

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed everyone in attendance, including educators from Shawnee Mission USD 512 who are participating in a leadership academy. She also acknowledged American Education Week occurring Nov. 18-22.

(00:00:02)

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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

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

Chairman Busch read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Kansans Can Vision Statement. She then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the day’s agenda. Mrs. Mah seconded. Mr. Roberts then moved to pull Consent Item 15 j. for discussion. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded Mr. Roberts’ request and it was approved 7-3 with Mr. Jones, Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Busch in opposition. Approval of the agenda as amended passed on a vote of 10-0.

MOTIONS
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(00:07:01)

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Mah abstaining.

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(00:07:28)

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson focused on measures that help track whether students are academically prepared when leaving high school. He explained there are eight areas looked at in terms of results, both qualitative and quantitative. Dr. Watson shared student achievement information on state assessments, SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment and career/technical education. He also commented on the STAR recognition system being implemented. One of the distinction categories recognizes districts for exceeding their postsecondary predictive rate by outperforming challenges such as chronic absenteeism, accumulated poverty and student mobility.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:37 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Julie Wilson, KNEA—concerns about STAR recognition system and opposition to category placement; Lori Mann, Kansas Literacy Professionals in Higher Education — feedback on Dyslexia

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Committee recommendations and impact to higher education. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:46 a.m.

INFORMATION ON EDUCATORS RISING KANSAS

(00:47:35)

Educators Rising Kansas is a student organization that identifies and develops aspiring teachers while they are in high school and uses network supports for their journey toward the teaching profession. The presenter was Cathy Mong from USD 259 and an Educators Rising State Advisory Board member. She commented on the training participants receive such as teacher observation and internships, trends covered at regional and state conferences, and leadership development.

BREAK

Board members took a break at 11:15 a.m.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FINALISTS FROM KANSAS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

(01:13:00)

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis introduced two of the most recent National Finalists from Kansas for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The Board recognized Heidi Albin, a science teacher at Complete High School Maize (Maize USD 266), a 2017 recipient, and Sarah Rand, a mathematics teacher at Central Heights Elementary (Central Heights USD 288), a 2018 recipient. Two other recipients were unable to attend the meeting. They are Stephen Smith, a technology teacher at Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School (Wichita USD 259) and Monica Dreiling, a science teacher at Lincoln Elementary (Hays USD 489). Honorees shared remarks about activities in their classrooms and instruction styles. Students from Complete High School Maize spoke about their outdoor science education programs. *(Finalists for this specific award are announced by the White House. The process is currently behind schedule).*

LUNCH

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: USD 500 STUDENTS AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION EXPERIMENT

P.M. SESSION
(01:42:27)

Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. She welcomed teacher Erin Morley Henry and four students from USD 500—Daquon Cheadle, Uhunoma Amayo, Carlos Jimenez Reyes and Daleshone Sharkey. These students had the unique opportunity to send their microgravity science experiment to the International Space Station this summer. The project was in conjunction with the former Coronado Middle School (now Gloria Willis MS) and KU GEAR UP. The youth microgravity researchers wanted to discover the best method for growing mint leaves in space. Their application was selected for the Student Spaceflight Experiment program from among international entries. They conducted a ground truth experiment at the same time as the space lab experiment. They spoke about their learning experience and traveling to the Kennedy Space Center. A time for questions and comments followed.

RECEIVE E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE POLICY RECOMMENDATION

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KSDE Education Program Consultant Mark Thompson represented the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force to present draft policy recommendations for a comprehensive tobacco-free grounds policy schools could use. There was discussion about policy enforcement to school visitors. Dr. Thompson shared data released from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey showing increases in youth use of electronic nicotine devices. Task Force member Hina Shah talked about legislative options for key policy areas, including taxation. Several members of the Task Force were present to answer questions, including ones about research, exemptions and flavor bans. The Board is expected to vote on the policy recommendations in December.

REVIEW DEFINITION OF EXTRAORDINARY ENROLLMENT GROWTH

State Statute provides that the State Board of Education shall define enrollment growth for the purpose of allowing school districts that meet the State Board's definition to appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals for additional authority to open a new facility. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis stated the current definition for extraordinary enrollment growth and presented a proposed provision for consideration that addresses the issue of enrollment growth in a selected part of a school district. The topic will be discussed again at the December meeting.

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There was a break from 3:07 to 3:15 p.m.

BREAK

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Professional Practices Commission Chair Linda Sieck appeared remotely to introduce four cases for consideration this month. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC in issuing the licenses of 19-PPC-35, 19-PPC-38 and 19-PPC-40. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Next, Mr. Jones moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law in suspending the license of 19-PPC-05. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTIONS

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DYSLEXIA COMMITTEE

At the October State Board meeting, the Dyslexia Committee's report and recommendations were presented for consideration. These recommendations are adapted from the Kansas Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia in order to improve reading instruction, professional development and pre-service teacher preparation in regards to identifying, intervening and re-mediating dyslexia in Kansas schools. Committee Chair Cynthia Hadicke explained about the proposed timelines noted with each recommendation. There was discussion about testing for pre-service teachers seeking particular licenses or endorsements, and the screening and evaluation process for students. Mr. Porter moved to approve the recommendations of the Dyslexia Committee for pre-service teacher programs, professional learning, screening and evaluation, and evidence-based reading practices, encouraging compressed timelines as much as possible, and to adopt the definition of dyslexia as presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. During discussion, Mr. Jones proposed an amendment to remove English Language Arts endorsements from the pre-service recommendation for science of reading testing. Mrs. Mah seconded the request. The amendment failed 3-7, lacking the 6 votes required for passage. Mrs. Clifford, Mr. McNiece, Dr. Horst, Mrs. Dombrosky, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Porter voted in opposition. Additional discussion followed. The vote on Mr. Porter's original motion passed 10-0.

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MOTION

(03:51:57)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(03:52:35)

MOTION

RESTATED

(03:55:30)

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding 15 j. (request to contract for state assessment services), which would be acted on separately. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

MOTION

(03:58:59)

- received the monthly Personnel Report for October.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Jennifer Shaffer as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective Oct. 20, 2019, at an annual salary of \$69,992; Megan Pearson as Coordinator on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Oct. 21, 2019, at an annual salary of \$54,995.20; Dayna Kriley as Consultant on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team, effective Oct. 28, 2019, at an annual salary of \$50,960.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Deaf or Hard of Hearing* - Gina Westerman, D0725. *Early Childhood Special Education* - Cherice Benton, Deborah Cavener, USD 204; Ashlea Fales, USD 233; Cara Garretson, USD 253; Jamie Graham, USD 259; Erica Bunton, USD 261; Jessica Knox, USD 305; Sara Carrier, USD 330;

Stephanie Davies, Jessica Weishaar, USD 345; Melinda Hall, USD 389; Angela Voth, USD 418; Linda Morrison, D0618; Gena Jones, D0701; Tammy Cole, Amber Sampson, D0720; Nicole Veatch, D0725. *Early Childhood/Preschool* - Arleen Sponsel, USD 259; Elizabeth Dieker, D0620. *English as a Second Language* - Chelsea Pham, Kelly Shultz, Jessica Vogt, USD 259. *Gifted* - Khanthavivanh Khamdalanikone, USD 204; Marguerite Hunting, Sara Reimer, USD 231; Nichola Demarest, Jennifer Farha, Kristin Heasley, USD 259; Kent Hicks, USD 261; Keri Gehrt Miller, Carlene McManigal, USD 336; Katie Rhodes, USD 383; Jill Hultberg, USD 418; Jillian Kay, USD 475; Jessica Miescher-Lerner, USD 497; Sharon Stockton, Celia Stucky, D0613; Alex Butterfield, Michelle Lewis, Kylie Rush, D0618; Gerald Schwinn, D0638; Corinne Flynn, D0720; Mellany Flagler, Bambi Hanson, D0725. *High Incidence Special Education* - Margaret Seggar, USD 202; Stephen Anderson, USD 203; Anna Thompson, USD 204; Abbie Doerhoff, USD 229; Amy Bloodgood, Breanna Bowzer, Melinda Brown, Amber Nichols, USD 231; Blaine Buckles, Christina Hurd, Stacey Martin, Kelsey Meadows, Nicole Nafziger, USD 233; Jessica Knuth, Alex Lundry, USD 253; Shannon Balthrop, Alyssa Beck, Heather Brown, Camala Cathey, Jennifer Coslett, Heather Crump, Ashley Dowell, Veronica Forbes, Shane Goldwater, Esmeralda Gutierrez, Aubrey Heier, Emily Hellewell, Adrienne Johnson, Sara Johnson, Priscilla Kralicek, Elise Kratz, Jennifer Laflamme, Brook Lohmeier, Angela Masterson, Kayla Nott, Shannon Olson, Megan Plant, Amani Ross, Angela Smith, Judith Spor, Keely Tolbert, Pamela Waldrop, USD 259; Audrey Allen, Justin Carruthers, Rebecca Casey, Stephanie Dunback, Sarah Feather, Matthew Gerber, Amanda Hawkinson, Kristine Kirk, Rodney Marner, Sharon Norden, Vicki Rierson, USD 260; Mary Batt, Ashley Garten, Tiffany Meairs, Diana Moyer, USD 261; Brittany Ferraro, Brandi Flisram, USD 263; Sydney Bacon, Stacy Lambert, Hanna McCarty, Liliana Peters, Steven Taylor, Monica Zier, USD 305; Skyler Suther, USD 320; Stephanie Bender, Tiffany Benedick, Jacob Kirmer, Mallorie Lafarge, USD 345; Megan Perkuhn, Robert Shelburne III, USD 364; Seth Dills, Christine Warren, Jana Winter, USD 383; Kristin Jerrick, Jenessa Maldonado, Christina Whitmer, USD 418; Sonia Camerlinck, Bailee Flaming, Samantha Garner, Evan Goehl, Christina Rankin, Cassie Sandlin, USD 475; Jennifer Allen, Lauren Colman, Lacy Davison Symmonds, Samantha Hershberger, Emily Ray, USD 497; Theresa Barry, Christopher Funk, Colin McCarty, Benjamin Phillips, Scott Snaveley, Betty Thomas, Christopher Wheat, USD 500; Erica Carter, April Farr, Cindie Franz, Patricia Hendrickson, Lori Unruh, D0602; Amanda Wolfe, D0603; Susan Clayton, D0605; Natalie Roberson, D0607; Alicia Birney, D0613; Rebecca Fiedler, Lucas Fitzmorris, Karin Good, Daniel Kliger, Chelsey Livingston, Jason Millemon, Tamara Mink, D0613; Amie Archer, Tyler Botts, Shawn Brown, Megan Davis, Lori Fisher, Logan Harpool, Lorane May, Julie Rader, Lorie Schaller, Tiffany Steinbacher, Randall VandenHoek, D0618; Christopher Duke, Alexia Wells, D0620; Shelley Merrick, D0637; Kelly Ankrom, Amy Dieter, Amy Gumm, Jera Kressly, Hannah Mason, Claire Mossman, Alyssa Rawlings, Ashley Unruh, Michele White, Karli Winter, D0638; Kelly Kimerer, Samantha Toombs, D0700; Amanda Vander Linden, Mindy Woods, D0701; Kaitlyn Isch, D0702; Kylee Brenn, Caitlyn Hecker, Tayvia Kemp, Cynthia Terry, D0725. *High Incidence Special Education - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Fritz Desir, USD 231; Mamta Renkuntla, USD 233. *Library Media Specialist* - Charity Carter, Kelly Cotton, Jennifer Stebral, Elizabeth Tackett, USD 259; Kari Duntz, Haley Fairbank, Becky Hinck, Terry Morris, USD 475. *Low Incidence Special Education* - Megan Mellring, USD 204; Paige Skouse, USD 229; Tracy Steele, USD 231; Ashley Arconati, Bailey Christensen, Courtney Dubois, Calvin Johnson, Megan Jones, Ellen Kopetzky, Lisa Urban, USD 233; Aubrie Ellis, Ricky Ewert, Maurice Gatewood, Teayanise Guiden, Nicolle Herman, Whitney Long, Michelle Murphy, Gary Rochester, Harley Schiermeister, Ali Wagner, Leslie Winzenried, Richard Wright, USD 259; Amy Hajdukovich, Jordan Hermes, Jennifer Scritchfield, USD 260 Beth Carl, USD 261; Anna Berger, Jessica Palmer, USD 364; Karen Phillips, USD 383; Macey Conrad, USD 497; Whitney Austin, USD 500; Blanca Bueno, USD 512; Amy Phelps, D0618; Susan Sterling, D0638; Renae Gifford, D0701; Alyxandra Rush, D0725. *Low Incidence Special Education - extension on number of*

days under an emergency substitute license - Cindy Hollinger, USD 375. Math - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license - Jillian Jones, USD 233; Peggy Forsberg, USD 453. Science - middle level - Marie Seymore, USD 259. Science - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license - Roberta Freeman, USD 450. Spanish - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license - Gregory Danker, USD 233. Visual Impaired - Bailee Jablonowski, USD 260; Kerry Ingram, USD 305; Amber Hanson, USD 333.

- accepted the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval: **Bethany College** - Biology 6-12, English Language Arts 6-12, Mathematics 6-12, Instrumental Music PreK-12, Vocal Music PreK-12, all continuing programs through June 30, 2026; **Kansas State University** - Agriculture 6-12, English Language Arts 6-12, new programs both through Dec. 31, 2021; **Newman University** - Biology 6-12, Elementary Education K-6, Mathematics 6-12, Reading Specialist PreK-12, all continuing programs through June 30, 2026; **Ottawa University** - Art PreK-12, Business 6-12, Instrumental Music PreK-12, Vocal Music PreK-12, all continuing programs through June 30, 2026; **Washburn University** - Building Leadership PreK-12, District Leadership PreK-12, both new programs through Dec. 31, 2021.
- approved the Education Flexibility Partnership (Ed-Flex) waiver request for USD 407 Russell County.
- authorized USD 416 Louisburg, Miami County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 416 Louisburg, Miami County, to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved cases - 3282, 3286, 3287, 3288, 3289, 3290, 3291, 3292, 3293, 3294, 3295, 3296, 3297, 3298, 3299, 3300.*

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- initiate the Request for Proposal process for State Board Attorney legal services from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, with the option of four one-year extensions in a five-year contract amount not to exceed \$250,000;
- enter into a contract with Education Elements for calendar year 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$295,700;
- initiate the contract bid process for providing state advisor services for Kansas Business Professionals of America in an amount not to exceed \$67,500 for a four-year contract.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Roberts requested to pull Consent Item 15 j. (request to contract for state assessment services). After comments and explanation, Mr. McNiece moved to authorize the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract with the recommended vendor resulting from a bidding process required by the Department of Administration and Division of Purchasing for the purpose of developing, administering, analyzing and reporting state assessments with a contract amount not to exceed thirty-six million (\$36,000,000) through June 30, 2026. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.

MOTION
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MOTION
RESTATED
(04:08:17)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

MOTION
(04:12:35)

Board members had the opportunity to make changes to the travel requests for approval. Mr. Porter moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

MOTION
(04:13:18)

Mrs. Waugh moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of legal matters with legal counsel, which is justified pursuant to the exception for matters, which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship under KOMA, in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communications with an attorney on legal matters. The session would begin at 4:30 p.m. for 30 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 5 p.m. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson, KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon, Commissioner Randy Watson and Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis were invited to join the session. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Open session resumed at 5 p.m.

EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

MOTION

Mrs. Waugh moved to extend the same Attorney-Client executive session with the same participants for 15 minutes, beginning at 5:01 p.m.. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Open session resumed at 5:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

MOTION

Mrs. Waugh moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of an individual employee's performance, which is justified pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual(s) to be discussed. The session would begin at 5:16 p.m. for 15 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 5:31 p.m. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

RECESS

Members returned to open session at 5:31 p.m. Chairman Busch immediately recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas Health Institute.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Nov. 13, 2019, at offices of the Kansas Health Institute, 212 SW Eighth, Topeka, Kansas.

(Meeting not recorded)

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jones moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

MOTION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

School Mental Health Advisory Council — Chairman Busch summarized ongoing work of the School Mental Health Advisory Council. This included updates on the legislative pilot partnering schools with community mental health centers and utilizing liaisons; the grant supporting school mental health professional development and coaching; resources such as TASN, caregiver training materials and a comprehensive Suicide Prevention, Response and Postvention Toolkit. There were questions about crisis team intervention and assurances for privacy. There was also discussion about the Kansas Communities That Care survey as well as opt-out/opt-in consent.

Transition Work Group Report and Recommendations— Mr. Porter presented information from the Special Education Transition Work Group led by the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. Mr. Porter serves on the work group that addresses issues related to transition to adulthood for children with disabilities. Early intervention, supportive decision making, parent involvement, appropriate IEPs and training/technical assistance were among the topics. The work group will present its report to the State Board for acceptance in December and then to the Legislature.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Any of his talking points from March 2017 (Mr. Roberts)
- Virtual schools (Mrs. Dombrosky)
- Courses on civic responsibility, including pre-voting preparation (Mrs. Dombrosky)
- Learning services for incarcerated students (Dr. Horst)
- Oversight of trauma students in absence of regular school advocate (Mrs. Dombrosky)
- Report on review of at-risk practices as amended in 2019 (Mrs. Busch)
- Extended time to talk in-depth about academic achievement and connection to KESA, redesign (Mrs. Busch)

- Discuss current state assessment system and how it fits with redesign and the mission (Mrs. Busch and Mr. Porter)

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Busch appointed herself and Ann Mah to work with KSDE to review the at-risk practices as amended in 2019 and to report to the State Board by the January meeting.

BREAK

Board members took a 10-minute break.

DISCUSSION OF STATE BOARD LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

State Board Legislative Liaisons Mr. Porter and Dr. Horst led a discussion of existing and potential issues for the development of State Board legislative priorities. Members considered areas where they have direct responsibility. They discussed topics that the State Board would support and/or oppose, by general consensus. A list of the legislative priorities will be prepared and shared with other educational advocate groups. State Board members will further discuss the list at their December meeting.

INFORMATION FROM KANSAS HEALTH INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP

Board members welcomed Dr. Robert St. Peter, President and CEO of the Kansas Health Institute, who spoke about many parallels between moonshots in health and in education. He gave an overview of KHI, which is a non-partisan organization focused on improving health through research and information. Dr. St. Peter also shared data about various factors that impact health.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next State Board meeting is Dec. 10 and 11, 2019 in Topeka.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary