

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. The meeting began 30 minutes early this day because the National Weather Service was scheduled to conduct a statewide tornado drill at 10 a.m. as part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

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ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson was absent. KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon participated in the meeting.

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

Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Mrs. Dombrosky then asked to vote on consent agenda items 19 g, h, i, j, k separately from the other consent items. Dr. Horst and Mrs. Clifford agreed. Motion carried 10-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 8 and 9 regular Board meeting. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE

Dr. Shannon Portillo, Co-Chair of the Governor's Commission for Racial Equity and Justice (CREJ), was invited to share recommendations cited in the Commission's two reports. Dr. Portillo is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus. The first report in 2020 contained recommendations specific to law enforcement and policing. The second report in 2021, focused on a broader discussion of social determinants of health based on studying racial equity within economic systems, education and health care. She provided an overview of the content, noting actionable recommendations for the areas of maximizing federal funding, universal equity policies, teacher diversity, eliminating school mascots with Native American names or imagery, housing and homelessness, workforce and behavioral health. Dr. Portillo answered Board members' questions about barriers, cultural awareness and community engagement.

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SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK DRILL

The National Weather Service in Topeka conducted a statewide tornado drill at 10 a.m. Tuesday. State Board members participated in the drill as part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 7-11. Members returned to the Board Room at approximately 10:15.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:18 a.m., but announced that speakers would be accepted until 10:30. Speakers and their topics were: Susie Wilbur, Topeka — requests for consideration regarding Native American comments; Sharon Knewtson, Olathe — legislation impacting students at Kansas School for the Deaf. The Citizens' Forum remained open until 10:30 a.m., then Chairman Porter closed the Forum.

ACTION TO ESTABLISH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE STUDENT LITERACY SKILLS

Information about achieving literacy by third grade and implementing recommendations from the Dyslexia Task Force was presented to the State Board in February. The development of a long-term advisory council was discussed. Dr. Laurie Curtis, Early Literacy/Dyslexia Program Manager at KSDE, updated members on the proposed development of a Literacy Advisory Council comprised of individuals representing different stakeholder groups. Members on the Council are yet to be determined, but will bring diverse experiences to a common goal. The purpose will be to monitor and report on initiatives, serve as a resource, identify needs and be a supportive body. Dr. Horst moved to approve the establishment of a Literacy Advisory Council for the purpose of helping support and advance gains in literacy achievement for all Kansas students. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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

Assistant Director Doug Boline reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, including one change request. The ESSER III applications for consideration this month were mostly from smaller districts, with their primary needs identified as teaching and learning. Mr. Boline also noted that eight of the 29 district applications conditionally approved at last month's State Board meeting have been resubmitted with complete narratives. Mr. Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district expenditure plans for ESSER III and ESSER II change request as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Mah seconded. There was continued discussion about two specific projects — a playground and an activity bus. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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Members took a break until 11:25 a.m.

BREAK

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FOR KANSAS CITY TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Dr. Mischel Miller further explained about the pilot opportunity the Kansas City Teacher Residency program is offering to fulfill some teacher vacancies in Kansas City elementary schools. She reviewed the timeline of the pilot year, emphasizing the residency element. There were several questions during the presentation, including ones about other similar programs, the accreditation process and what other states are doing to recruit teachers. Mrs. Mah moved to approve the Kansas City Teacher Residency Program as an alternative elementary licensure pilot for elementary teaching dependent upon meeting program review and approval. Mrs. Arnold seconded. There was further discussion. KCTR representatives answered questions about funding, faculty qualifications and coursework. Mr. McNiece asked that the motion include a time reference. Mrs. Mah restated the motion to approve the Kansas City Teacher Residency Program as an alternative elementary licensure pilot for elementary teaching through June 30, 2023, dependent upon

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meeting program review and approval. Mrs. Arnold agreed to the addition. Motion carried 8-0-2 with Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Porter abstaining.

Chair Porter recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

LUNCH

RECOGNITION OF 2021 NATIONAL ESEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS FROM KANSAS

Two Kansas schools have been named National ESEA Distinguished Schools through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act's program to recognize qualifying schools for their educational advances in specific categories. Lincoln Memorial Elementary School in Caney USD 436 and Bertram Caruthers Elementary School in Kansas City Kansas USD 500 are the honorees from Kansas for 2021. KSDE Assistant Director Tate Toedman introduced leaders from these schools who then shared their strategies for helping students as well as teachers succeed. They also reported on what they learned by attending the National ESEA Conference in Louisiana.

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ACTION ON REQUEST FROM HAYSVILLE USD 261 FOR RECESS PILOT EXTENSION

Haysville USD 261 Superintendent Jeff Hersh and Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Reed participated in the meeting virtually to request an extension of the pilot RECESS, which blends Recreation, Engagement, Communication, Exploration, Social-Emotional, Success. They answered questions and addressed members' concerns about reduced instruction time. Members requested concrete data to show program success. Mr. Jones moved to accept a request from Haysville USD 261 to extend its RECESS pilot at the elementary school another year allowing four 15-minute recess periods to count toward instruction time. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECOGNITION OF 2021 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS FROM KANSAS

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools whose students achieve at very high levels or are making significant progress in closing achievement gaps among different groups of students. Kansas schools honored in 2021 are: Ellsworth Elementary, Ellsworth USD 327; Grandview Elementary, El Dorado USD 490; Mahaffie Elementary, Olathe USD 233; Roosevelt Elementary, Hays USD 489; and Sabetha Elementary School, Prairie Hills USD 113. Leaders from these schools shared with Board members the factors they have found to be most significant in raising student achievement at their schools. Areas mentioned included tiered systems of support, successful professional learning communities, and small group instruction.

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Members took a 10-minute break until 3:20 p.m.

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ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Professional Practices Commission Chair Jennifer Holt attended the meeting virtually to review current cases presented for action. She summarized the situations and answered questions. Board members discussed the PPC's recommendation on 21-PPC-19 and asked for additional evidence, including a recording of the PPC hearing/testimony. Mr. Jones moved to table the decision in case 21-PPC-19 until the next State Board meeting, pending further review and issuance of the video. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Arnold abstaining.

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Next, Dr. Horst moved to deny the application for an Emergency Substitute License in case 21-PPC-20. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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KANSANS CAN HIGHLIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Through the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program, the State Board and KSDE recognize district success in each of the outcome areas that Kansans have indicated they value in the state's education system. The High School Graduation Star Award is given to those districts with graduation rates above the state average, with the highest recognition for those districts at or above 95

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percent. Valley Falls USD 338 was one of several districts receiving this award. Principals Susan Grey and Greg Morgan explained that graduation success starts long before high school. Relationship building within the community, especially with parents, was cited as essential. Expansion of career tech pathway offerings, service learning opportunities and dual credit flexibility are a few of the many ways the district works with students to provide personalized learning.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORTS

Acting Commissioner Dr. Craig Neuenswander began his report with a summary of education bills, primarily newer ones. The legislators have returned from turnaround and are in the middle of the second half of the session. Dr. Neuenswander provided a printed summary of selected House and Senate bills followed this session. He updated members on the status of specific bills and upcoming hearings. He also noted that the K-12 budget is starting to be worked. There was discussion about a number of bills. Board members granted consensus for the Board's legislative liaisons to oppose, on behalf of the State Board, any proposed legislation that limits safety requirements on school transportation vehicles.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF STATE BOARD MEMBER TO KSHSAA BOARD

The Kansas State High School Activities Association Board of Directors consists of not less than 60 members. Kansas Statute states that at least two directors shall be representatives of the State Board of Education, appointed by the State Board. Current representatives are Jim McNiece, whose term continues to June 30, 2023, and Deena Horst, whose term ends June 30, 2022. Dr. Horst also serves on the KSHSAA Executive Board. Mr. McNiece moved that Deena Horst serve another two-year term on the KSHSAA Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 2022, and continue her appointment on the Executive Board. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Porter moved to approve renewal of Contract ID 47925 with Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond P.A. for providing legal services to the State Board for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with no increase in rates. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 a. through 19 f. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for February.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year: *Early Childhood Special Education* — Wendy Davis, USD 475. *Gifted* — Kimberly Marinacci-Hill, USD 512. *High Incidence Special Education* — Jack Reynolds, USD 229; Megan Cox, USD 231; Meghan Lemay, Nichole Hensley, Mallory Plankinton, USD 253; Amanda Shockley, USD 497; Page Raymie, USD 501; Joel Marker, USD 512; Kellie King-Denoon, D0603; Brynn Perrigo, Lesli Neal, D0725; Breanna Blanton, Dana Welch, Jodi Hammerbacher, D0727; Morgan Cothran, D0729. *Library Media Specialist* — Casey Penner, USD 402. *Low Incidence Special Education* — Teresa Desmarteau, USD 231; Megan Dewey, Montana Severe, USD 259; Brooke Meshel, USD 512.
- accepted recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved cases* — 3427, 3429 (initial license with endorsement for K-6), 3433, 3434, 3435, 3436, 3437, 3438, 3439. *Denial/non-approval* — 3429 (social studies 6-12 endorsement), 3430, 3431.

- accepted recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee: Accreditation for **University of Kansas** through Dec. 31, 2028; and Higher Education Program Approval as follows: **Kansas State University** —restricted, PreK-12, new program through June 30, 2024; Biology 6-12, Business 6-12, Chemistry 6-12, Earth/Space Science 6-12, History, Government, Social Studies 6-12 and 6-12 MAT, all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2028; **Kansas Wesleyan University** — Elementary K-6, Health PreK-12, Music PreK-12, all continuing programs through Dec. 31, 2027; **MidAmerica Nazarene University** — Restricted 6-12, new program through June 30, 2024; **Wichita State University** — Elementary Ed Unified K-6, new program through Dec. 31, 2023.
- authorized Hays USD 489 to hold election on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation.
- authorized Hays USD 489 to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Dombrosky asked to pull consent items 19 g. through 19 k. as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Mr. Porter moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 g. through 19 k. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition. In this action, the Board:

- approved recommendations for funding the American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth II program grants as presented for individual districts and consortiums.

authorized the Acting Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- initiate the contract bid process for Property Insurance for the new Body Venture Learning Exhibit in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025;
- initiate the contract bid process for the purpose of professional development training for schools focused on developing collaborative cultures and high functioning teams in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period Aug. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2026;
- amend the contract with the Kansas Association of Educational Service Agencies to extend the contract through Dec. 31, 2024 for an additional \$14,000,000, with a total amount not to exceed \$40,667,139;
- enter into a contract amendment with the National Center for the Improvement of Education Assessment to exercise renewal options allowed in the original contract to manage and facilitate the Kansas Technical Advisory Committee with a contract amount not to exceed \$300,000 annually through June 30, 2027.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Action on Board Travel — Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the travel requests and updates. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 10-0. As a follow-up, Mrs. Mah moved to give blanket approval to Board members attending formal student activities for the Student Voice Committee. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Committee Reports — Updates were given on the following:

- Graduation Requirements Task Force (Mr. McNiece) — There are three scheduled meetings remaining. Subcommittees are working on final considerations. The Task Force work is the beginning of the process, which will continue through implementation.

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- Student Voice (Mrs. Mah) — The committee’s written report was provided to members. It outlined strategies to expand outreach. Mrs. Mah also invited members to participate in spring opportunities to visit with students, in both formal and informal settings.
- School Mental Health Advisory (Mrs. Clifford) — She mentioned several topics covered at the March meeting.
- Policy Committee (Mrs. Clifford) — The Board’s Policy Committee will meet during the lunch break at the April meeting to review the next sections.

Board Attorney’s Report — Attorney Mark Ferguson was absent.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

- Dr. Tiffany Anderson, Commission co-chair, to report in May on education-specific recommendations from the Governor’s Commission on Racial Equity and Justice, supplementing Dr. Shannon Portillo’s presentation in March. (Mr. Porter)
- Report during the fall on participant numbers and pilot success from representatives of the Kansas City Teacher Residency Program. Evaluate next steps in the spring. (Mr. Jones)
- Continued discussion on addressing teacher shortage, recruitment and retention; receive comments from teacher organizations. (Mr. Porter)
- Receive RECESS data from Haysville USD 261 at end of the one-year pilot extension. (Multiple)
- Discuss responses Student Voice Committee has received to determine if input can structure policy. Invite more student presenters to the Board meetings. (Mrs. Mah)
- Kansas Music Educators Association update on initiatives. (Mr. Jones)
- Formal discussion on licensure, substitute options, lifetime license. (Mrs. Mah)
- Opportunity to thank all KSDE employees by department. Each department would appear at a Board meeting to describe tasks and be formally thanked by the Board members. (Mrs. Clifford)
- Take position against Native American-themed school mascots at the April meeting. (Mr. McNiece)

Chair’s Report —

Chair Porter reminded members that the March 17 meeting with the Kansas Board of Regents was postponed. Information has been provided for the Regional Kansas Teacher of the Year events, which will be virtual. He then previewed the next day’s agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Mrs. Waugh moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss the subject of an individual employee’s performance, which is justified pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, in order to protect the privacy interest of the individual to be discussed. The session would begin at 5:15 p.m. for 20 minutes; no action would be taken during this session; and the open meeting would resume in the Board Room at 5:35 p.m. Dr. Craig Neuenswander was invited to join the executive session. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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The Board returned to open session at 5:35 p.m.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LEARNING SERVICES

Mr. Jones moved to approve the hiring of Ben Proctor as Deputy Commissioner of Learning Services to begin July 1, 2022, at an annual salary of \$161,800. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:38 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Peggy Hill, Secretary

ESSER II Change Request Overview and Table of Contents

DISTRICT PROFILES					KSDE RECOMMENDATIONS							
Plan	District Number	District Name	Total Public School Students (FTE) ¹	% Students Approved for Free- or Reduced-Price Lunch ²	Total Direct and True Up Allocation	Previously Eligible	% Requested of Total Allocation Previously	Requested Change	Total Change Request Approved	Eligible net change for Task Force Review	% Eligible of Total Requested	Eligible Value Per Student (FTE) ¹
1	418	McPherson	2,304	40%	\$ 1,070,195	\$ 431,487	40%	\$ 1,070,195	\$ 1,070,195	\$ 638,708	100%	\$ 464
Total			2,304	40%	\$ 1,070,195	\$ 431,487	40%	1,070,195	\$ 1,070,195	\$ 638,708	100%	\$ 464

1. Includes the number of non-weighted, non-virtual full-time equivalent (FTE) students in the 2020-2021 school year (part-time students are accounted for to the nearest tenth). Students who transitioned to remote learning due to COVID-19 (remote learners) are included in the FTE totals.
2. Reflects the percent of student headcount approved for free or reduced-price lunch in the 2020-2021 school year.

ESSER III Overview and Table of Contents

Plan	DISTRICT PROFILES				KSDE RECOMMENDATIONS					
	District Number	District Name	Total Public School Students (FTE) ¹	% Students Approved for Free- or Reduced-Price Lunch ²	Total Direct and True Up Allocation	Total Requested	% Requested of Total Allocation	Total Eligible	% Eligible of Total Requested	Eligible Value Per Student (FTE) ¹
1	111	Doniphan West Schools	293	30%	\$ 418,936	\$ 400,936	96%	\$ 400,936	100%	\$ 1,371
2	219	Minneola	247	57%	\$ 361,184	\$ 361,184	100%	\$ 361,184	100%	\$ 1,461
3	241	Wallace County Schools	209	37%	\$ 267,866	\$ 267,866	100%	\$ 267,866	100%	\$ 1,285
4	257	Iola	1,104	56%	\$ 3,034,259	\$ 1,653,106	54%	\$ 1,653,106	100%	\$ 1,498
5	273	Beloit	753	43%	\$ 1,215,737	\$ 1,215,737	100%	\$ 1,215,737	100%	\$ 1,614
6	299	Sylvan Grove	232	48%	\$ 409,944	\$ 327,955	80%	\$ 327,955	100%	\$ 1,415
7	310	Fairfield	265	58%	\$ 579,754	\$ 579,345	100%	\$ 579,345	100%	\$ 2,186
8	325	Phillipsburg	580	38%	\$ 714,497	\$ 714,497	100%	\$ 329,497	46%	\$ 569
9	438	Skyline Schools	338	31%	\$ 292,145	\$ 292,145	100%	\$ 292,145	100%	\$ 864
10	452	Stanton County	429	60%	\$ 806,330	\$ 806,330	100%	\$ 806,330	100%	\$ 1,880
11	463	Udall	334	46%	\$ 439,689	\$ 439,689	100%	\$ 439,689	100%	\$ 1,318
12	473	Chapman	1,065	42%	\$ 1,240,448	\$ 530,600	43%	\$ 530,600	100%	\$ 498
13	481	Rural Vista	259	51%	\$ 541,862	\$ 510,252	94%	\$ 510,252	100%	\$ 1,974
14	489	Hays	3,081	38%	\$ 3,676,703	\$ 3,676,703	100%	\$ 3,676,703	100%	\$ 1,193
15	497	Lawrence	9,992	31%	\$ 13,573,376	\$ 13,573,376	100%	\$ 13,573,376	100%	\$ 1,358
Total			19,178	37%	\$ 27,572,730	\$ 25,349,721	92%	\$ 24,964,721	98%	\$ 1,302

1. Includes the number of non-weighted, non-virtual full-time equivalent (FTE) students in the 2020-2021 school year (part-time students are accounted for to the nearest tenth). Students who transitioned to remote learning due to COVID-19 (remote learners) are included in the FTE totals.

2. Reflects the percent of student headcount approved for free or reduced-price lunch in the 2020-2021 school year.

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Kansas State Board of Education
 Wednesday, March 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on March 9, 2022.

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ROLL CALL

All 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. Clifford moved to approve the day’s agenda as presented. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 9-0, with Mr. Jones absent for the vote.

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UPDATE ON KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEMS ACCREDITATION AND REDESIGN

The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) and School Redesign teams are in the process of merging to become the Accreditation and Design Team (ADT). Director Dr. Mischel Miller and her staff will continue work directly with higher education, including the 24 institutions that prepare teachers in Kansas and the 430 higher education programs that license or endorse those candidates. The State Board approves and/or accredits the higher education teacher preparation institutions and programs. The K-12 accreditation team will transition to ADT. Assistant Director Jeannette Nobo recounted development of the KESA process, its continuous improvement growth cycle, and its alignment to the Board’s vision. Dr. Tammy Mitchell and Jay Scott, who are co-directors for ADT, recapped the redesign initiative, which began with Mercury 7 schools in 2017. There are now 194 schools and 71 districts involved with redesign. They then explained the redesign methodology and how its connection to accountability. Board members stressed the importance of the accreditation process remaining rigorous and consistent. There were a number of questions and comments, including a request to keep the Accreditation Advisory Council at the forefront of the process. Systems within a current KESA cycle will finish the cycle. More updates will be provided as the transition to ADT continues.

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Members took a break until 10:30 a.m.

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DISCUSSION ON STUDENT INCLUSIVITY

Chair Porter welcomed Joseph Rupnick, Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, who appeared via Zoom to address the State Board with concerns. He questioned the Board’s actions on a recent incident, asked them to look at current curriculum, and asked for immediate action. Tribal Council member Raphael Wahwassuck shared examples of how negative imagery and use of Native American school mascots affects students. Board members welcomed this opportunity to educate and collaborate. The next speaker was Dr. Alex Red Corn, Executive

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Director of the Kansas Association for Native American Education. He is a citizen of the Osage Nation and Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Kansas State University. Dr. Red Corn was invited to present considerations for improving educational systems in Kansas, particularly American Indian perspectives. His presentation outlined five considerations about, for and with American Indians in Kansas: curricular reform; affirming sovereignty of Native nations; examination of data infrastructure; creation of a position at KSDE to coordinate American Indian education programming, relationship building and related initiatives; removal of American Indian themed mascots and imagery. Each consideration contained actionable content.

There was a break at 11:45 a.m.

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The presentation and discussion continued. This included Kansas history standards, examples of other state-tribal education initiatives, examination of student data collection, federal funding and opportunities for networking. A first step was identified as formal conversations with tribal governments and the American Indian community.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is April 12 and 13, 2022.

Jim Porter, Chair

Peggy Hill, Secretary