

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

**3/13/2018  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:06)**

**ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	Ken Willard

**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 AGENDA**

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Tuesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION  
(00:02:10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 13 and 14, 2018, Board meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION  
(00:02:40)**

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Randy Watson addressed multiple topics in his report this month. He commented on the Education Coordinating Council’s progress on a concurrent enrollment plan. If the school finance bill passes, eligible high school juniors or seniors may take English Composition 1 in the Fall of 2018 for college credit at no cost to the student. This would begin the gradual increase of free concurrent enrollment general education courses to five (15 college credit hours) while in high school. Dr. Watson addressed questions about eligibility standards, delivery of coursework, program consistency, and the difference between concurrent enrollment and dual enrollment. In addition, Dr. Watson:

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- reviewed application criteria for the Gemini II phase of the school redesign project and explained how education service centers would assist with regionalized support;
- noted that work continues to tighten the scope of the agency audit;
- talked about the recent creation of the Governor’s Education Council by Executive Order;
- previewed the upcoming discussion about student safety with historical facts and a reminder about the anonymous school safety hotline operated by the Kansas Highway Patrol;
- shared highlights proposed in House Bill 2773, which addresses school safety.

**CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:31 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Kim Anderson, Kansas Association for the Deaf — most restrictive versus least restrictive environment; Tracey Tomme, Kansas Cosmosphere — school experiences and blended learning opportunities for students. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:43 a.m.

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**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION ON STUDENT SAFETY IN KANSAS SCHOOLS**

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Chairman Porter and Commissioner Watson led a discussion among Board members about school safety. House Bill 2773, introduced this legislative session, would create the Kansas safe and secure schools act. The bill, which had not yet had a hearing, would help update the Model Kansas School District Emergency Operations Plan developed in 2011. Issues discussed included increasing awareness of the Kansas School Safety Hotline, pros and cons of arming individuals on school grounds, concerns about insurance coverage and secured building entrances.

**BREAK**

There was a 10-minute break at 11:27 a.m.

**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ON GOAL TWO: OUTREACH RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

**MOTION**

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Interim Superintendent Jon Harding of the Kansas State School for the Blind last month outlined specifics of the school's plan to expand outreach services for blind or visually impaired students and their families. Both the School for the Blind and School for the Deaf are developing specific actions around five general goals. The second of the goals targets outreach services. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the proposed recommendations from the Kansas State School for the Blind for developing more outreach services and supports to meet the needs of students, parents and staff within their local communities and schools. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Cauble absent for the vote.

**RECEIVE UPDATE FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ON GOAL TWO, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ON GOAL THREE**

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Presentations continued this month on each of the five goals developed to support the Kansas School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind. KSD Interim Superintendent Luanne Barron, through use of an interpreter, responded to Board members' requests in February for more details on Goal Two for expanding outreach resources and services.

**DELAY IN MEETING**

The meeting was interrupted from 11:57 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. while the Landon building was evacuated for a fire alarm. Upon return to the Board Room, Mrs. Barron continued with her report. She described the intent of three new positions (two blended learning instructors and a family/community engagement facilitator). She discussed work targeted at early acquisition to language, services for children birth to age 3, and the mentor program. Additional details and a timeline were requested. In the meantime, action was recommended on hiring additional outreach personnel.

**ACTION ON KSD PERSONNEL POSITIONS**

**MOTIONS**

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Mrs. Waugh moved to temporarily suspend Board policy to allow action this month on the recommended personnel positions at Kansas School for the Deaf. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mrs. Waugh then moved to authorize Kansas School for the Deaf to hire personnel for three new outreach positions. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**LUNCH**

At 12:37 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the break for a final review of proposed changes to the guidelines.

**INFORMATION ON FUTURE EDUCATORS ACADEMY, OLATHE USD 233**

**P.M. SESSION**

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Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed Shelley Staples from Olathe USD 233. She is facilitator for the 21st Century Future Educators Academy housed at Olathe East High School in the Olathe district. Ms. Staples and six of the students participating in this particular academy spoke about the first year of the program, which provides a focused plan of study centered on careers in the education field. Students gain experience in varied ways, including lesson planning and classroom observations. They may also participate in Educators Rising, the career and technical student organization.

**CONTINUATION OF AGENDA ITEM 10:  
KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND RECOMMENDATIONS ON GOAL THREE**

Kansas School for the Blind Interim Superintendent Jon Harding presented proposed recommendations for Goal Three that would impact KSSB's collaboration with education leaders, service partners and higher education. He explained how a more integrated network of services would improve communications and visibility around supports and services. He talked about increased emphasis on early childhood, hiring of a family support staff member to serve southeast Kansas, and the need for more adult service partners to support students ages 18 to 21. Mr. Harding also mentioned ongoing efforts to work more closely with businesses in the community.

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**ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LICENSURE REGULATIONS**

The Professional Standards Board and the Regulations Committee have recommended changes to a set of licensure regulations. Proposed amendments were brought to the State Board last month on the following: K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204 and 91-1-209. Susan Helbert, Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, noted one change since the first review was presented. The term "basic math" was changed to "foundational math." She answered questions about the performance assessment and rationale for levels of math instruction. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve submission of the proposed amendments to licensure regulations K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204 and 91-1-209 to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General's office for review. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-2, with Mrs. Mah and Mr. Roberts in opposition. After the review, the next step in the adoption process is for the State Board to set a public hearing date for comments.

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**MOTION**  
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Board members took a 10-minute break at 2:33 p.m.

**BREAK**

**UPDATE ON EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT**

Deputy Commissioner Brad Neuenswander reported on accountability goals and indicators included as part of the state's approved plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The year 2017 serves as the baseline year for evaluating outcome projections. Applicable indicators, which are measured and reported annually, differ slightly for elementary and secondary grades. He described how the ESSA plan addresses academic preparation, but extends beyond only meeting a target score reflective of the "No Child Left Behind" era. He also talked about the support provided to schools.

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**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Jessica Snider, Vice Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, appeared remotely to bring forth the recommendations on three licensure cases. Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and deny the application of William Kincade and revoke the licenses and any associated endorsements of Chris Ruder and Matthew Vander Linden. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT OF KANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READY STANDARDS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE**

The process of creating Kansas Computer Science Standards is under way with the formation a committee of representatives from business, industry and education. A first committee meeting is anticipated for June. Education Program Consultant Dr. Stephen King outlined development efforts, which include looking at the existing national framework to build K-12 model standards specific to Kansas. He presented a timeline of the work then answered questions about nominations for the committee and addressing keyboard instruction in lower grades.

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### **UPDATE ON KANSANS CAN SCHOOL REDESIGN PROJECT**

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School redesign specialists Jay Scott (secondary) and Tammy Mitchell (elementary) reported that the Mercury 7 schools are all on pace with the established timeline for the Kansans Can School Redesign Project. They highlighted multiple examples of how schools are incorporating more personalized learning, piloting new proto-types and working to change the old system. At the elementary level, one school is utilizing a first grade think tank for student input. Also mentioned were more opportunities for student choice and teacher collaboration in the secondary schools. Benefits already evident in the redesign schools are less tardiness and fewer behavior reports. The Mercury 7 schools will fully launch in the fall of 2018. There were questions about student response, expansion of the redesign project, professional development on mentoring/advising, and the recent Kansans Can Symposium featuring redesign.

### **BREAK**

Board members took a 10-minute break at 4:23 p.m. Mr. McNiece did not return after the break.

### **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

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Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided a summary of selected bills still being considered by the legislature. House Bill 2773 would provide \$5 million and staff to administer a program that would be used to improve safety and security in school districts. Examples of utilizing the funds are door locks, entrance changes, training of employees and security cameras. He summarized other education legislation from the House and Senate. Board members discussed Senate Bill 424, which would establish the office of the education inspector general under jurisdiction of the State Treasurer for monitoring the State Department of Education and school districts. Mr. Dennis reported that the school finance study commissioned by the legislature would be released on Friday.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION**  
(05:24:07)

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. McNiece absent. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for February.
- confirmed the personnel appointments of Candi Brown as HR Administrative Specialist on the Human Resources team, effective Feb. 12, 2018, at an annual salary of \$39,852.80; Nathan Weedin as Technology Support Technician on the Information Technology team, effective March 5, 2018, at an annual salary of \$34,403.20.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:  
*Early Childhood Special Education* — Cara Garretson, USD 253; Melissa Howe, Adriene White, USD 475; Micaela Espinoza, USD 500. *Early Childhood Special Education - extension on the number of days under an Emergency Substitute License* — Jennifer Stewart, USD 469; Denise Cunningham, USD 377. *Gifted* — Michaela Liebst, USD 260; Catherine McGowan, Lorraine Hefty, USD 497; Vincent Boreas, USD 500. *High Incidence Special Education* — Kimberly Green, USD 229; Katelyn Keith, USD 259; Brandi Flisram, USD 263; Stacie Adams, USD 407; Katie Wendland, Mika Maples, USD 475; Molly Green, USD 497; Catherine Keithley, Destinee Eubank, Stephanie Sykes, Derek Campbell, Christopher Wheat, Jaimee Wheat, Kimberly Eckardt, Pamela Owens, Betty Thomas, USD 500; Kenton Noonan, Grace Krohn, James Dreasher, Michele Byers, USD 501; Sarah Starforth, USD 512; Lori Unruh, D0602; Brittany Harrington, Sindy Daniels, D0603; Jeremy Davis, Katy Gerke, D0613; Megan Davis, Tyler Botts, Leah Kelley, D0618; Chase Cleland, D0637; Traci McDonald, Jason Lingenfelter, Sara Peterson, D0702. *High Incidence Special Education - extension on the number of days under an Emergency Substitute License* — Renee Scales, USD 234; Catherine Cashier, USD 364; Anita Gottsponer, USD 457; Nicholas Black, USD 469; Demetrius Cox, D0617; Shelly Norling, D0620. *Library Media Specialist* — Michaila Pfaff, Meghan Chapman, USD 385; Veronica Wait, Jamie Francis, Jennifer Kane, Terry Morris, USD 475. *Low*

*Incidence Special Education* — Heidi Parrish, USD 229; Bonnie Phillips, Brenda Asher, USD 259; Raqual Carlson, USD 345; Nicole Van Der Weg, USD 373; Stacie Adams, USD 407; Emily Freeman, USD 453; Lauren Johnson, USD 458; Sarah Heath, D0618. *Visual Impaired* — Vanessa Rosalan, USD 501.

- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plan for Little River USD 444.
- accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee: accreditation through Dec. 31, 2024 for Baker University, Central Christian College and Fort Hays State University, and program approval for **Bethel College** — Art (PreK-12), Health (PreK-12), Mathematics (6-12), Music (PreK-12), Physical Education (PreK-12), Speech/Theater (6-12), all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024; **Emporia State University** — Elementary (K-6 MS), new program through Dec. 31, 2019; Art (PreK-12), ESOL (PreK-12), Health (PreK-12), History Government Social Studies (5-8), History Government Social Studies (6-12), Mathematics (5-8), Mathematics (6-12), Instrumental Music (PreK-12), Vocal Music (PreK-12), Physical Education (PreK-12), Psychology (6-12), Restricted (5-8, 6-12, PreK-12), School Counselor (PreK-12), all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2024; **Washburn University** — Art (PreK-12), continuing program through Dec. 31, 2024.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved cases* — 3177 Jennifer Lamborn, 3197 Melissa Reali-Culy, 3198 Jeffrey Long, 3200 Kathi Martin, 3201 Lauryn Moore.
- approved the Interlocal Agreements to renew the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center.
- approved continued funding of Title II Part B Math and Science Partnership Grants for 2018-19 as follows: second year funding for Kansas State University \$149,275 and University of Saint Mary \$53,113 in partnership with USD 378, USD 323, USD 379, USD 429, USD 438, USD 233, USD 416; third year funding for Kansas State University \$101,124 in partnership with USD 475, USD 427, USD 383, USD 320.
- approved Kansas Volunteer Generation Fund sub-grantees for 2018 as follows: Barton Community College/Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Great Bend \$19,987, Flint Hills Volunteer Center in Manhattan \$20,000, One Heart Project in Overland Park \$20,000, United Way of Franklin County Association in Ottawa \$20,000.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- enter into a contract to evaluate the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program in an amount not to exceed \$16,000;
- amend the October 2017 contract to carry out the Kansas School Mental Health Professional Development program from an amount not to exceed \$4,181,688 to an amount not to exceed \$4,450,000.

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 5:05 p.m. The meeting would resume at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on March 14, 2018 in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

3/14/2018  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:11)

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	

Member Ken Willard was absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the day's agenda. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
(00:00:24)

**UPDATE ON KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION**

Assistant Director Jeannette Nobo provided an overview of the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA). Public and private school systems are entering the five-year implementation cycle at staggered intervals depending on an evaluation process. The majority of systems, however, are entering at year one. Among the topics covered were the KESA initial report, training of the Outside Visitation Team chairs, work of the Accreditation Review Council, and plan for on-site visits. Board members discussed at length various steps in the accreditation process. There were questions about the use of AdvancED for the review process, accountability for academic progress, responsibilities of the Accreditation Review Council and the Accreditation Advisory Council, and the need for an executive summary report to accompany each system accreditation recommendation. Mrs. Nobo explained each of the accreditation determinations: accredited, conditionally accredited and not accredited. Mischel Miller, new director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, assisted in answering questions. Other topics discussed included early identification of at-risk schools and the need for Board member input on the executive summary format/contents.

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There was a break at 10:21 a.m.

**BREAK**

**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE TO UPDATE POLICY GUIDELINES**

Every two years the State Board's Policy Committee reviews the Policies and suggests any changes deemed necessary. Committee Chair Janet Waugh presented recommendations to update the section of Guidelines that accompany Board Policies. She provided an overview of meetings, considerations and updates the committee worked through. One suggested wording change to Board Policy 2001 was also presented. There was discussion about the recommendation to simplify Guideline Six for sixth grade student participation in interscholastic athletics. Board members suggested adding a line to clarify the need for insurance coverage of sixth grade student athletes. A vote on the recommendations is anticipated in April.

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### **ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS OF STATE BOARD MEMBERS TO KSHSAA**

Two Kansas State Board of Education members serve on the leadership boards of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). Current representatives are Jim Porter (2016-18) and Kathy Busch (2017-19). The position held by Mr. Porter expires June 30, 2018. Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint Deena Horst to a two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2018. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
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Chairman Porter then asked for a motion to appoint one of the Board's two KSHSAA representatives to also serve on the KSHSAA Executive Board. Mrs. Waugh moved to reappoint Kathy Busch to another two-year term on the KSHSAA Executive Board beginning July 1, 2018. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
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### **BOARD REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

During Committee Reports, Mrs. Waugh instructed members on the plan to notify Challenge Award winners in their districts before April 6 and then to schedule a time to present the awards. Mrs. Waugh also reported on the most recent Juvenile Justice Oversight meeting where the discussion focused on the school shooting in Florida and trauma-sensitive issues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
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School Mental Health Advisory Council — Mrs. Busch commented on ongoing meetings of the Council. Topics include collaboration between schools and community organizations, development of a website for posting resources such as staff training modules, and planned development of trainings for students.

**BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson commented on the following:

- Monthly report of activities
- Collective bargaining process for Kansas School for the Deaf, and the first negotiations meeting
- Preliminary injunction regarding a Kansas law requiring all state vendors and contractors to certify that they are not engaged in a boycott of Israel.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Individual Board member reports:** Mrs. Mah gave an update on ethnic studies work by Representatives Winn and Alcalá, and where to find information on Culturally Relevant Pedagogy training. McNiece is working to coordinate a date for Board members to visit Innovation Campus and aerospace industries in Wichita. He reported on Spirit AeroSystems' summer manufacturing internship program and the Junior Achievement Banquet in Wichita. Mrs. Cauble toured Dodge City High School's career-tech program as part of the CTE Month celebration. Mrs. Waugh talked about programs in Leavenworth schools, which she toured with the Kansas Teacher of the Year team, and a visit to Washington High School. Mrs. Horst visited a mobile STEM lab demonstration using 3D virtual programs, participated in an advisory board meeting of the Kansas Masonic Literacy Center, attended a school dedication at Central High School and the Governor's signing of the Executive Order to establish the Governor's Education Council. Mr. Roberts distributed his talking points to members and talked about the Board's vision.

Chairman Porter reported on the NASBE Legislative Conference, participated in a panel at Fort Hays State University for developing a K-6 unified program, and attended the Kansas Alliance for Educational Advocacy meeting. He also spoke to first-year music teachers at the KMEA conference and attended a physical education workshop highlighting social-emotional growth. He provided a support letter for an agency grant application benefitting school breakfast initiatives. Board members discussed Senate Bill 424 and the need to voice the Board's opposition to creation of an Education Inspector General. A statement of opposition would be prepared for the hearing.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Explanation of deaf culture (Mrs. Busch)
- Preview of School Mental Health Advisory Council training modules (Mrs. Busch)
- Accreditation Review Council (ARC) and the process it follows (general request)
- Culturally Relevant Pedagogy program developed by Rep. Winn and Rep. Alcala (Mrs. Mah)
- Junior Achievement of Kansas program (Mr. McNiece)
- Kansas Masonic Literacy Center and its work with schools (Mrs. Horst)
- Discuss strategies for protecting the Board's duties and responsibilities (Mr. Porter)

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch — March 19 School Finance Study report to legislators; Mrs. Horst — March 26 KTOY visit to Atchison schools; Mr. McNiece — March 11 Dedication at Belle Plaine, March 15, 21 and 23 legislative liaison work; Challenge Award presentations for all Board members participating, group tour to Wichita's Innovation Campus and industries (TBD). Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

**MOTION**  
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**ADJOURN**

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17 and 18, 2018. The Wednesday session will be the annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Blind and Kansas School for the Deaf.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary