

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes March 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim McNiece called the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Mr. McNiece welcomed those in attendance, including participants with the USD 383 Teacher Leadership Academy.

3/08/2016
A.M. Session
(00:00:04)

ROLL CALL

All members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Carolyn Wims-Campbell	Steve Roberts
Sally Cauble	Janet Waugh
Deena Horst	Ken Willard

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

Chairman McNiece read both the Board's Mission Statement and *Kansans CAN* Vision Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1, with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

MOTION
(00:02:40)

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson compared current work on the *Kansans CAN* vision to early phases of the space program's moonshot. Initial efforts are directed to spreading the word, raising teacher voice and helping others understand the outcomes. He announced that a Blue Ribbon Task Force of approximately 25 members would be assembled to make recommendations about teacher programs and licensure. He anticipates that the State Board would receive Task Force recommendations in July for addressing an educator shortage. Board members encouraged diverse representation within the group and requested to preview the roster when completed. They also asked that the Task Force consider similar education issues of surrounding states. Dr. Watson's report also included the following:

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- A reminder that the Kansas Conversation at Emporia State University is May 7
- A summary of his four-day tour visiting school districts on or along Highway 36
- Discussion of a partnership effort encouraging the Higher Learning Commission to reconsider a policy effecting teaching of concurrent credit courses in high school
- A video from Rosehill Elementary (Shawnee Mission USD 512) titled "What Do I Want to Be?"

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:26 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Kirk Fast, Ozawkie — encouraging the Board to adopt a resolution that supports educational programs about voting and the election process; Ann Cooper, Kansas Association of the Deaf — in support student of Senate Bill 444 on a language assessment program for the deaf and hard of hearing;

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Rebecca Giles, American Heart Association — advocating for heart healthy habits and programs like Jump Rope for Heart; Lorelee Plummer, Paola — support for SB 444. Chairman McNiece declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:40 a.m.

ACTION ON AMENDING REGULATION 91-31-32 TO INCLUDE SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING

(00:42:02)

During the February State Board meeting, members received a proposed amendment to the current accreditation regulation 91-31-32 to add suicide awareness and prevention training for all school employees and the development of crisis plans for each school building. KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon noted that Substitute for Senate Bill 323 includes regulation language presented last month to the State Board with minor provisions to inform parents that training materials are available and to address liability. Mr. Porter moved to authorize KSDE staff to send the proposed regulation amendment through the formal adoption process. Mr. Willard seconded. Discussion followed clarifying the amount of training time required, availability of training model options and evidence of districts' crisis management plans. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. Once the Department of Administration and the Office of the Attorney General have completed their reviews, the State Board will set a public hearing date for comments on the proposed regulations.

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BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:10 a.m.

RECEIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ART, GIFTED, MUSIC, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND VOCAL MUSIC

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Dr. Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, introduced committee members who summarized proposed revisions to licensure program standards for the following: Art PreK-12, Gifted (K-6, 5-8, 6-12, PreK-12), Music PreK-12, Instrumental Music PreK-12 and Vocal Music PreK-12. These content program standards help establish what is taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. Presenters were Dr. Liz Kowalchuk, University of Kansas; Dr. Connie Phelps, Emporia State University; and Dr. Debbie Hedden, KU. Board members received the revised standards for review, the previous standards and a comparison of the two versions. Discussion followed about licensing restrictions for those teaching in the career tech pathways (i.e. graphic design), intent of the revisions, influence of the national standards, and the need for flexibility. Mr. Willard requested more time to discuss revisions at the next meeting. The Board is expected to vote on the standards in April.

INFORMATION ON JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES PROGRAM IN KANSAS

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Jobs for America's Graduates, or JAG, is a national school-to-work transition program focused on helping at-risk youth graduate and prepare them for future careers or further education. JAG partners with schools, students and the business community. Matthew Fearing, President and CEO of JAG-K, Inc., gave the program's history and statistics. JAG started in Kansas in 2013. Currently 61 schools in the state are involved. Other speakers were student participant Marquese Garrett from Topeka High School, JAG Specialist Teresa Leslie-Canty and JAG-K Vice President Kathe Decker. The presenters answered questions about the program and student participation.

LUNCH

At 12:15 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Mr. Willard was at the Statehouse for the opening of the afternoon session. He arrived at 2:35 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF KANSAS SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPALS OF THE YEAR

P.M. SESSION
(00:00:11)

Denise Kahler, Director of Communications and Recognition Programs, introduced the Kansas Principals of the Year and Superintendent of the Year, who were selected and recognized by their peers. Each honoree briefly shared with the Board something unique within their districts. These included a student-operated coffee shop through the marketing career pathway, intense focus on professional development, guided math small groups for students, and programs to assist with Individual Plans of

Study. This year's recipients are:

Mr. Ed Raines, Principal at Washburn Rural High School (Auburn-Washburn USD 437), the 2015-16 Kansas High School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Ms. Traci Becker, Principal at Mulvane Middle School (Mulvane USD 263), the 2015-16 Kansas Middle School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators.

Dr. John Ernst, Principal at Rolling Ridge Elementary School (Olathe USD 233), the 2016 National Distinguished Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals.

Dr. Cynthia Lane, Superintendent at Kansas City USD 500, the 2016 Kansas Superintendent of the Year as named by the Kansas School Superintendents Association.

The Board took a brief break for photos with the honorees.

BREAK

ACT ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE KSHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Two Kansas State Board of Education members serve on the Board of Directors for the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA). Chairman McNiece asked for nominations to fill an opening at the conclusion of Ms. Wims-Campbell's term on June 30. Mrs. Busch moved to appoint Mr. Porter to a two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 2016. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Willard absent. Mrs. Busch currently serves as the second SBOE representative.

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Chairman McNiece then asked for a motion to appoint one of the Board's two KSHSAA representatives to also serve on the KSHSAA Executive Board. Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to appoint Mrs. Busch to a two-year term on the KSHSAA Executive Board, beginning July 1, 2016. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0 with Mr. Willard absent. Chairman McNiece thanked Ms. Wims-Campbell for her service to KSHSAA representing the State Board of Education.

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RECEIVE BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT RENEWAL

In May 2015, the State Board approved a contract with Gates, Shields and Ferguson P.A. for providing legal services to the Kansas State Board of Education for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with the option of four one-year extensions. This month, they considered the first one-year extension for continued legal services to June 30, 2017, with no increase in rates. A vote is expected in April.

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RECEIVE PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AND MONITORING PLANS FOR VIRTUAL EDUCATION AND DIPLOMA COMPLETION PROGRAMS

Education Program Consultant Jessica Noble explained changes being proposed to update the Kansas Virtual Education requirements as recommended by the Kansas Charter and Virtual Education Advisory Council. Although similar in nature, she described specific differences between virtual schools, virtual programs and diploma completion programs. Mrs. Noble then gave an overview of proposed requirement changes to the Diploma Completion program as recommended by its advisory council. In addition to requirement changes, recommendations were presented to implement three-year risk-based monitoring cycles coupled with an annual progress review. Performance Portfolio monitoring would also occur. Certain risk factors would trigger more frequent automatic monitoring. A vote on the documents is expected in April. Board members asked questions on such topics as intervention plans, options for students on long-term suspension and funding. They also asked for a list of current virtual schools and programs, and suggested that online viewers be able to search and compare virtual opportunities.

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BREAK

The Board took a break until 3:20 a.m.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Dale Dennis reported on a legislative hearing earlier in the day on Senate Bill 444 regarding services for deaf or hard of hearing children. He noted that Board member Ken Willard had been asked to chair a committee to research elements of the bill and consider compromises between proponents and opponents. Mr. Dennis also addressed finance concerns and Senate Bill 311, which would transfer administration of school finance — all state and federal aid programs — from the State Board and KSDE to the Department of Administration. He then answered numerous questions about selected House and Senate bills being tracked.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Wims-Campbell seconded. Motion carried 9-1, with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for February.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Early Childhood Special Education -- DeAnn Creech, USD 373; Bridgett Kostelecky, USD 475; Rebecca Lawhorn, D0602. *English Language Arts* -- Amanda Cameron, USD 246. *High Incidence Special Education* -- Cinda Wolf, Heather Myers, USD 200; Skipper McCaulley, Lorie Broehl, Katrina Deters, William Duncan, USD 259; Angela Merchant, USD 263; Kara Koehler, USD 469; Destinee Eubank, Jill Grigsby, Tammy Haught, USD 500; Jill Norton, Jennifer Willcott, Shannon Kettler, USD 501; Tamara Worcester, D0602; Ann Smith, Marcie Hartwig, D0603; Alicia Barnett, Cathy Cox, Jake Rourk, D0605; Emily Freeman, D0608; Kaleigh Wulf, D0618; Angela McGill, Jordan Crawford, D0638; Bria Scott, D0702. *Library Media Specialist* -- Silas Horton, USD 259. *Low Incidence Special Education* -- Heather Foreman, Katie Giddeon, Mary Elliott, USD 259; Laura Leigh Brewster, Diana Habig, USD 364; Kayla Reichenberger, D0618. *Math* -- Amanda O'Kane, USD 283. *Physics* -- Lexie Baldwin, USD 259. *Spanish – Extension on the number of days on an emergency substitute license* -- Kelly Knudsen, USD 385. *Visual Impaired* -- Carol Davis, Krystal Karschimkus, USD 259; Naomi Danso, USD 501.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved Cases* — 3057 Jeffrey Bollinger, 3065 John Underhill, 3066 Georgia Bolser, 3068 Christine Rittle, 3069 Daphne Flores (PreK-3 early childhood education and middle level 5-8 English), 3072 Angela Remington, 3073 Traci Holder, 3076 Catherine Lewis, 3077 Petra Horn-Marsh, 3080 Mary Felicity Barles. *Denied Cases* — 3069 Daphne Flores (recency requirement waiver).
- authorized the following school districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 251 North Lyon County, USD 262 Valley Center, USD 378 Riley County and USD 396 Douglass.
- approved continued funding of the following Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants for 2016-17, contingent upon demonstration that applicants are meeting grant requirements: Topeka USD 501 in the amount of \$149,027 in partnership with Fort Hays State University and Westar Energy; Newman University in the amount of \$123,000 in partnership with USD 461, USD 264, USD 490, USD 357, Diocese of Wichita Catholic Schools, Westar Energy and IBM; and Wichita USD 259 in the amount of \$145,960 in partnership with Fort Hays State University and Exploration Place.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- initiate a bid process to enter into a contract for the purpose of investigating special education complaints with said contract to be for a period of six years (vendor to be determined), and for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year out of IDEA VI-B funds.

BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative — Mr. Willard gave updates on testimony he has provided or will be providing. Board members discussed SB 311, expressing concerns about the proposed legislation and their overall opposition. Mr. Willard announced that he will be meeting with the committee to further discuss SB 444. Mrs. Horst commented about her plans to attend upcoming hearings.

Communications — Mrs. Cauble reminded Board members of information available on the online resource page and how to access it, shared new *Kansans CAN* notecards available for use, and reported on other committee activities. Chairman McNiece encouraged members to help identify which groups are being reached through vision presentations.

Confidence in Public Education Task Force — Mrs. Waugh reported that she has received very positive responses about Board members' presentation of Challenge Awards on behalf of the Task Force. The group will be reviewing the selection criteria during the next year. In other announcements, the Governor's Scholars award event will be May 1 and the Task Force will not be able to assist with a proposed Community Service Award. Mr. McNiece added that this particular award, which he has met with the Lt. Governor's office about, remains in the formation stages hindered by time and money.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson referenced his monthly summary, noting that this includes advice and counsel regularly provided to state schools for the blind and deaf. He also reminded the Board that they will in April revisit a case for the Professional Practices Commission as follow-up and will need to issue a Final Order.

During individual Board member reports, Mrs. Busch announced that the final report for the NASBE School Leadership Stipend has been submitted; Mrs. Cauble discussed the Highway 36 school tour she participated in with Commissioner Watson; Ms. Wims-Campbell reported on several events including the National Board Certified Teachers panel, Dodge City Night at the Statehouse, and the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf; Mrs. Waugh talked about the KACEE conference in Manhattan; Mr. Porter discussed a stakeholders meeting held with the House Committee of Children and Seniors; Mrs. Horst reported on the Highway 36 school tour; Mr. Roberts cited the need to encourage bilingual teachers and mentioned Commissioner Watson's visit to the Kickapoo Nation School where he teaches; Mr. McNiece reported on the ESSA conference in Atlanta and NASBE's upcoming legislative conference. Mrs. Busch, Mr. Willard, Mrs. Cauble, Ms. Wims-Campbell, Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Horst, Mr. Porter, Mr. McNiece and Mr. Roberts all participated in the Challenge Award presentations and commented on the success of the events. Many members voiced support for educating students about the voting process as suggested earlier in the meeting.

In his Chairman's Report, Mr. McNiece discussed the possibility of a State Board of Education Resolution to encourage schools to address the responsibilities and honor of voting. He asked for a list of those serving on the standards review committees for math and English language arts, expressing the need for diverse representation. He also suggested assembling a committee to consider the possibility of having a student voice for the State Board. Those volunteering to be on the committee were Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Horst and Mr. Porter. They will research various models utilized by other states and make recommendations at a meeting this summer.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Mrs. Waugh requested a presentation on Donnelly College's Gateway to College program and its partnership with Jobs for America's Graduates and the Kansas City Kansas public schools; Mr. Roberts asked to present his draft math standards to the State Board. There was a general request to hear about the progress of committee discussions on Senate Bill 444.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**
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**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

**INDIVIDUAL
MEMBER
REPORTS**
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BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Ms. Wims-Campbell April 1 KACEE Awards Banquet in Manhattan; Mrs. Cauble March 23 Coalition of Innovative Districts meeting in Hugoton, April 11 Scott County USD 466 Board of Education meeting in Scott City; Mrs. Horst additional unknown days at the Statehouse; Mr. Porter April 18 Professional Standards Board meeting in Topeka, March 24 Superintendents' Forum at Greenbush, cancelling April NASBE GAC meeting in D.C.; Mr. Willard Feb. 25 National Teacher Hall of Fame Selection Committee in Kansas City, March 10 Legislative work at the Statehouse. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the travel requests and changes. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECESS

At 5:25 p.m., Chairman McNiece recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City.

Jim McNiece, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 9, 2016

On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Board members made their annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City in the morning and the Kansas School for the Deaf in the afternoon.

Board members present for the morning session were: Kathy Busch, Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts and Janet Waugh. Commissioner Randy Watson and Board Secretary Peggy Hill also attended.

KSSB/KSSD Superintendent Madeleine Burkindine welcomed everyone. There were presentations from staff and students at both locations. At KSSB, Board members received an update on how the school's self-determination focus incorporates key points of the *Kansans CAN* vision. Jon Harding, Director of Instruction, described both campus-based programs and field services, which all involve outreach. He highlighted several of the opportunities students have for gaining work skills and talked about the transition program. Other topics covered were early detection of visual impairments, building relationships within the community, the Braille Challenge and a new video about services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Wims-Campbell moved to enter into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The session would begin at 11:25 a.m. KSSB/KSSD Superintendent Madeleine Burkindine and Commissioner Randy Watson were invited to join the session. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

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Open session resumed at 11:40 a.m. Mrs. Cauble moved to authorize a Reduction-In-Force to half-time for math and science at the secondary level at the Kansas State School for the Blind. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and transition to the Kansas School for the Deaf.

Board members present at KSSD for the afternoon were: John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts and Janet Waugh. Commissioner Randy Watson and Board Secretary Peggy Hill also attended.

Presentations included student ALS storytelling, information about a collaborative play with Westridge Middle School in Overland Park titled "We Share a Language," KSTAR transition and readiness program for 18 to 21-year-olds, tour of the art room and student projects. Staff addressed language acquisition and early intervention initiatives. Discussion followed about Senate Bill 444 and services for deaf or hard of hearing. Areas of attention included challenges to identify every child deaf or hard of hearing, the need for increased collaboration, the need for more qualified personnel, addressing progressive hearing loss, availability of assessments, and next steps. It was agreed that these issues need a more comprehensive look.

The group adjourned at 4 p.m. The next State Board of Education meeting will be in Topeka on April 19 and 20 (the third week of the month).

Jim McNiece, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary