

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones (not present for first 45 minutes)
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim McNiece
Melanie Haas	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh

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

Chairman Porter 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

Chairman Porter asked to vote on consent agenda items c, d, e and f separately per Mrs. Dombrosky’s request. Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the day’s agenda as amended. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11 AND 12 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the October 11 and 12 regular Board meeting. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SEPTEMBER 14 MINUTES

Mrs. Dombrosky moved to amend the previously approved September minutes, page 2, to reflect that Dr. Horst was in opposition to the proposed KSHSAA amendment instead of Mrs. Haas, which was a clerical error. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson’ monthly report to the Board focused on recognizing the work accomplished by efforts that began with previous Board members and carried out with the current

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Board that led to the rigorous standards that now exist for education in Kansas.

After adoption of the vision and mission the Kansas State Board of Education charged KSDE with establishing higher standards and high cut scores. Additionally, the Board took action to establish a dyslexia position and spent over \$16 mil to train teachers in Kansas in the science of reading and mathematics.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 1:52 p.m. The two speakers this month and their topics were as follows: Susan Halstrom, teacher shortage concerns and Michelle Olson, asking for response from the Board from her presentation last month on "consent" being included in sexual education. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 2:01 p.m.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS

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Jane Groff and Tamara Huff (Kansas Parent Information Resource Center) along with Britton Hart (Kansas Association of School Boards and former Superintendent of Emporia USD #253) presented on the topic of family engagement in schools. Dr Groff and Ms. Huff focused on the need for a school to have a culture that engages every family, which includes having a welcoming environment, effective communication, support of student learning, and community involvement. Dr. Hart shared how he implemented student-led CAP (Career and Academic Planning) parent/teacher conferences at Emporia High School.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve Consent Agenda items 9 a and b. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

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- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Approved personnel appointments to unclassified positions.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to vote consent items 9 c, d, e and f as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Dr. Horst moved to approve consent agenda items 9 c, d, e and f. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. In this action, the Board:

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- Approved recommendations for funding for the 2023 Volunteer Generation Fund grant awards.
- Approved recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for higher education accreditation and program approval.
- Approved recommendations for licensure waivers.
- Approved additional funds for existing grants and applications for the Mental Health Intervention Team Program for school year 2022-2023.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Action on Board Travel —

Dr. Horst moved to approve travel requests and updates. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Action on New Appointments to the Professional Practice Commission —

Mr. Jones moved that the Kansas State Board of Education act to appoint Leigh Anne Rogers to serve on the Professional Practices Commission representing a Public School Classroom Teacher-At-Large position. The appointed nominee would serve a partial term effective November 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Mr. Jones moved that the Kansas State Board of Education act to appoint Ricardo Sanchez to serve on the Professional Practices Commission representing a Public School Classroom Teacher-At-Large position. The appointed nominee would serve a partial term effective November 15, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Arnold opposing.

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Committee Reports —

Mr. Jones reported that he and Dr. Horst attended the NASBE annual conference in Phoenix at the end of October.

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Mrs. Mah reported that the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group is still on track to become a permanent committee mid-2023 and are continuing to work on curriculum that includes history on indigenous tribes in Kansas and data collection of Native American students in Kansas.

Board Attorney's Report —

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson reported on NICOSEA/NASBE conference attendance and also brought up the subject to keep an eye on would be Missouri's legalization of marijuana as the KC Metro area covers both states.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Dr. Horst requested more information on the topic of chronic absenteeism.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Waugh moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recess into Executive Session for one hour 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. Scott Gordon, Craig Neuenswander and Ben Proctor were invited to attend. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 10-0. The Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

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RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:20 p.m. until 9 a.m. Thursday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education
Thursday, November 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Thursday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 10, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim McNiece
Melanie Haas	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Arnold moved amend the agenda to add discussion on the PPC committee. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion passed 10-0. Mrs. Haas moved to approve the day's agenda as amended. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON KANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION – WORKING GROUP (KACIE-WG) MASCOT REFORM STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Mrs. Mah moved to accept and affirm the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group Mascot Reform Statement and Recommendations to the Kansas State Board of Education and Kansas Board of Regents. The Board makes a strong recommendation to Kansas K-12 non-tribal schools to adopt the actions recommended in the statement and retire Indian-themed mascots and branding as soon as possible, but no longer than within the next 3-5 years. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing and Mr. Jones and Mrs. Clifford abstaining.

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

Assistant Director Doug Bodine reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations,

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which included 7 ESSER II change requests totaling \$10.7M. As for ESSER III, 16 new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value of \$20M. There are 6 ESSER III change requests this month totaling \$98.2M.

- Dr. Horst 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 requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.
- 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 III expenditure plans as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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FURTHER ACTION ON PPC APPROVAL ITEM FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Mrs. Arnold moved to allow the PPC the opportunity to use the existing list of qualified candidates presented to the board on November 9, 2022 to fill open positions as they become available. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-1.

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

During the State Board meeting in October, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on three systems that were ready for review of an accredited status recommendation. The systems that were received by the Board in October are USD 468 Healy, Lawrence Gardner High School, and Lakemary Center. Jay Scott brought these four systems back to the Board for action. Mrs. Mah made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to the three systems as presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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

The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) originally was slated to recommend an accredited status for USD #377 Atchison and Z0060-0000 Accelerated Schools. However, there is a discrepancy in postsecondary data for Accelerated Schools so that is being pulled back for further review. Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for USD #377. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendation in December.

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WORK BASED LEARNING INTERMEDIARY PRESENTATION

Natalie Clark, Keith Lawing (Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, Inc.) and three other of the five KansasWorks Executive Directors provided an update on the Kansas WBL (Work Based Learning) project and shared an example from their local workforce boards on the WBL partnerships.

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ACT AND WORKKEYS PRESENTATION

Kaliko Oligo from ACT provided an update on state ACT and WorkKeys participation and results.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD/TEACHER VACANCY AND SUPPLY COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

In October, Shane Carter, Director of Teacher Licensure, proposed extending the Expanded Emergency Substitute License through the end of the 2022-2023 school year (currently expires December 2022). Mr. Jones moved that the Kansas State Board of Education modify the qualifications of the emergency substitute license to include high school diploma, completion of an online substitute training component, verification of hire in a state accredited local education agency (LEA) and be limited to no more than 15 consecutive days in the same assignment. This provision expires June 30, 2023. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. Haas opposing and Mr. Porter abstaining.

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SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

Broken Arrow Elementary, Mill Creek Elementary and Shawnee Mission East High School (Shawnee Mission USD #512) were recognized by the Kansas PTA as Schools of Excellence for 2022.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED DISCUSSION ACTION

Discussion continued regarding the graduation requirements originally proposed in September with various alternatives discussed in October. Since the October meeting Dr. Watson discussed individually with Board members on the Graduation Task Force what they would like to see happen to move forward. After Dr. Watson shared the commonalities of those discussions, Dr. Horst moved to approve the graduation requirements as presented (see attached document). Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition and Mrs. Waugh abstaining.

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PRESENTATION BY JACKSON BEVAN, 4TH GRADER AT NORTHERN HILLS ELEMENTARY, SEAMAN USD #345

Fourth grader Jackson Bevan (Northern Hills Elementary – Seaman USD #345) shared how he became a vacuum expert, established his own vacuum repair business and his future dreams in the vacuum industry.

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Mr. Jones and Dr. Horst discussed the draft of items for consideration as 2023 Legislative Priorities. The Board will take decide at the December meeting by vote which items they will proceed with as priorities for 2023.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is December 13 and 14, 2022.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary



High School Graduation Considerations – November 2022



Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

Mastery and Competency – No Change



Recommendation that KSDE shall:

- Define what constitutes the awarding of credit based on *Mastery & Competency*, using specific examples.
- Establish criteria for alternative avenues to credit attainment.
- Clarify the objective of IPS as part of high school graduation pathways.
- Provide assistance, structures and resources for students and families to improve **education engagement** which better meets the needs of ALL students.

Postsecondary assets – No Change



Students will complete two or more postsecondary assets from either of two categories, aligned with their Individual Plan of Study.



Postsecondary assets – No Change



Career & Real-World Examples:

Youth apprenticeships

40 or more Community service hours

Client-centered projects

Workplace learning experience directly related to a student IPS

Industry-recognized certifications

Seal of Biliteracy

CTE Scholar

Eagle Scout or Gold Scout

4-H Kansas Key Award

Two or more high school athletics/activities

JROTC

90% attendance in high school

Postsecondary assets – No Change



Academic Examples:

ACT composite (Score of 21 or higher)

WorkKeys level (Silver or higher)

9+ college hours

State Assessment scores of 3 or 4 for math, ELA, science (demonstrating college readiness)

ASVAB per requirements of military branch selected

Senior project/senior exit interviews

SAT score (1480 or higher)

Completing Board of Regents curriculum

International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)

Advanced Placement Exam (3+)

Course classifications: NEW!!

Present system:	
<p>4 units of English Language Arts</p>	<p>Communications (4) 3.5 - ELA (reading, writing, literature, technical) .5 - Communications (speech, debate, forensics, journalism, public speaking)</p>
<p>3 units of history & government 1 unit of fine arts</p>	<p>Society & Humanities (4) NO CHANGE 3.0 - Social studies (world, US, government) 1.0 - Fine Arts (music, dance, art, theater, etc.)</p>



Course classifications: NEW!!

Present system:	
3 units of science 3 units of math	STEM (7) 3 - Math (algebraic and geometric concepts) 3 - Science (physical, biological, earth/space) 1 - STEM elective (computer science, advanced math, advanced science, robotics, advanced CTE, advanced technology, agriculture, etc.)
1 unit of PE 6 units of electives	Employability & Life Skills (6) .5 - Physical education .5 - Health .5 - Financial literacy 4.5 - IPS choices (emphasis on CTE/Pathway courses)



Other Focus Areas



FAFSA

Consider the Kansas Board of Regents recommendation for mandatory completion of the FAFSA prior to graduation. Any student, family or school can opt-out from a student completing the FAFSA.

Other Focus Areas



Review Committee

Set up a review committee to gather input and provide recommendations to the SBOE on potential changes in the future.