

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2020. The meeting was conducted virtually by video conference and was broadcast livestream for the public as concerns for COVID-19 continue. Ms. Busch welcomed everyone listening online.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated:

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. Vice Chair Janet Waugh was granted a moment of personal privilege to read a joint statement from the Chair and Vice Chair regarding current events and commitment to all students. Ms. Busch then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Roberts moved to reject the day's agenda and instead have a workshop amongst the Board members. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion failed on a 2-8 vote, which lacked the 6 required votes necessary for passage. Ms. Busch, Dr. Horst, Mrs. Mah, Mr. McNiece, Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Porter, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Clifford voted in opposition. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the day's agenda as presented. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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APPROVAL OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the May State Board meeting. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In his monthly report, Commissioner Randy Watson referenced several historical events from 1968 and his personal recollection of tensions in the U.S. that parallel tensions of today and divisions among society. He commented on the deep-seeded work underway in education and accomplishments since the *Kansans Can* vision was enacted in 2015. Dr. Watson recounted the increased level of rigor to the standards, emphasis on student success skills, focus on social-emotional growth, increased civic engagement, and tracking of students' postsecondary routes.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

No written public comments were submitted for the meeting.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION (KESA)

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The State Board of Education approved the KESA in 2016 as the new model to accredit schools in Kansas. The KESA shifts accreditation from schools to the district/system level as well as moves accreditation from a yearly event to a five-year improvement model approach. Four systems in the current cycle for accreditation review were presented for action. Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation Mischel Miller and Assistant Director Jeannette Nobo answered questions about the accreditation process. Comments included annual review visits (not just every five years), availability of data at any time, and systems' work to remedy any identified deficiencies. The Accreditation Review Council is a group of field representatives responsible for reviewing documentation, data and progress reports, and recommending a status to the State Board. Mr.

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McNiece moved to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to USD 259 Wichita, USD 393 Solomon, USD 491 Eudora and Kansas School for the Deaf. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. (See "Requests for Future Agenda Items" section regarding proposed discussion topics).

UPDATE FROM KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

(01:00:52)

Luanne Barron, Superintendent for Kansas School for the Deaf, summarized activities for KSD students during the pandemic, including the school's Continuous Learning Plan and multiple learning opportunities for use at home. She reported on survey feedback received from parents and students reflecting on online learning. Her update also included the following:

- preparations for returning to school this fall
- extended school year conducted virtually for three weeks this summer
- traditional graduation ceremony for seniors moved to June 22
- first Seal of Biliteracy recipient who was recognized for skills in both English and American Sign Language
- review of district policies, which will be combined into one handbook with KSSB.

BREAK

Board members took a break from 11:25 to 11:35 a.m.

UPDATE FROM KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

(01:26:21)

Jon Harding, Superintendent for Kansas State School for the Blind, briefed members on KSSB's Continuous Learning Plan implementation, extended school year program, and preparations for return to the school campus this fall. Mr. Harding commented on accomplishments during the time of remote learning, such as positive experiences with podcasting and parent engagement, as well as lessons learned. He also reported on the following:

- Resident program policies
- Aug. 17 KSSB playground opening
- Preschool enrichment program
- Staffing additions
- Mobile STEM unit

ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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One of the major functions of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) is to serve as a liaison between the statewide populace and the State Board of Education. The requirements of membership and representation on the SEAC are identified in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Kansas Statute. KSDE Director Bert Moore presented the Council leadership's recommendations to fill vacancies on the SEAC. Mr. McNiece moved to reappoint Dr. Chelle Kemper and Laura Thompson to a second term and to appoint Jennifer Kucinski, Trisha Backman, Amy Zimmerman, Marvin Miller and Jennifer Kurth to the Special Education Advisor Council with their

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terms effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Mr. Porter seconded. Discussion included fulfilling majority requirements and other current vacancies. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

At 12:10 p.m., Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch.

LUNCH

At 1:05 p.m., Chairman Busch reconvened the video conference meeting.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAN TABATHA ROSPROY AS NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

On May 21, Tabatha Rosproy, 2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year, was announced as the 2020 National Teacher of the Year. She is a preschool teacher for Winfield Early Learning Center's Cumbernauld Little Vikes program in Winfield USD 465. She becomes the first early childhood educator to be named National Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Rosproy joined the Board via video conference to be recognized for this honor. During her remarks, she noted that she will be advocating at the national level on two main messages: early childhood education as a foundational element and support of instilling social-emotional themes like empathy and self-regulation. At present, she is already scheduled for 150 speaking engagements. The National Teacher of the Year program is run by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

P.M. SESSION
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ACTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR BUILDING LEADERSHIP AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Institutions of higher education utilize preparation program standards to develop their preparation programs and ensure continuous monitoring and improvement. KSDE's Dr. Catherine Chmidling and Dr. Mischel Miller explained the revisions to the standards for building and district leadership. Several of the changes were reflective of Board member feedback last March to include social-emotional well-being, inclusiveness, and collaboration with families and communities. Board members asked questions or commented on the content and process for implementation. Dr. Cheryl Reding from the University of Saint Mary was available to help answer questions about the revisions. Mr. Jones moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Building Leadership PreK-12 and District Leadership PreK-12. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts voting in opposition.

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UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION PILOT PROGRAM

The Mental Health Intervention Team Program was originally passed by the 2018 Legislature as a one-year pilot and then was approved for an additional year. A total of 32 school districts are participating, up from nine the first pilot year. The program focuses on behavioral health partnership between the school district and Community Mental Health Center(s) to benefit students and families. The program reports 3,009 students received services in 2019-20, just one of several measurable data points. In addition to the staff update, two school districts — Leavenworth USD 453 and Wabaunsee USD 329 — shared how the program has benefitted their students with availability of a school-based therapist, intervention services, crisis response and reduction in office referrals. Additional districts will be able to apply for program funding this summer.

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Mr. Roberts exited the Zoom meeting for the remainder of the afternoon.

UPDATE ON WORK OF THE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Education Program Consultant Myron Melton provided an update on work of the School Mental Health Advisory Council, which was formed by the State Board of Education in July 2017. His report focused on progress addressing recommendations from the Kansas Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying. Among the Council's initial actions are assigning subgroups to tackle specific areas

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such as cyberbullying, utilizing Kansas Communities That Care survey data and identifying gaps in resources. Board members discussed schools' accountability for reduced bullying incidents, the need for a common bullying definition, importance of training and involvement of parents.

BREAK

There was a 10-minute break at 2:53 p.m.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, represented the PPC in presenting a single case for consideration this month. Mr. Porter moved that the State Board of Education deny the application for an Emergency Substitute license in case 19-PPC-50. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Roberts absent for the vote.

REPORT ON WORK-BASED LEARNING PILOT PROGRAM

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The Scale High Quality Work-Based Learning Pilot involves five workforce regions providing students opportunities to grow through experience. Among the many partners are a regional workforce center or local workforce board, community and/or technical colleges and school districts. Presenters were Bob Kreutzer Work-Based Learning Coordinating Council Co-Chair, providing an overview of the program; Jack Frederick, Chair of the Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education, sharing personal experiences with work-based learning; KSDE's Natalie Clark, who talked about the continuum areas of career awareness, exploration and preparation. She described pilot project examples and highlights from each of the five regions. Scaling the WBL pilot involves modeling for other secondary schools utilizing a regional work-based learning intermediary and providing professional development content training.

INFORMATION FROM HAYSVILLE USD 261 ON RECESS MODEL

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Haysville USD 261 Superintendent Dr. John Burke and Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Reed described a new initiative in the district's elementary schools based on research finding that increased physical activity throughout the day enhances academic achievement. Recreation, Engagement, Communication, Exploration Social-Emotional, Success are combined into R.E.C.E.S.S. The purpose of the program is to bridge the gap between academic engagement and social emotional learning by providing four 15-minute recesses throughout the day. Students will be encouraged to engage in imaginative play and positive interaction with peers. Expected benefits are increased attention in the classroom and improved student wellness.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

- received the monthly Personnel Report for May.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointment of Marcia Fiorentino as Education Program Consultant on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective May 18, 2020, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 106 Western Plains, USD 206 Remington-Whitewater, USD 233 Olathe, USD 242 Weskan, USD 267 Renwick, USD 305 Salina, USD 345 Seaman, USD 353 Wellington, USD 408 Marion-Florence, Southeast Kansas Educational Service Center (Greenbush), Sedgwick County Interlocal, ESSDACK, Southwest Plains Regional Service Center.
- approved the Interlocal Agreement entered into to create the South Central Kansas Education Service Center, aka Orion Education and Training.

- approved recommendations for funding continuation Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for 2020-21 as follows: USD 101 Erie \$88,457; USD 108 Washington County \$95,000, Washington County HS \$100,000; USD 209 Moscow Public Schools \$82,600; USD 210 Hugoton \$65,000; USD 214 Ulysses \$64,998; USD 218 Elkhart \$65,000; USD 225 Fowler Public Schools \$70,161; USD 235 Uniontown \$103,387; USD 244 Burlington \$64,571; USD 248 Girard \$64,984; USD 250 Pittsburg \$74,562; USD 252 Southern Lyon \$94,929; USD 257 Iola (Jefferson) \$65,000; USD 257 Iola (McKinley/Lincoln) \$70,000; USD 259 Wichita (Adams) \$59,632; USD 259 (Cleaveland) \$50,000; USD 259 Wichita (Linwood) \$69,541; USD 259 Wichita (Ortiz) \$50,000; USD 259 Wichita (Park) \$57,760; USD 259 Wichita (Spaght) \$98,257; USD 259 Wichita (Washington) \$99,580; USD 259 Wichita (White) \$98,257; USD 261 Haysville (Middle School) \$64,958; USD 282 West Elk \$92,099; USD 286 Chautauqua \$105,081; USD 290 Ottawa (Garfield) \$57,540; USD 290 Ottawa (Sunflower/Lincoln) \$67,439; USD 305 Salina (Oakdale) \$75,000; USD 315 Colby \$75,000; USD 322 Onaga \$124,860; USD 349 Stafford (Elementary) \$70,000; USD 349 Stafford (Middle School) \$71,344; USD 352 Goodland \$64,999; USD 361 Chaparral \$116,509; USD 367 Osawatometie \$99,613; USD 374 Sublette \$77,624; USD 379 Clay County (Lincoln/Garfield) \$64,956; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Bergman) \$65,000; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Ogden) \$70,000; USD 386 Madison-Virgil \$70,000; USD 387 Altoona-Midway \$104,933; USD 435 Abilene \$65,000; USD 443 Dodge City \$69,914; USD 445 Coffeyville \$65,000; USD 445 Coffeyville (Preschool) \$72,342; USD 446 Independence \$65,000; USD 461 Neodesha \$66,564; USD 466 Scott City \$70,000; USD 475 Geary County (Seitz) \$99,985; Geary County (Ware) \$70,000; USD 475 Geary County (Washington/Grandview) \$70,000; USD 475 Geary County (Westwood) \$99,750; USD 498 Valley Heights \$73,267; USD 499 Galena \$65,000; USD 500 Kansas City (New Stanley) \$65,000; USD 500 Kansas City (Silver City) \$65,000; USD 500 Kansas City (Whittier) \$65,000; USD 501 Topeka (Quincy) \$65,000; USD 501 Topeka (Robinson) \$65,000; USD 506 Labette County \$99,992; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Cordley) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Hillcrest) \$65,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Kennedy) \$65,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Teen Center) \$100,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Woodlawn) \$65,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Eisenhower) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Lee) \$65,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Roosevelt) \$65,000; Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson (AAA) \$100,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Prairie Park) \$100,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Schwegler) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Bluemont) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan (Northview) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Montara) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Tecumseh South) \$70,000; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Tecumseh North) \$70,000; Catholic Charities of Wichita (St. Anne's) \$68,927; KCK Community College (Schlagle HS/Central MS) \$65,000; KCK Community College (Wyandotte HS) \$70,000; YMCA of SW Kansas (DCASA) \$75,000; YMCA of SW KS (Y LRNS) \$75,000; YWCA of NE KS (Ross) \$75,000; YWCA of NE KS (Williams Magnet) \$64,833. Total award amount: \$6,374,195.
- approved recommendations for funding new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for 2020-2021 as follows: Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City (Breidenthal) \$101,957; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City (Olathe) \$100,966; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (New York) \$75,000; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence (Pinckney) \$75,000; USD 459 Bucklin \$114,889; USD 436 Caney Valley \$101,765; USD 349 Clay County (Wakefield) \$68,597; USD 216 Deerfield \$97,597; USD 457 Garden City (Wilson, Ornelas) \$102,000; USD 367 Osawatometie \$99,987; USD 504 Oswego \$117,523; USD 235 Uniontown (K-3) \$115,112. Total award amount: \$1,170,393.
- approved recommendations for funding continuation of the Kansas Middle School After School Advancement Grants for the 2020-21 school year as follows: Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson \$16,375; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence \$16,375; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan

\$16,375; Boys & Girls Club of Topeka (Teen Center) \$16,375; Cherry Street Youth Center \$10,375; USD 491 Eudora \$16,375; USD 457 Garden City \$16,375; USD \$500 Kansas City Kansas \$16,375. Total award amount: \$125,000.

- approved recommendations for funding the Kansas After School Enhancement Grants for the 2020-21 school year as follows: Boys & Girls Club of SC KS (Wichita) \$11,700; Boys & Girls Club of Hutchinson \$15,006; Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence \$14,206; Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan \$15,006; Cherry Street Youth Center \$9,000; USD 396 Douglass \$15,006; USD 310 Fairfield \$5,495; USD 457 Garden City \$11,700; Greater Wichita YMCA \$14,388; USD 446 Independence \$8,573; USD 500 Kansas City Kansas \$9,000; Kansas Reading Roadmap \$12,522; USD 373 Newton \$15,006; USD 335 North Jackson \$5,559; USD 498 Valley Heights \$10,327; USD 259 Wichita \$15,006. Total award amount: \$187,500.
- approved IDEA Title VI-B Special Education Targeted Improvement Plan grants for 2020-2021 as follows: USD 115 Nemaha Central (Marshall/Nemaha Co. Ed. Services Coop) \$16,675; USD 202 Turner-Kansas City \$31,443; USD 207 Ft. Leavenworth \$14,386; USD 229 Blue Valley \$121,200; USD 230 Spring Hill \$14,761; USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton \$24,887; USD 232 De Soto \$29,134; USD 233 Olathe \$150,814; USD 234 Ft. Scott \$16,986; USD 244 Burlington (Coffey County SpEd Coop) \$17,741; USD 253 Emporia (Flint Hills SpEd Coop) \$59,356; USD 259 Wichita \$351,381; USD 260 Derby \$47,609; USD 261 Haysville \$33,813; USD 263 Mulvane \$18,094; USD 273 Beloit SpEd Coop \$22,801; USD 282 West Elk (Chautauqua and Elk Co. SpEd Services) \$17,225; USD 290 Ottawa \$21,229; USD 305 Salina (Central Kansas Coop in Education) \$111,383; USD 308 Hutchinson \$42,846; USD 320 Wamego Special Services Coop \$25,870; USD 321 Kaw Valley \$12,978; USD 330 Mission Valley \$10,865; USD 333 Concordia (Learning Coop of North Central KS) \$35,407; USD 336 Holton SpEd Coop \$30,887; USD 345 Seaman \$27,035; USD 353 Wellington \$18,708; USD 364 Marysville (Marshall County SpEd Coop) \$14,402; USD 368 Paola (East Central KS SpEd Coop) \$68,962; USD 372 Silver Lake \$11,420; USD 373 Newton (Harvey Co. SpEd Coop) \$39,845; USD 379 Clay Center (Twin Lakes Education Coop) \$26,142; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden \$43,550; USD 389 Eureka \$12,315; USD 405 Lyons (Rice Co. Special Services Coop) \$22,084; USD 407 Russell County \$11,693; USD 409 Atchison Public Schools \$18,908; USD 418 McPherson (McPherson County SpEd Coop) \$38,785; USD 428 Great Bend (Barton Co. Coop Program of Special Services) \$39,231; USD 437 Auburn-Washburn \$37,066; USD 450 Shawnee Heights \$27,193; USD 453 Leavenworth \$24,953; USD 457 Garden City \$54,589; USD 458 Basehor-Linwood \$16,283; USD 465 Winfield (Cowley County Special Services Coop) \$53,477; USD 469 Lansing \$19,440; USD 475 Geary County Schools \$51,398; USD 480 Liberal \$33,084; USD 489 Hays (Hays West Central KS SpEd Coop) \$34,343; USD 495 Ft. Larned (Tri -County Special Services Coop) \$17,136; USD 497 Lawrence \$76,744; USD 500 Kansas City (Wyandotte Comprehensive SpEd Coop) \$171,825; USD 501 Topeka Public Schools \$113,195; USD 512 Shawnee Mission Public Schools \$211,822; D0 602 Northwest KS Ed. Service Center - Oakley \$57,958; D0 603 ANW SpEd Coop—Humboldt \$54,770; D0 605 South Central KS SpEd Coop - Pratt \$63,264; D0 607 Tri-County SpEd Coop \$71,443; D0 608 Northeast KS Ed. Service Center \$42,460; D0 610 Reno County Ed. Coop - Hutchinson \$41,148; D0 611 High Plains Ed. Coop - Ulysses \$76,130; D0 613 Southwest KS Area Coop - Ensign \$77,120; D0 614 East Central KS Coop - Baldwin City \$27,097; D0 615 Brown County KS SpEd Coop- Hiawatha \$20,703; D0 616 Doniphan County Ed. Coop - Troy \$16,093; D0 617 Marion County SpEd Coop - Marion \$26,637; D0 618 Sedgwick County Area Ed. Services - Goddard \$118,123; D0 619 Sumner Co. Educational Service - Wellington \$19,012; D0 620 Three Lakes Ed. Coop - Lyndon \$33,019; D0 636 North Central Kansas SpEd Coop Interlocal - Phillipsburg \$37,736; D0 637 Southeast KS SpEd Interlocal - Pittsburg \$96,564; D0 638 Butler Co. SpEd Interlocal - El Dorado \$96,827; S0 507 State Hospital Training Center-Parsons \$3,705; S0 521 Dept. of Corrections \$19,440; S0 604 KS School for the Blind \$4,300; S0 610 KS School for the Deaf \$10,235. Total award amount: \$3,629,183.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with Diane Gjerstad to provide assistance with the Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot program in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2021.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee reports were given on Virtual and Charter School Advisory Committee by Mrs. Dombrosky, Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force and KACEE by Mrs. Waugh, Coordinating Council by Ms. Busch and Mrs. Clifford. Individual written reports of member activities were provided electronically.

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Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reported on Kansas School for the Deaf NEA negotiations. He also noted continued conversations were occurring as part of KSSB mediation with an employee.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Discuss structure and protocol of Outside Visitation Teams working with KESA (Mr. Porter)
- KESA discussion, including distinction between process and product (Mr. Jones) and proactive measures to stop bullying (Mrs. Mah)
- Federal and state regulations concerning career and technical ed programs (Mr. Jones)

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEE

Chair Report—Ms. Busch commented on the recent Coordinating Council meeting with KSDE and the Board of Regents. A temporary committee will convene to study high school graduation requirements and compare to Board of Regents' changes in college admissions. Assignees from the State Board are Mr. McNiece, Mrs. Mah and Mr. Porter. They will join a representative from KBOR and two high school principals on the committee. The committee will then prepare a report for the State Board.

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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. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

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Jean Clifford	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ben Jones	Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts voting in opposition and Mr. Jones absent for the vote.

MOTION
(00:01:06)**DISCUSSION ON GUIDANCE FOR REINTEGRATION AND REOPENING SCHOOL FOR FALL**

Dr. Brad Neuenswander and Craig Neuenswander reported on current work to prepare schools for safely reopening buildings this fall and to give districts instructional options in the event that school is disrupted again. When the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in school buildings being closed this spring, emergency Continuous Learning Plans were developed to complete the remainder of the school year. Guidance being created now has a different focus and is regarded as an accountability model.

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Approximately 700 volunteers — led by educators, health officials, KSDE staff and others — began in Stage 1 planning guidance for operations and instruction. Stage 2 involves an Oversight Committee, led by Valley Center Superintendent Cory Gibson and 2015 Kansas Teacher of the Year Shannon Ralph. Stage 3 involves guidance for implementation, including professional development and training.

Dr. Neuenswander explained that options for competency-based learning are organized by grade bands, focusing on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) and the humanities. The operations side focuses on areas such as sanitation, transportation, spacing in classrooms, co-curricular activities, etc. Once the document “Navigating Change 2020” is complete and has been vetted, the information will be presented to the State Board at the July meeting before being released to school districts. During discussion, Board members asked about protection against litigation from Coronavirus claims, accountability for quality remote learning, inclusion of social-emotional support and auditing seat time. Commissioner Watson assisted with answering questions and providing clarification. Schools and local boards of education will decide how to use the “Navigating Change 2020” information.

BREAK

Board members took a break from 10:37 to 10:47 a.m. Board member Jean Clifford disconnected from the meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Members took a preliminary look at budget options for education state aid programs in Fiscal Year 2022. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis explained that most major financial decisions were made by the courts and legislature. Mr. Dennis and Director of School Finance Craig Neuenswander reviewed each of the many categories of aid, provided a historical record of funding, and budget options for consideration. These program options for FY 2022 will be discussed next month as the State Board makes final budget recommendations to the Governor as required by statute.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Waugh moved to enter 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 11:42 a.m. for 20 minutes and the open meeting would resume via video conference at 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Randy Watson was invited to join the session. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Clifford absent for the vote.

ADJOURN

The open meeting resumed at 12:02 p.m. and Chairman Busch immediately adjourned the meeting.

The next State Board meeting is July 14 and 15.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary