

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
October 15, 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, Oct. 15, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed everyone in attendance and extended an invitation to stay for the afternoon reception marking the 50th anniversary of elected State Board leadership.

**10/15/2019
A.M. Session
(00:00:06)**

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Jim McNiece
Jean Clifford	Jim Porter
Michelle Dombrosky	Steve Roberts (afternoon arrival)
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ben Jones	

Board member Ann Mah was absent; Steve Roberts arrived after lunch.

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

Chairman Busch announced two changes to the Oct. 15 Consent Agenda: the postponement of Item 12 d. (initiate contract bid process for Kansas Business Professionals of America state advisor services) and the addition of 12 g. (act on updated list of evidence– and research-based reading programs for state aid reimbursement). Dr. Horst moved to approve the day’s agenda as amended. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-0, with Mrs. Mah and Mr. Roberts absent.

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APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 10 and 11, 2019 regular Board meeting. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Next, Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 19, 2019 Special Meeting with the Kansas Board of Regents. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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RECEIVE KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Bill Faflick, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, presented the organization’s annual report to the State Board, aided by KSHSAA staff members Cheryl Gleason and Rod Garman who shared highlights in both school activities and athletics. They addressed work to continually improve student safety and student leadership opportunities. Topics included in the report were the addition of girls’ wrestling as a championship sport, a focus on emergency action plans, risk minimization and a summary of the year ahead. A time for questions and answers followed.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:43 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Janet Stramel, Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics — support for Kansas mathematics standards over assessments; Shannon Krysl, Wichita USD 259 — importance of alternative licensure programs; Ashlie Jack, Wichita State University—Teacher Apprentice Program and other licensure pathways; Jenna Ginest, Wichita USD 259 — addressing teacher shortage and hard to fill positions,

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particularly science; Idalia Shuman, KNEA — Educators Rising Kansas program and upcoming conferences; Stacey Bell, USD 450 Shawnee Heights — potential conflict between state vision and use of ACT as assessment; Bev Schottler, Kansas Independent College Association and KAPCOTE — impact of Dyslexia Committee recommendations on private college teacher education programs. In addition to open forum speakers, written public comment was received from Rep. Blake Carpenter — seeking a change of the term Emotional Disturbance within special education; and Leah Grim, USD 260 Derby — advocating to change the Special Education Eligibility Label Emotional Disturbance. Chairman Busch noted the written comments would be referred to the Special Education Advisory Council for a recommendation. She declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 11:09 a.m.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:20 a.m.

KANSAS SEAL OF BILITERACY UPDATE

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The Kansas Seal of Biliteracy is a credential recorded on the transcript of any graduating student who has passed an approved assessment certifying the student's proficiency in English and another world language. The State Board adopted the credential in 2016. Dr. Regina Peszat, world language consultant for the Kansas State Department of Education, shared statistics of growth over the past year and reported on updates to the biliteracy guidelines. In academic year 2018-19, there were 24 participating districts and 406 certificates awarded representing several additional languages, including American Sign Language.

COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT AND KANSANS CAN VISION PROGRESS SUMMARY

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Dr. Randy Watson provided his annual progress summary of the past year to the State Board. He shared a draft of the 2018-19 KSDE Annual Report titled "Discover." Academic achievement stats will be delayed since statewide results were embargoed by ACT and SAT until the end of October. Dr. Watson stressed the need to think differently about the organization of schools which has traditionally been based on age, time and content. He reported on the current number of redesign schools as well as progress made on several of the state-level outcomes, particularly kindergarten readiness, individual plans of study, high school graduation and postsecondary completion.

LUNCH

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Mr. Roberts arrived after the lunch break.

RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DYSLEXIA COMMITTEE

P.M. SESSION
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Chairman Busch reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed KSDE elementary education program consultant Cynthia Hadicke, chair of the Dyslexia Committee. Several committee members were in the audience. She outlined the committee's conclusions and recommendations which fell into the categories of pre-service education, professional learning, screening and evaluation process, and evidence-based reading practices. She also talked about early intervention, structured literacy, the definition of dyslexia, and recommendation for a state dyslexia coordinator. Board members asked questions about impact to licensure, resources for the field, trainings, screening practices, standards and capacity issues. Board action on the recommendations is anticipated at the November meeting.

UPDATE ON TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY; HIGHLIGHTS OF LICENSED PERSONNEL REPORT

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Presenters from the department of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation were Susan Helbert, Assistant Director, and Shane Carter, Data Systems Coordinator. They informed members about year two of two pilots for a Limited Apprentice License (High Incidence Special Education and Elementary Education) as new sources to fill vacancies. They reported on improvements to data collection system and communication with school districts, assignment vacancies and hard to fill subject areas, entrance and exit data from the Licensed Personnel Report, and the positive impact of mentoring on teacher retention. They also mentioned continued work of the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Porter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, including the postponement of 12 d. (initiate contract bid process for Kansas Business Professionals of America state advisor services) and the addition of 12 g. (act on updated list of evidence– and research-based reading programs for state aid reimbursement). Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for September.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Agriculture - extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license -- Kathleen Oswald, USD 377. *Early Childhood Special Education* -- Danielle Johnson, USD 114; Shelby Pedersen, Elizabeth Moore, USD 253; Denise Koelzer, Joan Donovan-Thomas, USD 372; Kyla Riddle, USD 453; Valerie Lamont, USD 491; Jessica Rinke, USD 512; Bobbi Riggs, D0603; Shawnda Shafer, D0607; Kelsey Clemons, D0619; Sandra Howe, D0620; Felisha Bland, D0636; Tina Vitztum, D0708; Amanda Crouch, Michelle Burris, D0720. *Elementary Extension of Days Only* -- Hannah Hattabaugh, Rochelle Eslinger, USD 363; Shelby Miller, USD 497. *English as a Second Language* -- Elisabeth Vogel, USD 259. *English as a Second Language – Extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Andrea Kemp, USD 385. *English Language Arts* -- Justin Freeman, USD 259. *General Social Studies – Extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Stephen Abrams, USD 275. *Gifted* – Lindsey Burgess, USD 229; Cody Swartz, Rachel Hill, USD 259; Sarah Reynolds, USD 330; Jodi Schumacher, USD 382; Joshua Yoakam, USD 469; Kristina Bubna, USD 497; Rosanne Lawler, USD 512; Kimberly Kasson, D0636; Robert Bovaird, Linda Meinig, D0720. *High Incidence Special Education* – Mersadee Lofts, USD 114; Julie Lueger, Katelyn Lohmann, USD 115; Allison Wilkins, Chelsea Parsons, Deborah Kreie, Kara Delauretis, Lisa Schultz, Sheila Fowler, USD 200; Ashley Pieper, Courtnie Adam, USD 202; Shamaila Mantara, Christina Sollars, USD 229; Brent Fales, Bridget Costello, Morgan Kerfes, Shelly Stringer, USD 230; James Gadwood, Kayla Ayer, USD 232; Arijana Cook, Kenneth Gully, Shaun Bouley, Brett Reichert, Courtney Metzen, Scott Starr, USD 253; Robert Tinker, Bradley Olson, Joanne Fluker, Kirk Merwin, Nathaniel Ames, Sonnya Adams, Amber Johnson, Chelle Fraley, Claire Valadez, Jessica Holdt, Kaitlyn Bumgarner, Kelsey Jones, Marsha Geer, Shelley Louthan, Whitney Steele, Danielle Higgins, USD 259; Deborah Stoughton, Derek Racette, Heather Hirt, USD 308; Diane Breiner, Margaret Strait, Michelle Stuhlsatz, Victoria Mulderrig, USD 320; Kasi Kraus, USD 330; Jessica Bienhoff, USD 336; Sara Corbin, USD 372; Kristin Buessing, Shanda Montgomery, USD 383; Gustaf Lindstrom, Melynda Hanson, Taylor Walker, USD 409; Suzanne Martell, USD 437; Nicole Lance, Robert Arnold, Amber Lovejoy, Lauren Ingram, USD 453; Angela Seyferth, Teri Beaver, Dawn Graham, Kristine Carr, USD 457; George Shannon, Tiffany Simmons, USD 469; Jennifer Mick, Kasey Lane, USD 495; Hayleigh Howe, Sommer Brecheisen, Angela Mathews, Erin Weinmaster, USD 497; Katherine Marx, Amy Wright, Leah Chaska, Brianna Boyce, Lukas Rampy, Holli Oberheu, Lauren Gensler, Quintin Dougherty, Shannon Johnson, Suzanne Snell, Jonathan Riley, USD 512; Amy Welch, Keitha Dodson, Marci Henderson, Michelle Clouch, D0603; Sherry Woods, Lisa Meise, Rachel Gutschenritter, Shandi Kepley, Kyle Groff, Sarah Thompson, D0607; Tabatha Johnson, D0616; Ann Schrick, Kaitlyn Frese, D0617; Hannah Hemberger, Tyler Lampert, Jennie Willard, D0619; Amy Crawford, Ryann Vobach, Amber Booton, D0620; Gina Peak, John Lambert, Randa Linner, D0636; Elaina Lawson, Jesse Blake, Kevin Nelson, Russell Swisher, Debra Lopez, Garrett Wilson, Kip Whiteley, Lindsay Lloyd, Sarah Braun, Shaunya Timmons, Samantha Hestand, D0637; Traci McDonald, Sharon Huband, D0702; Alice James, Amber Prochaska, Angela Kreutzer, Jack Garcia, Rebecca Kuehl, D0708; Kandie Lowe, Melissa Wheeler, Jessea Chapman, Beth Palmer, Megan Russell, Rebecca Fink, D0720; Hazel Davidson, Kara Standridge, Laurie Jacklovich, Erin Walton, Sonya Owings, Z0032. *High Incidence Special Education – Extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* -- Adam Moore, USD 453; Kelly Staples, USD 464; Brandi

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Green, USD 497. *Library Media Specialist* – Aimee Burman, USD 230; Christina Kindle, Julia Duggin, USD 259. *Low Incidence Special Education* – Catherine Hutchens, USD 207; Cecelia Carr, Hallie Patton, Abbie Doerhoff, Katrina Hachinsky, Hannah Wurth, USD 229; Kendra Walsh, USD 230; Zachery McFall, USD 232; Erin Simon, Erin Murray, Christopher Brown, USD 259; Sarah Rhodes, Victoria Gellott, USD 383; Hannah Harrity, USD 453; Madison Workman, USD 469; Elisabeth Barber, Rachel Kirby, Ashlee Spaits, USD 512; Lisa Jackson, D0607; Karrieanne Murdock, D0619; Kayla Driskill, D0708. *Music – Extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Stephanie Nesseth, USD 450. *Social Studies Middle Level - Extension on number of days under an emergency substitute license* - Roberta Freeman, USD 450. *Visual Impaired* - Lisa Bohlen, USD 308; Codie Berntsen, D0619; Daniel Kelly, D0708.

- approved renewal of a Visiting Scholar license for the 2019-20 school year to Eric Kolkmeier, Kansas City USD 500.
- authorized increased state aid for the Mental Health Intervention grant for the 2019-20 school year for USD 329 Wabaunsee from \$32,100 to \$37,350 and for their Community Mental Health Center from \$10,700 to \$12,450.
- approved the updated list of evidence- or research-based reading programs eligible for state aid reimbursement as required by law, and approved the updated list of evidence-based best practices for at-risk program and instruction of students receiving at-risk program services as required by K.S.A. 72-5153.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with the recommended vendor resulting from the bidding process required by the Department of Administration and Division of Purchasing for the purpose of management and facilitation of the Kansas Technical Advisory Committee for state assessments, with a contract amount not to exceed \$666,975 through June 30, 2022.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN KANSAS

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Education Program Consultant Don Gifford highlighted changes in Kansas education over the past century in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the first elected Kansas State Board of Education. He spoke about the origins of the Kansas State Board of Education, described what early schools were like and shared a partial timeline of changes.

RECESS AND POST-MEETING 50TH RECEPTION

RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 3:15 p.m. in order for the Board to host a 50th anniversary reception marking the constitutional decision to provide for an elected Kansas State Board of Education. The first 10-member Board took office in 1969. Commissioner Watson welcomed guests and then Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers gave congratulatory remarks. Chairman Busch and Vice Chair Waugh introduced current members as well as former State Board members in attendance. Guests included Joseph Steineger Jr. of Kansas City. He served as the Board’s first vice chair in 1969.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Oct. 16, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Kathy Busch	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ben Jones	Janet Waugh

Ann Mah and Jean Clifford were absent. Mrs. Clifford participated by phone for a brief time.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Chairman Busch announced that the order of presentations would be rearranged to accommodate schedules. Item 6 (feedback report from Dr. Watson would be first, followed by the Vaping Update and then Anti-Bullying Awareness Week). Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as amended. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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RECEIVE FEEDBACK REPORT ON PROPOSED USE OF ACT AND ACT WORKKEYS AS HIGH SCHOOL STATE ASSESSMENT

At the August State Board meeting, Commissioner Watson announced the opportunity to use the ACT exam, and its counterpart ACT WorkKeys, as the Kansas state assessment for high school. The Board directed him to gather feedback from superintendents, curriculum leaders, special education directors and others about this possibility. Dr. Watson reported on the input received and recommended keeping the current high school state assessments with no changes for school year 2020-21. The Board will continue to study the impact of having free access to both Pre-ACT and ACT, then review the information again in 2021. There was a consensus to have more discussions and affirm the Commissioner’s recommendation. Dr. Watson also commented on changes occurring to ACT and a comparison of the Kansas Assessment Program to ACT college readiness benchmarks. Board member questions included purpose of WorkKeys, ESSA accountability requirements, and concerns about “test prep” and “over testing.”

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E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE UPDATE AND POLICY DISCUSSION

Several members of the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force led discussions on a Tobacco 21 draft model policy, which prompted questions about restricted use and enforcement authority for visitors to school grounds. The draft proposal is to serve as a best practice policy and a cornerstone for preventing early addiction and premature death by prohibiting all tobacco sales to individuals under age 21. This would include electronic nicotine delivery devices associated with vaping. There were comments about targeted marketing restrictions and options to ban fruit flavors of products. Representatives from the American Lung Association and American Academy of Pediatrics presented information on programming to aid with cessation, cases of heightened addiction levels in youth and pending research on long-term damage.

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Board members took a break at 11:17 a.m.

BREAK

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RECOGNITION OF ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK IN KANSAS

Education Program Consultant Kent Reed presented information regarding National Bullying Prevention Month and Anti-Bullying Awareness Week in Kansas. He shared an update from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying (goals, objectives, workgroups), evidence through the Kansas Communities That Care Survey of a correlation between bullying and youth suicide thoughts, plans and attempts.

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CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NASBE Delegate Assembly—Dr. Horst commented on the upcoming conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education and selection of area directors. Mr. Porter reported on plans for a Nov. 13 retreat to discuss legislative topics and a Nov. 14 meeting with other education advocates to review the Board’s legislative agenda. He also gave an update on the Governor’s Education Council subcommittee. Mr. McNiece summarized the Board’s recent western Kansas tour and forums.

Board Attorney Report — None this month.

Chairman Busch mentioned two recent sessions centered on early childhood held in Wichita, KSDE’s annual conference Oct. 28-30, the Nov. 23 Kansas Teacher of the Year state banquet, an overview of the Nov. 12 and 13 Board meeting and retreat, and distribution of annual evaluation forms.

Appointments — Chairman Busch named herself and Jean Clifford to represent the Board on the re-established State Board/Kansas Board of Regents Coordinating Council. Mrs. Busch also appointed Jim McNiece to serve as the State Board representative, an ex-officio member, of the Statewide Broadband Expansion Planning Task Force.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Overview of Kansas Communities That Care Survey (Mrs. Waugh)
- KESA update and report from Accreditation Review Council (Mr. McNiece)
- Discussion on high school graduation requirements based on the Kansans Can Vision and absence of qualified admissions (Mr. McNiece)
- Discussion on alternatives to the current school schedule/day (Mr. Porter)

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BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

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. Jones seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 12:20 p.m. for 30 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 12:50 p.m. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson, Commissioner Watson and Dr. Brad Neuenswander were invited to join the session. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURN

The open meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m. and was immediately adjourned. The next meeting will be Nov. 12 and 13, 2019 in Topeka.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary