

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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, Sept. 11, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed those in attendance, including student teachers from Baker University accompanied by Dr. Merrie Skaggs and several participants of the Professional Education Leadership Academy in Geary County.

**9/11/2018
A.M. Session
(00:00:04)**

ROLL CALL

The following nine Board members were present:

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

Member John Bacon was absent.

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

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the Sept. 11 agenda. Mrs. Busch seconded. Mr. Roberts asked to pull Item 17 j. (contract with Education Elements) from the consent agenda for discussion and separate action. The vote to accept the amended agenda was 9-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Randy Watson commented on the uniqueness of the Kansans Can vision, particularly the attention given to postsecondary progress and five-year effective rates that consider such factors as poverty and student mobility. Dr. Watson acknowledged the 2019 Kansas Teacher of the Year regional finalists, encouraging communities to continue recognizing the great teachers in their classrooms. He also provided a “think differently” challenge concerning education policy, teacher recruitment and career pathway opportunities. For example, he compared the state’s top five regional workforce needs for occupations earning a middle class wage with the career and technical education pathways currently offered in school districts.

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CITIZENS’ OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum open at 10:36 a.m. There was one speaker — John Richard Schrock, Emporia, addressing the topic of biliteracy and world language options. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens’ Forum closed at 10:43 a.m.

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ACTION ON KANSAS STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

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The Kansas Standards for English Learners are intended to serve as a guide and provide direction for schools in developing effective English Learner programs. Last month, Assistant Director Beth Fultz reviewed the main revisions to the standards. Mrs. Cauble moved to adopt the Kansas Standards for English Learners. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

UPDATE ON KANSAS READING SUCCESS PROGRAM FROM ISTATION

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Istation was approved in 2015 as the Kansas Reading Success program vendor. Ossa Fisher, Chief Operating Officer with Istation, provided a contract summary report spanning data from the past three academic years. Istation provides a digital curriculum and real time data to support students' literacy instruction in grades PreK-8. The overview included information on enrollment, usage and performance metrics that monitor student growth. Representatives from three schools utilizing Istation's curriculum and assessment programs shared testimonials about their experiences. The three schools were Lincoln Elementary in Parsons; Meadowlark Elementary in Liberal; and Waverly Elementary School in Waverly. Ms. Fisher answered questions throughout the presentation.

LUNCH

At 11:55 a.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

KANSAS SEAL OF BILITERACY UPDATE

P.M. SESSION
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Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed Regina Peszat, world language consultant for the Kansas State Department of Education. She shared statistics about the Kansas Seal of Biliteracy, which the State Board adopted in 2016 for the purpose of awarding a meaningful credential to any graduating student who demonstrates proficiency in English and another world language. She listed the participating districts, the world languages represented, and described the criteria for each of the Seal's proficiency levels. Two students who have obtained the Seal of Biliteracy commented via video about the impact the credential has made in their postsecondary endeavors.

RECEIVE KANSAS STANDARDS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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The Kansas model standards for Health Education and Physical Education recently underwent updates in accordance with the legislative review mandate. Representatives from the respective committees were present to explain the changes. Committee co-chairs Dr. Sunnin Keosybounheuang from Emporia State University and Amy McClure from USD 232 DeSoto reviewed proposed revisions to the health education standards. The standards reflect grade-level outcomes, divided as K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12, and indicate what students should know or be able to do by the end of each level. Next, Dr. Susan King from the University of Kansas and Jill Larson-Bradney from USD 343 Perry-Lecompton gave an overview of recommendations for the PreK-12 physical education standards. Revisions reflect current knowledge and professional trends. Discussion occurred regarding the instruction of CPR being included in the health benchmarks and plans for training teachers about the revised standards. The State Board is expected to take action on both sets of model standards in October.

RECEIVE EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES FOR AT-RISK SERVICES

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Assistant Director Tate Toedman and Director Colleen Riley explained efforts to identify and share evidence-based best practices for at-risk programs and instruction for students receiving at-risk program services. This is in response to state legislation passed in 2017 and a requirement that the State Board approve such evidence-based practices. Presenters demonstrated where to view the resources on the agency website, noting that the information continues to evolve. The best-practice topics complement the Kansans Can vision outcomes and encompass the following areas: civic engagement, early learning, math, science, social-emotional development, social studies, reading/literacy and trauma informed care. The presentation also addressed monitoring and federal requirements.

ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

Mrs. Cauble moved to appoint James Tod Johnson to complete a partial term on the Professional Standards Board effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, representing Teachers of Career and Technical Education. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Johnson is a teacher at El Dorado High School, USD 490.

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ACTION ON NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE LICENSURE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Waugh moved to appoint Daniel Brungardt to his first partial three-year term on the Licensure Review Committee effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, fulfilling a vacancy for a district level administrator. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Brungardt is superintendent of Bonner Springs USD 204.

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PREVIEW OF THE 2018 KSDE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Director Scott Smith previewed highlights of the 2018 KSDE Annual Conference to be held Oct. 15-17 in Wichita. The theme of this year's conference is Kansans Can: Discover. The first day's sessions will be devoted to the school redesign movement. The main conference features practitioners talking about implementation components of the vision. Keynote speakers are Thomas Murray, Director of Innovation for Future Ready Schools, and Dr. Buddy Berry, Superintendent of Eminence Independent Schools in Kentucky, known for its framework of innovation.

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Board members took a break until 3:05 p.m.

BREAK

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 one licensure case this month. KSDE General Counsel Scott Gordon was present to answer questions and provide new information received since the PPC hearing. Board Attorney Mark Ferguson aided in the discussion. Mr. Willard moved for revocation of the professional teaching license of Cheryl McDonald based on findings of the Professional Practices Commission and new findings. Mrs. Busch seconded. Board members discussed facts of the case and instructions within the initial order. Additional questions were asked to clarify disciplinary actions imposed for professional misconduct. Motion carried 6-3, with Mr. McNiece, Mrs. Mah and Mrs. Waugh in opposition.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Roberts requested to pull item 17 j. (Education Elements contract) for a separate vote. Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the exception of 17 j. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for August.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Lori Thompson as Education Program Consultant on the Teacher Licensure and Accreditation team, effective Aug. 26, 2018, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Maureen Ruhlman as Education Program Consultant on the Special Education and Title Programs team, effective Aug. 26, 2018, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Zachary Smith as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective Aug. 27, 2018, at an annual salary of \$46,113.60.
- issued a 2018 license for the commercial driver training school Lonewolf Motorcycle LLC: Olathe Advanced Technical Center in Olathe.
- approved issuance of a Visiting Scholar license for the 2018-19 school year to Jerry Simmons, Haviland USD 474.

- approved, with modifications, the in-service education plans for Cheylin USD 103, Turner USD 202, Elkhart USD 218, Grinnell USD 291.
- accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee as follows: *Approved Cases* — 3213 Amy Davis, 3222 Feliza Carter, 3223 Jennifer Cabbage, 3224 Sandra Wylie, 3226 Shelby Philip, 3227 Lena Morgan, 3228 Kelsey Rao, 3229 John Seibel. *Denied Case* — 3208 Lee Fryer.
- authorized amendment of a subgrant award in the revised amount of \$447,037 for the Kansas State School for the Blind to conduct a Technical Assistance System Network project.
- authorized the following districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 202 Turner and USD 206 Remington.
- authorized the following districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 202 Turner and USD 206 Remington.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with the legal firm of Brustein and Manasevit PLLC in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 to provide training for KSDE staff and sub-recipients of the Perkins Grant award.

ACTION ON INDIVIDUAL CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Roberts questioned the objectives outlined in the purpose of the contract with Education Elements for implementing the second phase of a School Redesign Leadership platform. Mrs. Busch moved to authorize the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into a contract with Education Elements in an amount not to exceed \$169,500 for implementing the second phase of a School Redesign Leadership platform during the period Nov. 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consideration of NASBE Bylaw changes and recommendations to delegate assembly —

At this time, Mr. Porter invited Mrs. Horst to outline proposed changes to the bylaws of the National Association of State Boards of Education, of which the State Board is a member. Mrs. Horst serves as the Kansas delegate to the association. Voting on bylaw revisions and selected leadership positions will take place during the association's annual conference in October. Mrs. Horst was directed with the following motions. Mr. McNiece moved to recommend Victor Lenz Jr. of Missouri for a second term as a Central Area Director for NASBE. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. McNiece moved to support Brooke Axiotis of Iowa for the position of NASBE Chair-elect. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Committee Reports — Mrs. Waugh reported on work of the Opioid/Drug Prevention Committee, which continues to monitor and review recommendations. Mrs. Cauble, who participates on the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee, shared a video from Dodge City USD 443 in her district featuring an individual who transitioned careers to become a teacher. Mrs. Mah talked about the Kansas Learning First Alliance meeting and Mr. Roberts talked about the Kansas Volunteer Commission.

Those wishing to provide individual Board reports did so in writing this month.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- Family and Consumer Sciences Education as it relates to social emotional learning (Mrs. Waugh)
- Investigating grade manipulation (Mr. Willard)
- Discuss increasing pay scale of good teachers (Mr. Roberts)

- Alternatives for replicating the Blue Valley-Children’s Mercy Hospital partnership for social worker services in schools
- School Mental Health Advisory Committee recommendations for suicide prevention and child sexual abuse prevention (Mrs. Busch)
- Discuss school mental health initiatives every five to six months

Chairman Porter discussed visiting with U.S. Department of Education officials when they toured education facilities in Hutchinson and Wichita. He also reported on the Dyslexia Task Force and transition work group.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mr. Porter, Mr. McNiece, Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Mah and Mrs. Busch — Nov. 19 Dialogue Summit on Retention in Manhattan; Mrs. Busch, Mr. Willard, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McNiece and Mrs. Cauble — Oct. 15-16 KSDE Annual Conference in Wichita; Mrs. Busch and Mr. Porter — Sept. 18 Meeting with Commissioner and Wink Hartman in Wichita; Mrs. Mah — Sept. 26 AdvanceEd conference in Wichita, Sept. 28 Regional redesign training in Lawrence, and Oct. 8 McLouth school board meeting; Mr. Willard — Sept. 17 Civic Advocacy Network award ceremony in Topeka, and Sept. 18 Kansas Foundation for Excellence in Education Board meeting in Topeka; Mrs. Cauble — Sept. 17 CAN ceremony, Sept. 27 Liberal school visit. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Chairman Porter recessed the meeting at 4:45 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Board Room.

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Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the State Board of Education to order at 9 a.m. on Sept. 12, 2018, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed guests from the Professional Education Leadership Academy in Geary County.

9/12/2018
A.M. Session
(00:00:06)

ROLL CALL

The following nine Board members were present:

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

Member John Bacon was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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ACTION ON GEMINI I SCHOOLS’ REDESIGN PLANS: DIGHTON, NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY AND NEWTON’S SANTA FE 5/6 CENTER

Schools in three of the districts approved as Gemini I participants in the Kansans Can School Redesign Project presented their plans to the State Board of Education for acceptance. Dighton, North Ottawa County (Minneapolis) and the Santa Fe 5/6 Center in Newton were prepared to launch during the 2018-19 school year. School Redesign Specialist 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.

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Each school highlighted areas of concentration, many of which have been piloted during the past year. Some common themes were promoting skills for self-advocacy and self-regulation, involving businesses and school communities, and project-based learning.

Dighton USD 482 — Members of the USD 482 redesign team described their plans by presenting a specific problem and the corresponding solution. The process involved students’ critical thinking skills and real-world application. Personalized learning is targeted at ability level and not grade level. Work study programs are emphasized for juniors and seniors, along with building time-management skills. Mrs. Cauble moved to accept the redesign plans of Dighton USD 482 for Dighton Elementary and Dighton Junior / Senior High to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year as a participant in the Gemini I Project. Mr. Willard seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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North Ottawa County USD 239 — The districtwide plan involves grade looping and co-teaching in the grade school, as well as developing community partners. The Junior / Senior High has added a requirement of community service and is directing attention to project-based learning. Mrs. Horst moved to accept the redesign plans of North Ottawa County USD 239 for Minneapolis Grade School and Minneapolis Junior/Senior High to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year as a participant in the Gemini I Project. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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Newton USD 373 — Through redesign, USD 373 is targeting the social-emotional needs of students. The school has hired an additional social worker, is addressing healthy relationships, and implemented school-to-home connections. The school is also helping coordinate interest-based enrichment learning groups as well as provide one-to-one mentoring. Mr. Willard moved to accept the redesign plans of Newton USD 273 for the Santa Fe 5 / 6 Center to be implemented during the 2018-19 school year as a participant in the Gemini I Project. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

ADJOURN

The next State Board meeting is Oct. 9 and 10, 2018. The meeting on the first day will be in Topeka and the second day's session will be a tour of Mercury 7 schools in McPherson USD 418, Tescott and Bennington in Twin Valley USD 240.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

**POST-MEETING ACTIVITY:
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON KANSAS SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH**

A professional development session was offered for Board members on the topic of Kansas School Mental Health. This was an optional activity. Social-emotional growth is one of the state-level outcomes of the Kansans Can vision to lead the world in the success of each student. Board members attending were Mr. Porter, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Mah, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst and Mr. McNiece.

There was a year-one review of the partnership between Blue Valley USD 229 and Children's Mercy Hospital that enables additional social work services in the school district. Representatives from both entities reflected on the positive impact, including proactive efforts to identify needs and suicide risk assessments. They also noted an increased knowledge of mental health issues within the schools. Options for replicating the partnership in other areas of the state are being considered. Other initiatives discussed were the Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot created through Senate Bill 423, work of the School Mental Health Advisory Committee, and a grant-funded pilot intended to provide professional development and coaching with a focus on prevention and intervention. The session concluded at approximately 1:45 p.m.