payroll. The vote on the motion to go out for bids was 4-6, with Waugh, McNiece, Busch, Horst, Cauble and Wims-Campbell voting in opposition.

Mrs. Busch moved, with a second by Mrs. Wims-Campbell, that the Board authorize the Commissioner to contract with Pittsburg State University to construct a new table and other items for the State Board of Education to serve the needs at the Landon State Office Building in an amount not exceed \$25,000. The motion carried 6-4, with Shaver, Bacon, Willard, and Roberts voting in opposition.

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In the Consent Agenda, the State Board took the following action:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Accepted the recommendations for licensure waivers so that school districts will be able to use the individuals in an area outside the endorsement on their license as follows: *Adaptive Special Education*: Katherine Wendler, USD 259; April Hlad, USD 305; Kimberlina Cobb, USD 345; Daryle Bookout, USD 405; Tyler Cordts, USD 453; Tracy Williams, USD 475; Arthur Barker, USD 495; Amy Brown, Amy Newman, Christopher Cosse, Jason Koivuniemi-Berg, Joshua Wikler, Molly Kuplen, Quinn White and Stephanie Gonzales, USD 500; Holly Bellis, Jessica Cox, and Sheryl Wamsley, D0 602; Sean Hoffman and Judd Dohrmann, D0 605; Elizabeth Parker, D0 608; Kylie McElravy, D0 619; Angela Bolinger, D0 637; *Early Childhood Special Education*: Laura Hines, USD 230; *Elementary Second Grade- extension on number of days under an emergency substitute*: Christina Duncan, USD 496; *Functional Special Education*: Bobbi Allison, D0 637; *Gifted*: Jenny Vonfeldt, USD 259; Sandra Campbell, USD 490; Lori Martin and Makayla Sejkora, USD 500; Heather Holstein, D0 611; and *Spanish -extension on number of days under an emergency substitute*: Paula Britton, USD 253.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee to approve requests in cases 2813 Narichica Handy; 2814 Michelle McKnight; 2815 Taran Freeman; 2817 Lindsay Gribble and USD 259 Wichita; 2818 Aubrey Gocke; 2822 Douglas Kerr and USD 257 Iola; 2827 Sarah Brungardt; 2829 Ashlee Faulkner; 2830 Laura Pettay; 2835 Trevor Smith (approve an initial Kansas license for PreK-12 vocal music and deny an initial Kansas license for PreK-12 library media); 2839 Nikki Margolis; 2840 Tara Flores; 2842 Tiffany Hampe and USD 259; 2847 Damari Zakar; 2849 Alicia Miguel; 2853 Krista McVey; 2855 David Pines; 2859 Kristin Herrill; 2860 Lisa Ollivierre.
- Approved the in-service education plan for Osage City, USD 420
- Issued a Calendar Year 2013 license from March 12, 2013 to December 31, 2013 to commercial driver training school: U Drive Kansas Driving School, Emporia.
- Received KSSD and KSSB Second Quarter Reports.
- Issued an Order authorizing USD 345, Seaman, Shawnee County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- Approved the Interlocal Agreement to continue the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center.
- Approved increased funding for Title I School Improvement Grants 1003(g) for USD 480, Liberal, South Middle School, original grant of \$1,000,000 and new grant award of \$1,300,000; USD 500 KCK, NW Middle School, original grant of \$1,024,000 and new grant award of \$1,174,000; USD 500 KCK, Emerson Elementary, original grant of \$630,000 and new grant award of \$780,000; and USD 501 Topeka, Highland Park HS, original grant of \$1,970,000 and new grant award of \$2,000,000. .
- Approved additional funding for the 2012-2013 McKinney-Vento Children/Youth Homeless Grants for USD 233 Olathe, \$4,994; USD 259 Wichita, \$15,547.69; USD 261 Haysville, \$2,549; USD 290 Ottawa, \$1,665; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, \$2,163; USD 457 Garden City, \$1,410; USD 475 Geary County, \$2,140; USD 500 Kansas City, \$10,190; and USD 501 Topeka, \$7,253.

- Approved funding new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for USD 334, Southern Cloud, \$52,257; USD 350, St. John-Hudson, \$60,000; USD 353, Wellington, \$52,797; Topeka, Asbury United Methodist Church, \$56,717; and Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Logan), \$221,900.
- Approved funding the Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Supplemental Awards for current 21st CCLC grantees: USD 503 Parsons, \$40,000; Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson (Avenue A), \$44,730; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Broken Arrow), \$90,784; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Hillcrest), \$96,147; USD 253 Emporia (Middle), \$44,007; USD 261 Haysville (Middle), \$99,884; USD 305 Salina, \$96,721; USD 480 Liberal (Cottonwood/Sunflower), \$19,307; USD 500 Kansas City (Frances Willard), \$100,00; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence Schwegler), \$90,784; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Roosevelt), \$100,000; Catholic Charities of Wichita (Holy Savior), \$53,708; USD 210 Hugoton, \$98,990; USD 214 Ulysses, \$15,296; USD 244 Burlington, \$1,549; USD 290 Ottawa (Middle), \$86,297; USD 343 Perry-Lecompton, \$16,452; USD 374 Sublette, \$90,741; USD 379 Clay Center, \$90,421; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Northview), \$100,000; USD 421 Great Bend, \$55,000; USD 500 Kansas City (Banneker), \$100,000; USD 500 Kansas City (New Stanley), \$100,000; USD 500 Kansas City (Whittier), \$100,000; USD 501 Topeka (West), \$99,997; USD 501 Topeka (Williams Magnet), \$87,746; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Cordley), \$98,839; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Pinckney), \$92,955; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Woodlawn), \$91,097; USD 217 Rolla, \$51,727; USD 218 Elkhart, \$33,583; USD 257 Iola, \$100,000; USD 258 Humboldt, \$85,754; USD 261 Haysville (Elementary), \$59,142; USD 287 West Franklin, \$41,821; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Bergman), \$99,987; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Ogden), \$100,000; USD 466 Independence, \$99,694; 498 Valley Heights, \$62,692; USD 499 Galena, \$97,019; USD 500 Kansas City (Silver City), \$100,000; USD 501 Topeka (High), \$99,992; USD 501 Topeka (Robinson), \$93,516; USD 501 Topeka (Quincy), \$80,537; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Kennedy), \$85,784; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Lee), \$100,000; KCK Community College, \$100,000; Save the Children (Pittsburg), \$99,825; USD 209 Moscow, \$16,490; USD 216 Deerfield, \$38,250; USD 232 De Soto, \$91,897; USD 247 Cherokee, \$71,011; USD 290 Ottawa (Field/Lincoln), \$99,641; USD 290 Ottawa (Garfield), \$94,205; USD 349 Stafford, \$60,500; USD 366 Woodson, \$100,000; and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Finney County, \$52,731.

Authorized the Commissioner to negotiate and enter into a contract with:

- Families Together, Inc. to operate a statewide education advocate program for learners with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 per year.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL REQUESTS

Mr. Willard, with a second by Mrs. Horst moved that Board member travel requests be approved with one correction. Mrs. Horst intended that her request for a meeting in Seneca include mileage instead of per diem. The corrected travel requests carried on a vote of 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business, the Chairman adjourned Board at 5:46 p.m.

Jana Shaver, Chairman

Penny Plamann, Secretary