

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes****April 16, 2019****CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kathy Busch called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed all in attendance and those listening online. She then acknowledged April as Autism Awareness Month.

4/16/2019
A.M. Session
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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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. She then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Chairman Busch announced additions to the day's agenda: separate requests from Newton USD 373 to hold a bond election and to receive capital improvement state aid on the consent agenda; an Executive Session for Attorney-Client; and possible action following the Executive Session. Dr. Horst moved to approve the April 16 agenda as amended. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Mah moved to approve the minutes of the March Board meeting. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson reviewed the definition of a successful Kansas high school graduate, noting the key components as academic preparation, cognitive preparation, technical skills, employability skills and civic engagement. The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is the process of examining multiple measures that support student success. He explained that academic achievement by itself doesn't present a complete picture and he cited examples. Dr. Watson then discussed the Kansans Can Recognition Program that will be implemented and the merits associated with each category. He concluded his report restating the principles of the Kansans Can School Redesign Project.

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CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:30 a.m. There were no speakers for public comment this month .

OVERVIEW OF SUCCESSFUL KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Scott Smith from KSDE and Mark Tallman from the Kansas Association of School Boards presented information on the various measures used to gauge academic achievement as one component of how a successful Kansas high school graduate is defined. Dr. Smith shared historical data and explained how the four levels in the new Kansas Assessment Program compare to the five levels in the former

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assessments. He also commented on contrasting research studies, the lack of a universal definition of “proficient” when referring to assessment data, and scoring through ACT and NAEP. Mr. Tallman shared numbers regarding high school completion, four-year degree completion, trends for 18-24 year olds and national averages. KASB tracks a multitude of school data, including the correlation between educational attainment and income. The presenters answered Board members’ questions.

BREAK

There was a break from 11:20 to 11:30 a.m.

ACTION ON KANSAS MODEL STANDARDS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Last month, Board members were presented the draft Kansas model standards for Computer Science (P-12 grades) for consideration. Dr. Stephen King, Education Program Consultant, responded to concerns expressed last month over screen time, particularly at the K-5 grade level. He shared the committee response and gave examples of standards-driven computer science education implementation without screen time. He talked about the implementation plan and agreed to provide updates on progress. There was discussion about the beginning grade level for the standards, desire for a user friendly format and professional development for teachers. Mr. Porter moved to adopt the Kansas Model Standards for Computer Science as recommended by the Kansas Computer Science Model Standards review team. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition.

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LUNCH

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:55 a.m. The State Board’s Policy Committee met during the break.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APOLLO PARTICIPANTS IN KANSANS CAN SCHOOL REDESIGN

P.M. SESSION

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Nineteen schools have been selected for the Apollo phase of the Kansans Can School Redesign Project. The announcement was made by School Redesign Specialists Jay Scott (secondary) and Tammy Mitchell (elementary). Redesign schools have voluntarily agreed to concentrate on the five outcomes established by the State Board of Education, the five elements identified as defining a successful Kansas high school graduate, and what Kansans said they want from their school system. Apollo applicants had to have support of their faculty, school board and local KNEA or other professional organization. The first phase in the redesign project was Mercury 7, followed by Gemini I and II.

The Apollo schools and districts are: Ewalt Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Robinson Elementary, Garfield Elementary (Augusta USD 402); Medicine Lodge Grade School, Medicine Lodge Junior/Senior High (Barber County North USD 254); Columbus Unified High School (Columbus USD 493); Deerfield Elementary, Deerfield Middle, Deerfield High (Deerfield USD 216); Pleasant Ridge Elementary (Easton USD 449); Ell-Saline Elementary, Ell-Saline Middle/High (Ell-Saline USD 307); Frank Layden Elementary, Frontenac Junior High (Frontenac USD 249); West Elementary, North Elementary, Goodland Junior/Senior High (Goodland USD 352); Herington Elementary, Herington Middle/High (Herington USD 487); Holton Middle, Holton High (Holton USD 336); Wiley Elementary, Hutchinson STEM Magnet (Hutchinson USD 308); St. Mary’s Grade, Rossville Grade, St. Mary’s Junior/Senior High, Rossville Junior/Senior High (Kaw Valley USD 321); Broken Arrow Elementary, Deerfield Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Free State High (Lawrence USD 497); Northeast High (Northeast USD 246); Oberlin Elementary, Decatur Community High (Oberlin USD 294); Perry-Lecompton Middle, Perry-Lecompton High (Perry-Lecompton USD 343); Uniontown Junior/Senior High (Uniontown USD 235); Maple Hill Elementary (Wabaunsee USD 329); Washington County Elementary, Washington County Junior/Senior High (Washington County USD 108).

UPDATE ON KANSAS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PROGRAM

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Dr. Rick Doll, Executive Director of the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI), described the partnerships that enable the organization to provide professional learning and mentoring services for

new school leaders. Since its establishment in 2011, KELI has expanded its scope, now serving new superintendents, assistant superintendents, building level leaders and special education administrators. Dr. Doll talked about mentor training, professional learning, administrators who serve in dual roles and challenges schools face.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

Six schools in Kansas were named National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2018. The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors elementary and secondary schools that have made significant progress in closing the achievement gap. Principals in attendance described unique aspects of school improvement in their buildings. Schools recognized were:

- Hillcrest Elementary School, Lawrence USD 497, Principal Tammy Becker
- Lee Elementary School, Manhattan-Ogden USD 383, Principal Mindy Sanders
- Marion Elementary School, Marion USD 408, Principal Justin Wasmuth
- Valley Heights Elementary School, Valley Heights USD 498, Principal Robert Green
- Sterling Grade School, Sterling USD 376, Principal Brennan Riffel (unable to attend)
- Magdalen Catholic School, Wichita, Principal Kristin Schmitz (unable to attend)

Board members took a break for photos, returning at 2:55 p.m.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Linda Sieck, Chair of the Professional Practices Commission, was remotely connected to the meeting and available to answer questions about the recommendations brought forth on eight cases. Mrs. Waugh moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for the issuance of licenses for Ernest Dooley and Katie Milburn. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Next, Dr. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendations for the revocation or denial of licenses for Clinton Laing, Lori Lindeman, Mandi Hawkins, Richard Dove and Sarah Evans. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0. Lastly, Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and its recommendation for the renewal of Bret Eckert’s license with a public censure. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ACTION ON PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND THE LICENSE OF ERIC BRINKMAN

State Board Attorney Mark Ferguson provided background information and referenced documentation submitted regarding the license of Eric Brinkman and his Petition for Reconsideration of the Final Order. Mr. Jones moved to reject the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Eric Brinkman and reaffirm the findings of fact and conclusions of the Board in its Final Order entered Feb. 12, 2019, which adopted the recommendation of the Professional Practices Commission after a 6-3-1 vote of the Board. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF KANSAS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARS FOR 2019

The Career and Technical Education Scholar recognition program started in 2017. It is an opportunity to give state-level honors to outstanding CTE students finishing their senior year of high school. Students apply for the certificate and document completion of the criteria. CTE Scholar Coordinator Gayla Randel announced that there are 39 Kansas CTE Scholars for 2019. She reviewed the criteria, which includes workplace experience and community service, and answered questions about the program. Board members received a list of the students’ names, school of attendance, field of study and career interest.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the addition of USD 373 Newton’s request to hold a bond election and receive capital improvement state aid. Mr. Jones seconded.

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Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for March.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Elementary extension of days only — Sara Pursley, USD 497; Michelle Landes, D0607. *English as a Second Language* — Courtney Hutson, USD 259. *English Language Arts—extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Ashton Pfannenstiel, USD 418. *General Science — extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Nicholas Sterneker, USD 419; Corey Weibel, USD 500. *High Incidence Special Education* — Allison Wilkins, USD 200; Noah Fugate, USD 202; Kristan Wilson, USD 453; Cindie Franz, D0602; Kimberly Keene, D0618. *High Incidence Special Education—extension on the number of days under an emergency substitute license* — Kelli Pennington, USD 263; LaVeda Tyler, USD 453; Coral Jacobson, USD 469; Jacob Olszanski, USD 500; Jessica Coda, D0607; Erin Easum, Ladonna Worden, D0608. *Low Incidence Special Education* — Susan Morgan, USD 259.
- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for USD 229 Blue Valley, USD 231 Gardner-Edgerton, USD 264 Clearwater, USD 275 Triplains, USD 292 Wheatland, USD 332 Cunningham, USD 352 Goodland, USD 388 Ellis, USD 410 Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh, USD 437 Auburn Washburn, USD 464 Tonganoxie, USD 502 Lewis.
- approved supplemental funds for the Kansas Volunteer Generation Fund subgrantees for 2019 as recommended by the Kansas Volunteer Commission — United Way of Franklin County Association and Flint Hills Volunteer Center.
- authorized USD 274, Oakley, Logan County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- authorized USD 274, Oakley, Logan County, to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- approved the transfer of certain territory, effective July 1, 2019, from USD 464 to USD 497 as requested by way of agreement of those two school districts.
- issued a tentative Order authorizing USD 373, Newton, Harvey County, to hold an election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- issued a tentative Order authorizing USD 373, Newton, Harvey County, to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.
- issued a Calendar Year 2019 license, from the date of approval to Dec. 31, 2019, to the recommended commercial Kansas driver training school Yost Driving School, Wichita.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- continue a state assessment contract with the University of Kansas with the contract amount not to exceed \$6,000,000;
- enter into a contract to assist in the grant management and technical assistance of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024;
- enter into an amended contract with Michelle Pyle, Computer Applications Developer, in an amount not to exceed \$175,600 and to extend the contract to Sept. 15, 2022, to develop modules per the work plans and timelines in the competitively awarded USDA FY2018 Technology Innovation Grant and the USDA FY 2019 Administrative Training Grant if awarded;
- enter into a contract with a vendor to assist KSDE with the tasks required to enhance and maximize participation of Kansas school districts in the E-Rate program from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020, with options for three additional one-year renewals and the contract amount is not to

exceed \$40,000 per contract year (hotline telephone support—\$25,000 per year and trainings—\$15,000 per year).

Time was available during a break to act on items 19 (Board Travel) and 20 a. (KSHSAA appointment)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Board members had the opportunity to make additions to the travel requests for approval. Mrs. Mah moved to approve the travel requests. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO KSHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Kansas State High School Activities Association consists of at least two directors representing the State Board of Education. Current representatives are Jim McNiece, who is fulfilling the remainder of Kathy Busch's term until June 30, 2019, and Deena Horst, whose term continues until June 30, 2020. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to appoint Mr. McNiece for a full two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 2019. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reported on the conference committee report on House Substitute for Senate Bill 16. He provided information on several elements of the bill: Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE), school finance audits, funding reports, ACT and WorkKeys assessments, and other provisions. Mr. Porter asked for a list of the 100 lowest performing accredited elementary schools, both public and private, eligible for the Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarships. There were other questions about the Low Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program, bond cap for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid and unintended consequences associated with certain legislation.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Waugh moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of potential litigation/pending litigation/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. The session would begin at 4:10 p.m. for 20 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 4:30 p.m. Randy Watson, Mark Ferguson, Dale Dennis and Craig Neuenswander were invited to join. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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The open meeting resumed at 4:30 p.m.

ACTION ON SUBMISSION OF AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF 2019 SCHOOL FINANCE BILL

Chairman Busch noted that the School Finance Bill was signed by the Governor and provided to the Supreme Court. There was open discussion about submitting a Amicus Brief in support of the finance portion of this particular bill. Mr. Ferguson stated the dates for briefings to be filed and schedule of oral arguments in the *Gannon v State of Kansas* case. Several members commented on the importance of acknowledging the Board of Education's statutory authority to make budget recommendations. Mrs. Waugh moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the State Board Attorney to file an Amicus Brief with the Kansas Supreme Court on behalf of the State Board in support of the finance portion of Senate Bill 16, reaffirming the Board's recommendations and to satisfy the court order. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. McNiece moved to approve renewal of Contract ID 40370 with Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond P.A. for providing legal services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 with no increase in rates. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative Liaisons — Mr. Porter discussed the need for the State Board to be more proactive and less reactive on topics of legislative interest.

Policy — Dr. Horst noted that the Policy Committee met at lunchtime and will accept recommendations for possible policy changes.

Communications — Mr. McNiece commented on tentative plans to observe the 50th year of the State Board under the current design.

Other committee reports included Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force, sponsor of the Challenge Awards (Mrs. Waugh); Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Advisory Committee (Dr. Horst); Kansas Learning First Alliance (Mrs. Dombrosky); Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education (Mr. Jones). Those wishing to provide individual Board reports did so in writing.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Regular progress reports on the implementation of Computer Science standards, including the creation of an implementation guide
- Retreat to proactively establish positions in advance of the 2020 legislative session, including the cap on bond and interest, comprehensive plan for computer science education and financial literacy (Mr. Porter)

Board Attorney Report — Mark Ferguson noted the Kansas School for the Deaf-NEA is utilizing a two-year negotiated agreement. However, because there is a change in the USD 233 salary schedule, which KSD follows, there is an anticipated change to the agreement.

Chairman's Report — Mrs. Busch attended the Social-Emotional Learning Network meeting, along with Mr. Porter, in Washington D.C. She reported on the meeting at the Cerner Corporation on the topic of computer science education and job needs, forthcoming action steps as recommended by the School Mental Health Advisory Council, a panel discussion with teacher education programs at small colleges and the April Council of Superintendents' meeting. Commissioner Watson reminded members of the major initiatives before them and impending recommendations on bullying, dyslexia and computer science education.

Confirmation of Graduation Delegates — Chairman Busch confirmed that school liaisons Mrs. Dombrosky will attend the Kansas School for the Deaf graduation on May 22 and Mr. Jones will attend the Kansas State School for the Blind graduation May 16.

RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting would resume at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Kansas State School for the Blind.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Meeting Minutes****April 17, 2019****SCHOOL VISITS**

On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, Board members made their annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) and Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). They also visited two of the Mercury 7 redesign schools — Santa Fe Trail Middle School and Westview Elementary, both in Olathe.

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Board members present for the day were:

Kathy Busch	Ann Mah
Jean Clifford	Jim McNiece
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Deena Horst	Steve Roberts
Ben Jones	Janet Waugh

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

KSSB Superintendent Jon Harding hosted Board members for the first of the day's sessions. During the visit, the following topics were covered: upcoming events, student presentations, accreditation and the Outside Visitation Team's focus, skill development through the transition program, field service resources, and personnel training to meet the demand for teachers of the visually impaired.

SANTA FE TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal J.J. Libal, staff and students led informational sessions on Santa Fe Trail's redesign pillars. They discussed the focus on social-emotional learning, mentoring, implementation of Exploration Days, interventions such as "What I Need" time and a modified block schedule. Students with the AIM (Achieving through Individual Motivation) program led building tours.

WESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members of the Westview Elementary Redesign team explained about the school's redesign plans, including blended classes for project-based learning, more inclusion of English Language Learner teachers and building-wide social-emotional learning time each day. Student panelists answered questions about their experiences. Teachers also talked about the selection of redesign pillars and implementation challenges.

KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

At the Kansas School for the Deaf, Superintendent Luanne Barron coordinated sessions with students and parents to talk about transition to postsecondary. There were presentations on the Language Assessment Program to assess and monitor language development, online blended learning programs for students, and early interventions that serve students birth to age 3. Board members then toured the Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture.

ADJOURNMENT

The day's activities concluded at approximately 5:40 p.m. The next meeting will be May 14 and 15, 2019 in Topeka.

 Kathy Busch, Chairman

 Peggy Hill, Secretary