

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
August 13, 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, Aug. 13, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. She welcomed everyone back for the start of a new school year and reminded drivers about school bus safety with a new campaign “Stop on Red, Kids Ahead.”

**8/13/2019
A.M. Session
(00:00:04)**

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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

Member Jim McNiece was absent.

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 AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the day’s agenda. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

During his report, Dr. Randy Watson announced the winners of the 2019 Civic Advocacy Network awards. They are: Whittier Elementary, Winfield USD 465; North Lyon County Elementary, North Lyon County USD 251; Seaman High School, Seaman USD 345; Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee Mission USD 512; South Barber High School, South Barber USD 255; Swaney Elementary, Derby USD 260; Santa Fe Trail Middle School, Olathe USD 233. Schools receiving the Promising Practice Awards are: Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center, Garden City USD 457; Derby High School, Derby USD 260; and West Middle School, Lawrence USD 497. Winners will be recognized during a ceremony Sept. 17 in Topeka.

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Dr. Watson also commented on the collaboration of multiple organizations to host early childhood community engagement sessions around the state, focusing on bright spots, vision for the future and gaps in birth to age 4 services. Lastly, he addressed consideration for using the ACT exam as the high school state assessment for federal accountability, replacing the 10th grade assessment with an 11th grade ACT exam. He sought permission to further investigate the pros and cons, and to seek input from school administrators. Members encouraged him to also survey special education directors regarding any concerns about accommodations. Dr. Watson will relay feedback at a future meeting.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

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Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:40 a.m. Speakers and their topics were: Mason Rohleder, Wichita — summary of his research project on strategies for increasing physical activity in Kansas schools; John Richard Schrock, Emporia — differences between aptitude and achievement tests. Chairman Busch declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:48 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF GEMINI I AND II SCHOOLS' REDESIGN PLANS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND LAUNCH IN 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

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The first Kansans Can redesign schools were announced in August 2017 as the Mercury 7. Since that time, other schools have applied and been accepted to transform their school systems around the State Board of Education's vision, outcomes and definition of a successful high school graduate. Subsequent cohorts are referred to as Gemini I, Gemini II and Apollo. School Redesign Specialist Tammy Mitchell informed members of the districts/schools that have been recommended for launch by a third-party Launch Readiness Committee and received confirmation from their local boards of education. Mr. Jones moved to accept the Gemini I and Gemini II schools identified as a "Go" for launch in the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

The districts and schools accepted are: Geary County USD 475 (Lincoln Elementary, Westwood Elementary, Junction City High School) and Southern Lyon USD 252 (Olpe Elementary, Neosho Rapids Elementary, Olpe Jr-Sr High, Hartford Jr-Sr High). Mrs. Mitchell concluded her report with information on coaching and training provided to redesign schools.

ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION

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Last month, Board members were provided information on eight public and 14 private schools seeking an accreditation decision in 2019. An Executive Summary for each system outlined findings and accreditation level recommendations based on the evaluations of the Outside Visitation Team and Accreditation Review Council. Board members commented on the need for follow-up regarding identified concerns and the number of system goals. Dr. Horst moved to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to USD 115 Nemaha Central, USD 258 Humboldt, USD 362 Prairie View, USD 385 Andover, USD 396 Douglass, USD 428 Great Bend, USD 435 Abilene, USD 484 Fredonia, Ascension Catholic School, Christ the King - Topeka, Holy Trinity - Paola, Holy Trinity - Lenexa, Nativity Parish, Prince of Peace, Sacred Heart - Ottawa, Saint Benedict, Saint Joseph - Shawnee, Saint Gregory, Saint Matthew, Xavier and Holy Cross Lutheran, and to move Zion Lutheran School to a 2022 evaluation year in the accreditation cycle. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining.

ACTION ON KANSAS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR DRIVER ED.

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Proposed standards for use within Kansas Educator Preparation Programs were presented last month for Board members to review. Providing updated standards is necessary because Driver Education is being reestablished as an endorsement for current teaching licenses. The standards will serve as a guide for higher education programs preparing driver ed instructors. Mrs. Clifford moved to adopt the Kansas Educator Preparation Program Standards for Driver Education. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 6-3 with Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Jones in opposition.

BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:20 a.m.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

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Susan McMahan, Director of the Safe and Secure Schools Unit, briefed members on the progress of the unit since it was established through Senate Bill 109. Since that time, standards have been established and approved, grant funding has been awarded for infrastructure and security technology, adaptable templates were made available for crisis plan development and an informational poster

was created for reporting threats. In addition, a new Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) tool is being implemented with the assistance of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Kelly Ralston with the KBI assisted in the presentation and described features of the SAR, which is accessible by anyone via phone and internet. Reports can be submitted anonymously. Multiple agencies are partnering through a community approach to curb violence in Kansas schools. Discussion followed, including topics of privacy laws, accessibility of resources and importance of community knowledge.

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:05 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the break.

LUNCH

UPDATE FROM E-CIGARETTE/VAPING TASK FORCE

The afternoon session reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Education Program Consultant Mark Thompson, who helps coordinate the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force, introduced members of the Task Force who spoke about awareness and education, distribution of resources to schools for the start of a new school year and information targeted to parents. There are plans for a vaping presentation at the KSDE Annual Conference. Jordan Roberts with KDHE talked about new signage, a vape-free schools toolkit and a mini-grant available for schools wanting to start a Resist chapter. Policy advocacy is also part of the Task Force's work, including language for statewide Tobacco 21 to be introduced next legislative session. There were questions about cessation programs, getting the message to parents and upper elementary grades, and current tobacco/nicotine policies in schools.

P.M. SESSION
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OVERVIEW OF MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal program supporting the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. KSDE staff Tate Toedman and Maureen Ruhlman provided an overview of the Act, noting changes through reauthorization of ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act. They explained eligibility, funding, district responsibilities, professional development requirements and training for liaisons. A time for questions followed the presentation.

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INFORMATION ON LEADING THE WAY FOR INNOVATIVE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Child Nutrition and Wellness Director Cheryl Johnson congratulated school districts that were successful in significantly increasing breakfast participation. Kansas schools served an additional 860,000 breakfasts over the previous school year. CNW Assistant Director Jill Ladd reported on a leadership grant supporting the "Kansas No Kid Hungry Breakfast Plan," which awarded funds to districts for implementing innovative delivery models. These include second chance breakfast or breakfast after the bell, grab and go breakfast and use of breakfast kiosks. Breakfast Champions were named as Wichita USD 259, Olathe USD 233, Prairie Hills USD 113 and Garden City USD 457.

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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 each category of merit. She then introduced the 2018-19 recipients, briefly commenting about their specific honors: USD 259 Wichita, USD 312 Haven, USD 457 Garden City, USD 383 Manhattan, USD 113 Prairie Hills, USD 443 Dodge City, USD 233 Olathe, Quality Care Services of El Dorado and Social Innovation Laboratory of Emporia.

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There was a break until 3:30 p.m. for photos with the honorees.

BREAK

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon brought forth recommendations from the Professional Practices Commission on three cases for consideration this month. Mr. Porter moved to follow the recommendations of the PPC and censure the Licensee in case 18-PPC-28. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried

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9-0. Next, Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding 19-PPC-03 and grant the Licensee's application to upgrade to a Professional License with no discipline. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0. For the last case, Mr. Jones moved to grant the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by 19-PPC-16 and make new findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding 19-PPC-16's application to renew his license. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Mah moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Roberts abstaining. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for July.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Bert Moore as Director on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective July 1, 2019, at an annual salary of \$109,670.86; Daniel Bartlett as Auditor on the Fiscal Auditing team, effective July 29, 2019, at an annual salary of \$43,992; and David Fernkopf as Assistant Director on the Career, Standards and Assessment Services team, effective July 31, 2019, at an annual salary of \$ 76,541.92.
- approved issuance of Visiting Scholar licenses for the 2019-20 school year to Alisa Morse, Blue Valley USD 229 Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS); Carson Norton, Wichita County USD 467; Anna Birney, Dighton USD 482.
- approved recommendations for funding the Kansas After School Enhancement Grants for the 2019-20 school year in an amount not to exceed \$187,500.
- approved recommendations for funding the Kansas Middle School After School Advancement Grants for the 2019-2020 school year in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.
- approved recommendations for funding the 2019-2020 McKinney-Vento Children and Youth Homeless grants for the following districts in the amounts listed: USD 202 Turner \$2,500; USD 229 Blue Valley \$2,500; USD 233 Olathe \$41,950; USD 259 Wichita \$146,500; USD 261 Haysville \$29,000; USD 289 Wellsville \$12,700; USD 290 Ottawa \$24,500; USD 305 Salina \$2,500; USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden \$28,000; USD 453 Leavenworth \$2,500; USD 457 Garden City \$25,054; USD 475 Geary County \$26,800; USD 480 Liberal \$2,500; USD 497 Lawrence \$2,500; USD 500 Kansas City \$106,500; USD 501 Topeka \$36,056; USD 512 Shawnee Mission \$2,500.
- approved recommended grant allocations to school districts of \$3,790,932 and grants for local community mental health centers of \$2,001,710 for the Mental Health Intervention Team Program for the 2019-2020 school year.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 378 Riley County, USD 471 Dexter, USD 492 Flint-hills.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 378 Riley County, USD 471 Dexter, USD 492 Flinthills.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with Instructional Coaching Group LLC to provide implementation training during November 2019 for instructional coaches with the Literacy Network of Kansas project in an amount not to exceed \$12,300.
- enter into a contract with Achieve to provide professional learning, technical assistance and project management of assessment inventories and content alignment for schools with the Literacy Network of Kansas grant in an amount not to exceed \$88,378 from Sept. 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

- enter into a contract with Smoky Hill Education Service Center for Social-Emotional Character Development Standards trainings effective Sept. 1, 2019 through Jan. 1, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$15,750.
- enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purpose of disseminating public service announcements to inform the public about Child Nutrition Programs, increase access and encourage healthy eating and physical activity.
- enter into a contract with the KELI organization to provide mentor services for superintendents to support the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation process effective Sept. 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Waugh moved to recess into Executive Session 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. The session would begin at 3:40 p.m. for 30 minutes and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 4:10 p.m. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson, Commissioner Watson and General Counsel Scott Gordon were invited to join the session. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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The open meeting resumed at 4:10 p.m. Mrs. Waugh moved to extend the same Executive Session for an additional 20 minutes, and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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INFORMATION ON THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon presented an update on the amount and types of cases reviewed by the Professional Practices Commission that had been cleared with permission based on specific criteria and a process the State Board authorized. He then provided proposed amendments to K.A.R. 91-22-1a to be in compliance with changes in state statute. No action was taken.

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RECESS

Chairman Busch recessed the meeting at 4:55 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Wednesday in the Board Room.

Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

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**Meeting Minutes
Aug. 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kathy Busch called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Aug. 14, 2019, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

8/14/2019
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ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

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

Member Jim McNiece was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the Wednesday agenda as presented. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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OVERVIEW OF THE SCIENCE OF READING

Education Program Consultant Cynthia Hadicke has conducted trainings for educators on the science of reading and instructional strategies. She provided a modified version of the training to Board members, covering how the brain functions especially related to literacy and comprehension processing. Her presentation included oral language development, foundational skills and the brain's reaction to movement. Ms. Hadicke also talked about dyslexia symptoms, teaching the struggling reader and systematic instruction. Board members had several questions and comments. Topics included practice tools for parents, encouraging children to read and language immersion for English language learners.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF STATE BOARD MEMBER TO NASBE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The National Association of State Boards of Education annual conference is Oct. 16-19 in Omaha, Nebraska. Each member state is to select a voting delegate and alternate for the annual business meeting. Mr. Porter nominated Deena Horst to serve as the delegate representing Kansas. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Porter then nominated Ben Jones to serve as the alternate delegate. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mr. Jones abstaining.

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ACTION ON NASBE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020

Mr. Jones moved to approve payment of calendar year 2020 dues and retain membership in the National Association of State Boards of Education and the National Council of State Education Attorneys. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Board members took a break until 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

During committee reports, Dr. Horst announced that the Policy Committee met the previous day and would meet again in September. Mr. Jones commented on the communications committee's plans

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for a western Kansas school tour Sept. 30-Oct. 2, and the Board's 50th anniversary reception Oct. 15. Chairman Busch reported on a recent meeting of the School Mental Health Advisory Council and the cycle of membership. She plans to send information to Board members seeking nominations for open positions. Mrs. Busch also commented on the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee meeting noting success of the paraprofessional to teacher program. Mr. Porter gave an update on the School Bus Stop Arm Committee and the goal of presenting recommendations to the legislature. He then reported on work of the transition subcommittee to address needs of special populations and apply the Kansans Can vision to focus on abilities, not disabilities. Other committee reports centered on Bullying Task Force (Mrs. Clifford), E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force (Mrs. Dombrosky), Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Committee (Dr. Horst), Kansas Volunteer Commission (Mr. Roberts) and KSHSAA (Dr. Horst).

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Update on school mental health pilot, plus mental health center participation and other initiatives (Mrs. Busch)
- School bus stop arm committee recommendations as part of legislative agenda retreat (Mr. Porter)
- Any of his Talking Points topics (Mr. Roberts)
- Restorative justice in schools (Dr. Horst)

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Board members had the opportunity to make additions or changes to the travel requests for approval. Mr. Jones moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Busch adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 10 and 11, 2019 in Topeka.

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Kathy Busch, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary