

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****Meeting Minutes****August 14, 2018****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He commented on the excitement of beginning a new school year.

**8/14/2018**  
**A.M. Session**  
(00:00:04)

**ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	Ken Willard

**MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Porter read the Board's Mission Statement as well as the Kansans Can Vision, which is to lead the world in the success of each student. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

Chairman Porter announced that Item 18 (Act on new appointments to the Professional Standards Board) would be postponed and resubmitted in the future. Nominations were received for administrators rather than teachers for the open positions. Mrs. Horst moved to approve the amended agenda for Tuesday. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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**APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES**

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

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT— CIVIC ADVOCACY NETWORK AWARD WINNERS**

Commissioner Randy Watson announced the first recipients of the Civic Advocacy Network awards, noting that civic engagement is one element used to define a successful Kansas high school graduate. Schools applying for the CAN awards demonstrated the six proven practices for effective civic learning. Applications were evaluated and scored. The eight inaugural winners — determined as exemplary in all six areas — are Complete High School, Maize USD 266; Derby Hills Elementary and Park Hill Elementary, both in Derby USD 260; Enders Community Service Magnet, Wichita USD 259; Garden City High School, Garden City USD 257; McPherson Middle School, McPherson USD 418; Starside Elementary, DeSoto USD 232; and Susan B. Anthony Middle School, Manhattan USD 383. CAN Promising Practice awards go to the following schools for excelling in at least one of the six proven practices: Florence Wilson Elementary, Garden City USD 457; Merriam Park Elementary, Shawnee Mission USD 512; Seaman High School, Topeka USD 345; and Valley Heights High School, Blue Rapids USD 498. A recognition ceremony will be on Constitution Day, Sept. 17, in Topeka. During his report, Commissioner Watson also introduced Amanda Petersen as the new director of Early Childhood for the Department of Education. Early Childhood is now separated within KSDE from the previous team of Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services. Dr. Watson then answered questions about current education topics.

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### **CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:40 a.m. There were no guest speakers.

### **ACTION ON KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION (KESA) FOR SEVEN SYSTEMS**

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The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is the new model to accredit schools in Kansas. KESA shifts accreditation from schools to the district/system level as well as moves accreditation from a yearly event to a five-year improvement approach. The State Board of Education received recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and decided on the accreditation status for the first systems to be considered. Mrs. Cauble moved to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of Accredited to USD 416 Louisburg, USD 288 Central Heights, St. Michael the Archangel School (Overland Park), Maur Hill-Mount Academy (Atchison), Most Pure Heart of Mary School (Topeka), Good Shepherd School (Shawnee) and Christ the King School (Kansas City). Mrs. Horst seconded. During discussion, there were comments about accountability for safe buildings and more public involvement in the evaluation process. Motion carried 10-0.

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### **ACTION ON CHANGES TO COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS BYLAWS**

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The Coalition of Innovative Districts was created by the Legislature and became law in July 2013. The Act allows up to 10 percent of the state's school districts to opt out of most state laws, rules and regulations in exchange for setting higher student achievement goals. At the June State Board meeting, Commissioner Watson presented proposed changes to the Coalition's Bylaws pertaining to the State Board's involvement. These centered on Bylaw stipulations not in statute. Changes included not specifying the number of times each year the Coalition reports to the State Board, not requiring State Board appointments to the Coalition Board, and seeking agenda consultation with the Commissioner as needed. The Coalition Board approved these amendments in July. Mrs. Horst moved to approve amendments to the Coalition of Innovative School Districts Bylaws as recommended by Commissioner Watson. Mr. McNiece seconded. Board members discussed the present purpose of the Coalition and its innovative intentions. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Cauble in opposition.

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### **ACTION ON REQUEST FROM COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND USD 500 FOR ISSUING A 2018-19 SPECIALIZED TEACHING CERTIFICATE**

USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools is a member of the Coalition of Innovative School Districts. USD 500 requested use of the Coalition's Specialized Teaching Certificate to fill an open position for social studies instruction. Shelly Beech represented USD 500 to answer questions about the request and other district vacancies. She acknowledged that the applicant is a participant in the Teach for America program, but plans to transition to the district's Teaching Fellows program. Mrs. Waugh moved to approve the Specialized Teaching Certificate application of Jerrime Fobbs for use in USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 10-0. The certificate is effective for one-year and is non-transferrable to any other Kansas school district.

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#### **BREAK**

Board members took a break from 11:10 to 11:20 a.m.

### **ACTION ON TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

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The Kansas Legislature appropriated funding for the Teach for America Program for Fiscal Year 2019. The program recruits and trains individuals with a bachelor's degree to teach in a public or public charter K-12 school in one of the communities the organization serves. Chris Rosson, TFA Executive Director in the Kansas City region, presented a proposal for use of the legislative funding to support seven teachers in the Kansas City area, for recruiter services and professional development. Mrs. Cauble expressed concern about TFA concentration in one district and not addressing teacher vacancy needs across the state. Mr. Willard moved to accept the Teach for America proposal for a pilot program in Kansas, with the hope and understanding that it's a pilot with plans for expansion. Mr.

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McNiece seconded. Discussion topics included whether corps members take the Praxis test, program retention rates, serving other areas, and retaining high quality teachers. Motion carried 10-0.

**UPDATE ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT**

Education Program Consultant Stacy Smith shared statistics about CTE offerings, including that there are currently 2,746 pathway programs across the state. His team of CTE consultants provided updates about modifications to selected career pathways and the development of other new ones, such as aviation and fashion/apparel/interior design. Wichita USD 259, in conjunction with WSU Tech and the local aviation industry, is piloting the aviation pathway with strands in both design and production. Updates were given on revisions to energy and engineering pathways prior to the break for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

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Chairman Porter recessed the meeting until 1:30 p.m. with plans to continue the CTE presentation after the break.

**LUNCH**

**CONTINUATION OF CTE PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. KSDE staff members gave revision updates concerning other selected career and technical education pathways. These included agriculture, digital media and an entrepreneurial focus for fashion/apparel/interior design. The Kansas Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education examines pathway modifications.

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE FROM KANSAS**

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis introduced Jeff Baxter, an English language arts teacher at Blue Valley West High School, who was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in June. Mr. Baxter shared remarks about education trends and experiencing the age of acceleration. He stressed the importance of developing character and preparing students to be life-long learners. Chairman Porter presented Mr. Baxter a recognition certificate on behalf of the Board.

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**INFORMATION ON KANSAS READING ROADMAP**

Kansas Reading Roadmap (KRR) is a model designed to leverage out-of-school time to support school efforts in early reading. It is coordinated with a school's current intervention system and curriculum, with the goal of increasing reading proficiency. Andrew Hysell, KRR Director, spoke about the partnership with elementary schools and Boys and Girls Clubs, working together through after-school and summer tutoring. Another component of the model involves parent participation and is called LIFE (Literacy Integrated Family Engagement). Dan Klucas with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) assisted with the presentation by describing the partnership between KRR and DCF.

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**REPORT ON SCHOOL BREAKFAST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Kansas was one of six states nationwide to receive a School Breakfast Leadership Grant from Share Our Strength to help ensure more students are able to start the day with a healthy breakfast and be ready to learn. Child Nutrition and Wellness Director Cheryl Johnson outlined the goal of the action plan to increase statewide breakfast average daily participation by 5 percent by June 30, 2019. She provided statistics indicating where the biggest gaps in school breakfast consumption exist. Members of the School Breakfast Leadership Team shared strategies for implementing innovative breakfast delivery models, such as Grab-and-Go and Second Chance Breakfast. Chairman Porter serves on the School Breakfast Leadership Team. Mrs. Johnson encouraged all Board members to help create awareness for breakfast programs. There was discussion about the state law allowing school districts that meet certain criteria to seek school breakfast program waivers.

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**PRESENTATION OF KANSANS CAN AWARDS TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS**  
KSDE's Child Nutrition and Wellness division created Kansans Can Best Practice Awards to recognize outstanding practices in programs that support the Kansans Can vision. CNW Director Cheryl Johnson described the rationale for the awards. She then introduced the 2017-18 recipients, briefly sharing about their specific honors. Framed awards were presented. Recipients and the categories of merit are: USD 260 Derby (managing finances), USD 312 Haven (program initiation/leadership), Quality Care Services Inc. and USD 411 Goessel (nutrition and wellness special events), USD 383 Manhattan (impacting wellness), and First Choice Support Services Inc., (innovative meal patterns).

**BREAK**

Board members took a break until 3:35 p.m.

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**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, participated remotely to present recommendations of the Commission on licensure cases this month. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and issue the requested license for Alyssa Bauer. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Ms. Sieck then presented the next set of cases. Mr. Willard moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the PPC and deny the applications of Devin Gillette and Holly Brown as well as revoke the licenses of Joseph Tokarz, Brylee Courkamp and Tyson McGuire. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

This item was postponed in August.

**ACTION ON NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF NEA**

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson and Ann Mah represented the State Board during the negotiations bargaining process. Mrs. Mah moved to adopt the Professional Agreement between the Kansas School for the Deaf NEA and the Kansas State Board of Education for the term Aug. 1, 2018 to July 31, 2020. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**RECEIVE KANSAS STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS**

The standards for English language learners have been revised and are now referred to as the Kansas Standards for English Learners. Assistant Director Beth Fultz explained the standards reflect changes resulting from reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). She presented an overview of the review process and feedback from public hearings. She also shared a video of comments from revision committee co-chairs. The standards will provide expectations for proficiency on the new 2020 KELPA2 assessment. English learners are assessed in four domains: reading, writing, speaking and listening. The State Board is expected to act on these standards in September.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for July.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Amanda (Gress) Petersen as Director on the Early Childhood team, effective July 16, 2018, at an annual salary of \$103,870; Leah Zeller as Administrative Assistant on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective July 23, 2018, at an annual salary of \$29,744; Parker Erikson as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective July 30, 2018, at an annual salary of \$60,320.
- received fourth quarter reports for the Kansas School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind.

- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for Barber County North, USD 254, and Northeast Kansas Education Service Center Interlocal (Keystone).
- approved recommendations for funding the 2018-19 McKinney-Vento Children and Youth Homeless grants for the following districts in the amounts listed: USD 202 Turner \$2,100; USD 233 Olathe \$35,787; USD 250 Pittsburg \$2,100; USD 259 Wichita \$126,350; USD 261 Haysville \$23,100; USD 289 Wellsville \$10,100; USD 290 Ottawa \$15,225; USD 305 Salina \$2,100; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden \$24,412; USD 403 Otis-Bison \$2,100; USD 453 Leavenworth \$2,100; USD 457 Garden City \$21,350; USD 475 Geary County \$22,225; USD 480 Liberal \$2,100; USD 497 Lawrence \$2,100; USD 500 Kansas City \$91,350; USD 501 Topeka \$31,100; USD 512 Shawnee Mission \$2,100.
- approved the interlocal and cooperative agreements to renew and continue the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 358 Oxford, USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, USD 447 Cherryvale-Thayer, USD 448 Inman.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 358 Oxford, USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, USD 447 Cherryvale-Thayer.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2018-19 school year as follows: Nathaniel Terrell, Topeka USD 501; William Skeens, Blue Valley USD 229 Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) program; Hannah Burns, Spring Hill USD 230; Kenneth Spurgeon, Central USD 462.

*authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and*

- authorize the Kansas State School for the Blind to contract with USD 500 Kansas City Kansas Public Schools to use KSSB facilities for Head Start classrooms;
- enter into a contract with Kansas State University for the purpose of its College of Education providing a Troops to Teachers program for military veterans with the contract period effective July 15, 2018 (or date of execution of the contract) through July 14, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$379,298;
- continue the Microsoft Imagine Academy contract with JourneyEd in an amount not to exceed \$2,028,543.28 from Dec. 1, 2018 through Nov. 30, 2022.

Board members took a break from 4:40 to 4:50 p.m.

**BREAK**

#### **ACTION ON NASBE MEMBERSHIP DUES**

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Porter led two action items regarding the National Association of State Boards of Education. The NASBE Annual Conference is Oct. 17-20 in Denver. Jim McNiece will receive the organization's Distinguished Service Award on the 18th. Chairman Porter then called for a motion authorizing payment of the membership dues for 2019. Mrs. Horst moved to approve payment of calendar year 2019 dues and retain membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education and the National Council of State Education Attorneys. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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#### **ACTION ON REPRESENTATION FOR NASBE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

Mr. McNiece moved to nominate Deena Horst as the voting delegate to represent Kansas at the NASBE Annual Conference in October. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Mr. Porter nominated Ann Mah as the alternate delegate. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Committee Reports — Mr. McNiece attended the orientation and meeting for members of the Special Education Advisory Council. Mrs. Waugh reported on work of the Kansas Opioid/Drug Prevention Committee including plans for a Nov. 15 conference in Topeka. Mrs. Busch commented on the School Mental Health Advisory Committee which is looking at suicide prevention data. Mrs. Mah attended a recent meeting of the ESSA/ESEA committee.

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson commented on legal cases in the news that might impact education policy. One case proceeding through the courts involved schools and sex/gender harassment.

Individual Board member reports are to be submitted in writing for the next few months.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Share results, when available, from School Breakfast Leadership sub-grantees working to reduce gaps in breakfast consumption
- Emergency Safety Interventions update and review of data since policies have been implemented (Mr. McNiece)
- Bus transportation safety, travel time limitations for kindergartners (Mrs. Waugh)
- Schedule opportunity to make requests for Future Agenda Items to earlier in the meeting (Mr. Roberts)

**CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT**

Chairman Porter discussed work of the Dyslexia Task Force, which has established four sub groups. The committee will make a recommendation to the legislature in January. He also reported on the Governor's Education Council subcommittees and a transition work group addressing an underserved population of adults.

**BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL**

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Busch — Aug. 20 Governor's Education Council subcommittee, Topeka; Aug. 28 Social Emotional Character Development roadshow, TBD; Sept. 7 meeting with Rep. Elpee; Sept. 8 Kansas Teacher of the Year Regional Banquet in Wichita; Nov. 17 KTOY State Ceremony. Mrs. Cauble — Sept. 5 school visit Colby. Mrs. Horst — Aug. 31 regional redesign training, Salina; Sept. 8 and 9 KTOY regional banquets in Topeka and Salina; Sept. 13 KSHSAA Board meeting, Topeka; Sept. 17 Civic Advocacy Network awards, Topeka; Sept. 20 Agriculture in the Classroom, Manhattan. Mrs. Mah — Aug. 28 regional redesign training, Lawrence. Mr. Willard — Aug. 20 Haven school visit and SECD conference, Hutchinson. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**RECESS**

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 5:50 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Board Room.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2018****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Aug. 15, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

**8/15/2018  
A.M. Session  
(00:00:08)**

**ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present:

John Bacon	Jim McNiece
Kathy Busch	Jim Porter
Sally Cauble	Steve Roberts
Deena Horst	Janet Waugh
Ann Mah	Ken Willard

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Busch moved to approve the day's agenda. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**ACTION ON GEMINI I SCHOOLS' REDESIGN PLANS: BELOIT, SKYLINE, ASHLAND**

Schools in three of the districts approved as Gemini I participants in the Kansas Can School Redesign Project presented their redesign plans to the State Board of Education for acceptance. Beloit, Skyline (Pratt) and Ashland will be launching their plans during the 2018-19 school year. School Redesign Specialists Jay Scott and Tammy Mitchell made introductions. The selected elementary and secondary schools focus on the five outcomes established by the Kansas State Board of Education, the five elements identified as defining a successful Kansas high school graduate, and what Kansans said they want their schools to provide and look like in the future.

Each school highlighted areas of focus, many of which have been piloted during the past year. Some common themes were: project-based learning, self-paced learning, student-led conferences, flexible school-day schedules and school to community connections.

Beloit USD 273 — The USD 273 redesign team participated remotely through ZOOM. Superintendent Jeff Travis and Director of Special Education Karen Niemczyk were in attendance at the Board meeting. Specific elements of their plan were utilization of the Boys Town model for social/emotional learning, pilot program serving multiple districts for alternative learning center focusing on transition back to home districts, partnership with local businesses for entrepreneurship opportunities. Mrs. Horst moved to accept the redesign plans of Beloit USD 273 for Beloit Elementary and Beloit Junior-Senior High to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year as a participant in the Gemini I Project. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Skyline USD 438 — The districtwide plan is built upon three themes: positive team culture, meaningful learning, and real-world experiences. Special elements of redesign include a high school leadership class also open to staff, a commitment-based culture, increased parent engagement, flexible module schedule, in-house preschool, and all students PreK-6 participate in art. Mrs. Cauble moved to accept the redesign plans of Skyline Pratt USD 438 for Skyline Elementary and Skyline High School to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year as a participant in the Gemini I Project. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Ashland USD 220 — Through redesign, USD 220 is focusing more on career and technical education as well as increased family engagement, particularly through the PTO and Booster Club. Ashland High School is also adding an agriculture program and FFA chapter. Other specific elements of redesign are expanded time for student-led conferences, a Life 101 course, and promotion of Ashland Works with local businesses. Mrs. Cauble moved to accept the redesign plans of Ashland USD 220 for Ashland Elementary and Ashland Junior-Senior High to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year as a participant in the Gemini I Project. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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Photos and presentation of Gemini I banners occurred after each district presentation.

Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m. for an invitation to tour Cedar Crest Governor's Residence. This was an optional activity. Board members attending were Mr. Porter, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Waugh, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Mah, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mr. McNiece. The tour concluded at approximately 1 p.m.

**RECESS FOR  
GUIDED  
TOUR**

The next State Board meeting is Sept. 11 and 12, 2018 in Topeka.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

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Peggy Hill, Secretary