

# MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

(00:10:33)

## ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

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

Betty Arnold attended the May 10 meeting virtually.

## 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

Chairman Porter made a request to vote on consent agenda items 19. c, d, i, j, k and l separately from the other consent items.

Dr. Horst moved to approve the May 10 agenda as amended. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

**MOTION**  
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## APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McNiece moved to approve the minutes of the April 12 and 13 Board meeting. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Dr. Randy Watson started his monthly presentation by informing Board members that the 2022 Sunflower Summer Program will launch at the end of May. As of May 10th, 87 educational sites have signed up to be involved in the 2022 Sunflower Summer program. That is an additional 16 compared to last year, and every site from last year's program has signed up to participate in the 2022 program excluding one. The Sunflower Summer mobile app will be available to download after Memorial Day weekend, and this opportunity is available to children and families across the state of Kansas until early August, or until the allowed amount of funds have been spent. During the 2021 Sunflower Summer program, 43,120 students were able to participate.

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To wrap up his presentation, Dr. Watson asked Board members to participate in an accountability report activity.

**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:35 a.m., Speakers and their topics were: Molly Nevius and Brittany Nanney — maintaining the Fine Arts Credit for High School Graduation. The Citizens' Forum closed at 10:41 a.m.

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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 11 ESSER II change requests and 15 ESSER III expenditure plans. 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. Haas seconded. Motion carried (9-0-1) with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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**RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE**

Dr. Tiffany Anderson, 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. Tiffany Anderson is the Superintendent at USD 501 Topeka. The first report in 2020 contained recommendations specific to law enforcement and policing. The second report published 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, while focusing on topics such as behavioral health, teacher diversity, housing and homelessness, and adverse childhood experiences. Dr. Anderson answered Board members' questions about zero-tolerance policies, and future recommendations that may come to the State Board.

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Members took a break until 11:48 a.m.

**BREAK**

**REPORT FROM KANSAS FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM**

Nancy Zenger-Beneda, the Executive Director of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, informed Board members of resources available to teachers throughout Kansas at no charge; to help incorporate agriculture in the classroom. Resources vary from free lesson plans (incorporating agriculture with core curriculum), children magazines, printable informational posters, virtual resources and more. These resources are accessible to each teacher in Kansas on the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom website.

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Chair Porter recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:04 p.m. The Board met with the 2022 US Senate Youth Recipients and their families during lunch.

**RECOGNITION OF 2022 US SENATE YOUTH RECIPIENTS**

The State Board of Education had the opportunity to hear from the 2022 US Senate Youth program delegates from Kansas. The delegates and alternates received certificates of recognition. The 2022 Kansas Delegates were Gerrit Dangermond from Oskaloosa High School, USD 341 and Will Rues from La Crosse High School, USD 395. The 2022 Kansas Alternates were Kevinh Nguyen from Seaman High School, USD 345 and Andrew Phalen from Lawrence High School, USD 497. The US Senate Youth program for high school juniors and seniors was established in 1962 by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. To qualify, students need to demonstrate a desire to serve others in a leadership role and have high academic achievements, high aspirations for college and their future career and be self-motivated. They also must demonstrate an interest in government, history, and politics. Two delegates and two alternates are selected from each state every year. The Hearst Foundation provides each delegate with a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship and a week-long trip to Washington D.C. This year the event was held virtually.

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**UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING 2022 SUMMER ACADEMIES**

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Dr. David Fernkopf, Assistant Director of the Career Standards and Assessments team provided a glimpse into some of the themes and content that will be provided to teachers with the upcoming 2022 Summer Academies. Throughout the summer of 2022, this professional development opportunity will be offered in four different locations within the state, with two-day sessions occurring at each location. A virtual option will also be provided to participants. The first learning opportunity will be June 7 and 8 in Manhattan, KS. Dr. Fernkopf was joined by the CSAS program managers who emphasized the professional development goals for teachers during this opportunity.

**ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESTABLISH NATIVE AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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A recommendation was made to the State Board of Education to establish the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group (KACIE-WG); to act as a temporary advisory body to the Kansas State Department of Education and partner with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) for areas of reform related to American Indian Education. This workgroup will consist of multiple institutions (the Kansas State Board of Education, the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents).

Mrs. Mah made a motion to accept the recommendations dated May 4th, 2022 to establish the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group (KACIE-WG); to act as a temporary advisory body to the Kansas State Department of Education and partner with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) for areas of reform related to American Indian Education. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**EDUCATOR SHORTAGE INFORMATION AND TEACHER LICENSURE DISCUSSION**

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Dr. Mischel Miller, the Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation discussed the current accreditation waiver for the substitute licensure requirements, relative to the number of days that can be served in the classroom, and the possible continuation of the waiver opportunity. In addition, Dr. Miller provided an update to the Board on the TEAL (Temporary Emergency Authorized License) utilization, and provided future options for the Board's consideration.

**ACT ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL'S KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA) RECOMMENDATIONS**

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During the State Board meeting in April, Jeanette Nobo presented information on two (2) systems that were ready for review of an accredited status recommendation. The two systems presented to the Board for accredited status were USD 232 DeSoto and USD 446 Independence. Jay Scott brought these two systems back to the Board for action.

Dr. Horst made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to USD 232 DeSoto and USD 446 Independence. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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**RECEIVE ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)**

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The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended an accreditation status for the next twenty-one systems awaiting recommendation. Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the twenty-one systems. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in June. The following systems were received by the Board in May:

- USD 108 Washington County
- USD 207 Ft. Leavenworth

- USD 212 Northern Valley
- USD 227 Hodgeman County Schools
- USD 268 Cheney
- USD 272 Waconda
- USD 320 Wamego
- USD 348 Baldwin City
- USD 380 Vermillion
- USD 395 LaCrosse
- USD 417 Morris County
- USD 430 South Brown County
- USD 434 Santa Fe Trail
- USD 440 Halstead
- USD 452 Stanton County
- USD 457 Garden City
- USD 458 Basehor-Linwood
- USD 459 Bucklin
- USD 498 Valley Heights
- Z0029-9897 Resurrection Catholic School

One System has been reviewed and recommended for redetermination to accredited status, which is Holy Spirit Catholic School.

Members took a break until 3:25 p.m.

**BREAK**

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**GRADUATION TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Leadership from the Graduation Requirements Task Force covered the mastery of skills, competencies and value assets recommendations. Jarred Fuhrman presented data on the state-wide stakeholder survey. The survey had 2,147 participants and 90 percent of the submissions were made by parents, teachers and community members. Although the survey data was presented to the Board, the Task Force is still in the process of going through feedback from the public on the course requirements.

The Task Force recommends to the State Board to clarify and provide examples of flexibility, as well as criteria for personalization tools. The State Board will discuss the recommendations during their June meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS' REPORT**

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Craig Neuenswander began his report by providing a list of bills that have passed (and awaiting signatures) to the Board. Dr. Neuenswander covered a few highlights on HB 2239, which contains upcoming tax cuts. With HB 2239, there will be a credit allowed against the tax liability of a qualified taxpayer imposed under the Kansas income tax act in an amount equal to the expenditures made by the taxpayer for school and classroom supplies during the taxable year. The amount of the credit allowed each taxable year should not exceed \$250. Discussions took place on other bills as well.

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**ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 a, b, e through h, m and n. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried (9-1). In this action, the Board:

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- received the monthly personnel report.
- accepted personnel appointments to unclassified positions.
- approved the 2022–2023 AmeriCorps Kansas subgrantees as recommended by the Kansas Volunteer Commission.
- approved the recommendations for licensure waivers.
- approved the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee.
- approved the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for higher education accreditation and program approval.
- accepted the request from USD 330 Mission Valley to hold bond election.
- accepted the request from USD 330 Mission Valley for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid.

#### **SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to pull consent items (on behalf of another board member) 19 c, d, i, j, k, and l as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Mr. Jones moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 c, d, i, j, k, and l. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried (9-1) with Mrs. Dombrosky in opposition. In this action, the Board:

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- approved the grant awards for the parent education program (Kansas Parents as Teachers) for 2022-2023, subject to legislative approval of funding. If a program is unable to spend funds awarded, the Kansas State Department of Education is authorized to reallocate funding among programs.
- approved districts to operate Preschool-Aged At-Risk programs for 2022-2023. In districts operating approved programs, 3 and 4-year-old students who meet an at-risk criterion for the Preschool-Aged At-Risk program and who are enrolled and attending a program that meets all of the Preschool-Aged At-Risk program requirements on Count Day will automatically count as a ½ student (0.5 FTE) in calculating a district's enrollment and accompanying weightings.
- authorized the Commissioner of Education to initiate the contract bid process for Kansas Center of CTE (KCCTE) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 to provide facilitation and web-housing of middle school CTE curriculum for the period July 1, 2022 through August 15, 2022.
- approved the additional grant awards for the Kansas Preschool Pilot for 2022-2023. If a program is unable to spend funds awarded, the Kansas State Department of Education is authorized to reallocate funding among programs.
- authorized the Commissioner of Education to purchase services from GIZMO Pictures under a Prior Authorization in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period June 13, 2022 through July 15, 2022
- authorized the Commissioner of Education to enter into a contract with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the purpose of disseminating public service announcements to inform the public that households will need to complete

Free and Reduced Meal Applications for SY 2022- 23 to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and to assist schools in recruitment of School Nutrition Staff.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Action on Board Travel:** Additional travel requests were made during this time. Mrs. Clifford moved to approve the travel requests as amended. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried (10-0).

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**Committee Reports:** Updates were given on the following -

- Mrs. Mah stated that the Redesign Advisory Committee met for their last meeting on May 6, 2022.
- Dr. Horst mentioned that KSHSAA Executive Board and the Board of Directors recently met. The State Board of Education will be provided with the results of their meeting within a few months.

**Board Attorney's Report:** Board Attorney Mark Ferguson provided the Board with a monthly written report on recent activity. He stated that the pending litigation with the Thad Snider case has been completely resolved with all parties. Mark Ferguson also mentioned that the Professional Agreement between the Kansas School for the Deaf NEA and the Kansas State Board of Education has been circulated, and may be presented to the Board in June for action/approval.

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**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Mr. Porter mentioned that he would like to continue hearing the story of Jackie Ortega (student from Highland Park, USD 501 Topeka) as she continues her education at the University of Kansas.
- Mr. Porter would like to hear more information on student teaching being seen as a barrier for individuals who need to have a consistent pay for living expenses.
- Mrs. Mah requested a report be given to the State Board by KSDE staff on the Racial Equity and Justice report presented by Shannon Portillo in March and Dr. Tiffany Anderson in May.
- Mrs. Mah requested a follow-up report from the Children's Cabinet on the current progress with the early childhood state-wide plan (All In for Kansas).
- Mrs. Arnold requested that more information on the Individual Plans of Study (IPS) be provided to the Board.

**Chair's Report:**

Chair Porter reminded members that their meeting tomorrow, May 11 will take place at the Kansas School for the Deaf at 9:00 a.m., with an optional tour of Olathe West High School afterwards.

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**RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas School for the Deaf.

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Wednesday, May 11, 2022

## SCHOOL VISITS

The State Board of Education attended a scheduled visit to the Kansas State School for the Blind on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

(No recording)

The following Board members were present:

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

## KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Superintendent Luanne Barron provided school updates to the State Board, which was followed by a research presentation from the University of Kansas. There were also student presentations given during this time.

## TOUR OF OLATHE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Board members had an opportunity to tour Olathe West High School following their visit at the Kansas School for the Deaf. This is Olathe's newest high school in the district.

## ADJOURNMENT

The day's activities concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting is June 14 and 15, 2022 in Topeka.

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Jim Porter, Chair

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Makayla Auldridge, Secretary