

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Melanie Haas called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

(00:09:43)

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

Betty Arnold	Deena Horst
Michelle Dombrosky	Ann Mah
Melanie Haas	Jim McNiece
Dennis Hershberger	Jim Porter
Cathy Hopkins	Danny Zeck

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

Chair Haas 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 AGENDA

Chair Haas asked to vote on consent agenda items g, h, i, j, k and l separately from all other items per Mrs. Dombrosky’s request. Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the day’s agenda as amended. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE MAY MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Hopkins noted the following: under APPROVAL OF AGENDA, it states “Chair Haas asked to vote on consent agenda items c and separately from all other items per Mrs. Dombrosky’s request.” It should state “...c and d...” Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the May 9 and 10, 2023 of the regular Board meeting as requested to be amended by Mrs. Hopkins. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson’s monthly Commissioner’s Report to the Board encouraged Board members to be thinking about improving academic success, improving students’ opportunity to graduate and then the opportunity to go on earn something greater. He quoted results from a recent report from the Georgetown Center for Education and Workforce including demands of Kansas workers - 73% of workers need to have a post secondary certificate or degree. He then shared other data related to education levels of Kansas residents and income rates.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers this month.

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ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

(00:45:45)

Assistant Director Doug Bodine reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, which included 8 ESSER II change requests with a total net change of approximately \$381,000. As for ESSER III, 9 new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value of \$9.5M. There are 16 ESSER III change requests this month with a total net change of \$2.3M.

Mrs. Arnold moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER II change request as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1-1 with Mr. Zeck opposing and Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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Mrs. Mah moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER III expenditure plans and change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mr. Hershberger and Mr. Zeck opposing and Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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Mr. Porter stated now that all plans have been approved, the Task Force will not be meeting in July and will only meet as needed for change requests, so the Board will no longer an ESSER agenda item monthly.

FY 25 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR

(01:10:05)

Deputy Commissioner Craig Neuenswander presented options to the Board for their FY25 budget recommendations to the governor. Also present to answer questions were Dale Brungardt, KSDE’s School Finance Director, and John Hess, KSDE’s Fiscal Services and Operations Director. The Board will have the opportunity to discuss these options and approve their recommendations to be made to the governor for FY25 at the July Board meeting.

LEARNING SERIES: AT-RISK AND TITLE FUNDING 101

(03:39:45)

In the first of two “Learning Series” presentations this month, Deputy Commissioner Craig Neuenswander and Tate Toedman, assistant director KSDE’s SETS team, highlighted the Kansas At-Risk Pupil Assistance Program. Neuenswander discussed funding for at-risk students, and Toedman shared information about the criteria for students to be identified as at-risk.

ACTION ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL (ARC) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

(04:34:50)

During the State Board meeting in May, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on 41 (39 public systems, one special purpose system and one private system) being recommended ARC for approval of an accredited status. One additional private system was received for withdrawal from KESA, with a total of 42 systems received in May for June action. The systems that were received by the Board in May were Erie-Galesburg USD 101, Rock Hills USD 107, Central Plains USD 112, Greeley County USD 200, Piper USD 203, Moscow USD 209 (redetermination), Minneola USD 219 Ashland USD 220, Meade USD 226, Smith Center USD 237, Wallace County USD 241, Palco USD 269, Chase County USD 284, Quinter USD 293, St. Francis Community USD 297, Sylvan Grove USD 299, Southeast of Saline USD 306, Nickerson – South Hutchinson USD 309, Haven USD 312, Ellsworth USD 327, Mission Valley USD 330, Cunningham USD 332, Wellington USD 353, Altoona-Midway USD 387, Russel County USD 407, Moundridge USD 423, Victoria USD 432, Sedgwick USD 439, Scott County USD 466, Arkansas City USD 470, Chapman USD 473, Crest USD 479, Dighton USD 482, Kismet-Plains USD 483, Flinthills USD 492, Lawrence USD 497, Lewis USD 502, Baxter Springs USD 508, Parsons State Hospital S0507 (8614), Bethany-Lutheran

Z0026 – 9710, Oswego USD 504 (conditional accreditation) and Z0067 – 9930 Wellington Christian Academy (withdrawal). Mr. Scott brought these 42 systems back to the Board for action. Dr. Horst made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIPT OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

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The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended an accredited status for the next 36 systems awaiting recommendation (32 public systems and 4 private systems). Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the 36 systems. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in July 2023. The systems that were received for accreditation are Republic County USD 109, Riverside USD 114, Hugoton USD 210, Gardner-Edgerton USD 231, Ft. Scott USD 234, Twin Valley USD 240, Weskan USD 242, Marmaton Valley USD 256, Mulvane USD 263, Beloit USD 273, Oakley USD 274, Triplains USD 275, West Franklin USD 287, Pretty Prairie USD 311, Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton USD 322, Kingman-Norwich USD 331, Holton USD 336, Oskaloosa USD 341, McLouth USD 342, Macksville USD 351, Ellinwood USD 355, Pratt USD 382, Madison-Virgil USD 386, Ellis USD, 388, Hamilton USD 390, Augusta USD 402, McPherson USD 418, Leavenworth USD 453, Syracuse USD 494, Pawnee Heights USD 496, Independence Bible Elementary Z0009 – 0000, Trinity Lutheran Elementary – Atchison Z0026-5798, St. Paul Lutheran Z0026-7042, Branches Academy Z0070-9942 and Chase-Raymond USD 401 (conditional accreditation).

STUDENT SHOWCASE - JACOB MCCARTY, GODDARD USD 265

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Dane Baxa, director of community relations for Goddard USD 265 and executive director of the Goddard Education Foundation, introduced Jacob McCarty, a recent graduate of Eisenhower High School, Goddard USD 265, and recipient of the Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award. Jacob presented to the Board his experience this past spring semester completing an internship with Goddard USD 265's Community Relations Department and the Goddard Education Foundation and encouraged students and schools to take advantage of internship opportunities.

ACT TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE

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The Special Education Task Force was established by Senate Bill 113 this past spring. The bill required the State Board to appoint a member to the task force. Mr. Porter moved to appoint State Board Chair Melanie Haas to the Special Education and Related Funding Task Force. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACT TO APPROVE DISTRICT SURVEY ON FIREARM SAFETY CURRICULUM USE

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Firearm safety curriculum in Kansas schools has been a topic of proposed legislation during recent legislative sessions. Gathering this information would be of benefit to the Kansas Department of Education and the State Board of Education. Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve conducting a survey of Kansas school districts to collect information on the number of schools utilizing a firearm safety curriculum and the different curriculums being used and that the survey be made available to the Board for approval first. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chair Haas asked to remove items 18g, h, i, j, k and l for a separate vote from the other submissions per Mrs. Dombrosky's request. Mrs. Arnold moved to approve consent agenda items 18a, b, c, d, e, f and m. Mr. Hershberger seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck in opposition. In this action, the Board:

- Received monthly personnel report.
- Received report of personnel filling unclassified positions.
- Approved evaluation Review Committee (ERC) recommendations for accreditation and program approval.
- Approved cut scores for licensure tests.
- Approved educator licensure fees for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- Approved local professional development plans.

Mrs. Mah moved to approve consent agenda item 18g. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Zeck in opposition. In this action, the Board:

- Approved request to contract with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters for dissemination of public service announcements to recruit school nutrition staff.

Mrs. Mah moved to approve consent agenda item 18h. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Zeck in opposition. In this action, the Board:

- Approved request to contract for production of an informational Body Venture video.

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve consent agenda items 18i and j. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 7-3 with Mrs. Dombrosky, Mr. Hershberger and Mr. Zeck in opposition. In this action, the Board:

- Approved recommendations for continued funding of Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers for 2023-2024.
- Approved recommendations for funding new Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers for 2023-2024.

Mrs. Mah moved to approve consent agenda item 18k. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Hershberger in opposition and Mr. Zeck abstained. In this action, the Board:

- Approved FY24 grant awards for IDEA VI-B Special Education Targeted Improvement Plan Grants.

Mrs. Mah moved to approve consent agenda item 18l. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition. In this action, the Board:

- Approved request to contract with Kansas State University to support the State Adviser of Kansas Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

KSDE's Doug Boline, Assistant Director of Special Education and Title Services, led a discussion on the different obstacles students in foster care in Kansas can face, what is being done to mitigate these obstacles and future work needed. Joining him was Dr. David Fernkopf (Assistant Director XXX), Bev Mortimer, Jobs for America's Graduates - Kansas; Rebecca Gerhardt, Kansas Department of Children and Families; Diana Kohls and Sarah Finan, Orion Education & Training; and Lori Ray, Superintendent of Parsons District Schools USD 503. The discussion included virtual schooling for suspended or expelled students, JAG-K's program that provides continuity for the students as they move from school to school,

EVERY CHILD CAN READ ACT

Deputy Commissioner Ben Proctor provided an overview of the Every Child Can Read Act, which goes into effect on July 1, 2023. He, along with Laurie Curtis, Early Literacy/Dyslexia Program

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Manager for KSDE, updated the Board on the details of the law and how the department will support Local Education Agencies (LEA) with implementation of the requirements. Additionally, they informed the Board on how the department will continue to prioritize literacy and support LEAs with reading instruction, structured literacy training, high quality instructional materials, and other essential elements to ensure each child in Kansas can read.

CHAIR REPORT

Action on Board Travel —

Mrs. Mah moved to approve Board travel requests as presented. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Act on Appointment to the KSHSAA Board of Directors —

Chair Haas nominated Jim Porter to a two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors for 2023-2025. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Act of Appointment to the Kansas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial —

After reviewing the candidates brought forward by KSDE program staff, Mrs. Mah moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the appointment of Casey Meier to the Kansas Commission or the United States Semiquincentennial. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. Hopkins in opposition.

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Discussion of the 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates —

Barbara Hughes, Executive Secretary for the State Board, presented a draft calendar of meeting dates for 2024 and 2025 for the Board to consider. The proposed calendar keeps with the practice of holding the State Board meetings on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, with the exception of November 2025, when the second Tuesday falls on Veterans Day. The Board will take this matter up for action in July.

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Discussion of the Kansas Children's Vision Health and School Readiness Commission —

One of the requirements in Senate Bill 62, passed in 2022, is for the State Board of Education to establish a Kansas Children's Vision Health and School Readiness Commission by appointing eight members to the commission of various qualifications. This was done in February of this year. However, the bill did not specify who was to convene the meeting and how it was to be done. Mrs. Arnold moved that the Board grant permission to KSDE Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ben Proctor (who was appointed as one of the Commission members) to initiate the work of the Commission. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Committee Reports —

Mrs. Mah reported that she will be unable to attend the next Professional Standards Board meeting on Friday, June 23 and invited another Board member to sit in on the meeting in her place.

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Mrs. Arnold gave an update on the work of the Policy Committee. She stated that their work will consist of the following three topics: general review of policies and guidelines; the evaluation process of the Commissioner, Board Attorney and Executive Secretary of the Board; and development and policy/procedures for the Board's budget.

Mr. Hershberger provided the Board with materials from a recent meeting of the Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Advisory Committee.

Board Attorney's Report —

Mr. Ferguson discussed working happening with Kansas School for the Blind and Kansas School for the Deaf to put agreements in place with local municipalities for School Resource Officers. He also referred the Board to the Board Policies and for more context in the discussion of the Board's use of a consent agenda. He suggested the Board discuss the best practice for Board members to pose questions on consent agenda items. (07:55:32)

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

Mr. Hershberger - Wilson disorganization situation and anxiety/mental health students
Mrs. Dombrosky - Data Collection/Technology use
Dr. Horst - Does the Board have the ability to restrict use of federal funds? (08:18:24)

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:27 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Melanie Haas, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

(00:07:28)

Chair Melanie Haas called the Wednesday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

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| Betty Arnold | Deena Horst |
| Michelle Dombrosky | Ann Mah |
| Melanie Haas | Jim McNiece |
| Dennis Hershberger | Jim Porter |
| Cathy Hopkins | Danny Zeck |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT/KESA

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Eight years after the Kansas State Board of Education announced a new vision for Education in Kansas, Deputy Commissioner Ben Proctor and Members of the School Improvement Work Group shared an overview of the group's purpose and how they believe this begins the next step to meet that vision of Kansas leading the world in the success of each student. The Division of Learning Services (DLS) is working to define their direction, build a collaborative culture, support teaching and learning, and build meaningful internal and external accountability structures. To build coherence within DLS and in our work with schools in Kansas, we utilize the School Improvement Work Group, which includes members from the following departments: Accreditation and Design, Early Childhood, Career Standards and Assessments, Special Education and Title Services, and Teacher Licensure. Additional partners in this work include leaders from the Technical Assistance Systems Network (TASN) and from the Kansas Learning Network (KLN). The School Improvement Work Group has also increased membership to include leaders from other parts of KSDE, including Communications and Information Technology.

LEARNING SERIES: LICENSURE 101

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Shane Carter, KSDE's director of Teacher Licensure, provided an informational presentation on licensure for State Board members, including the many license options and responsibilities of the Teacher Licensure team. Each year, the team issues about 25,000 licenses; completes about 8,000 fingerprint background checks; and receives about 44,000 phone calls.

ACTION ON UPDATED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) STANDARDS

(02:28:05)

In June, Beth Fultz, director of KSDE's Career, Standards and Assessment Services (CSAS) team, along with other members of her team, reviewed proposed updated English language arts (ELA) standards

and the process for development of the updated standards with the Board. Proposed revisions reflect the Kansas dyslexia initiative by incorporating the Science of Reading and adopting structured literacy as the explicit, evidence-based model for reading instruction. They also provide clarity, common language and alignment across grade levels. Two Zoom meetings where members of the public could give feedback on the updated ELA standards were held in May and June prior to the June Board meeting. Mrs. Mah moved to approve the updated ELA standards. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Next steps for implementation of the standards include a clarification document that will be posted on the KSDE website before the start of the 2023-2024 school year and KSDE ELA Standards team will develop professional development to assist districts in implementation.

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APPRENTICESHIP MENTORSHIP/PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION GRANT WITH KANSAS NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (KNEA)

Shane Carter, KSDE's director of Teacher Licensure, also shared an update on the Teaching Registered Apprenticeship Program. KSDE's Teacher Licensure team has been working on finding funding streams to sustain the program, which was approved during the State Board of Education's May meeting. Funding opportunities include \$500,000 in Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) monies to fund the pilot for the first year; the Kansas Apprenticeship Act (House Bill 2292), which is up to \$3 million per year; a competitive grant through the United States Department of Labor that could be worth up to \$3 million; Promise Act Scholarship; Teacher Service Scholarship; and Ethnic Minority Scholarship; and the National Education Agency Great Public Schools Grant, which includes a \$10,000 planning grant. It can provide up to a maximum of \$250,000 annually. The Board will take action to approve KSDE making application to the National Education Agency Great Public Schools Grant which would include partnering with the Kansas National Education Association for the apprenticeship program.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chair Haas adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is July 11 and 12, 2023.

Melanie Haas, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary