Summary
Kansas State Board of Education
January 13 & 14, 2026 meeting

Agenda:

TUESDAY ITEMS

- Commissioner's Report
- Citizen's Open Forum
- Act on Kansas School for the Deaf Task Force Recommendations (Lisa Karney)
- Presentation on RISE program (Principal Kelsey Sciacca, Great Bend)
- Legislative Report (Dr. Harwood)
- Dyslexia Initiatives (Dr. Curtis)
- Act to approve $25,000 threshold amount (Mrs. Haas, Chair Policy Committee)
- Superintendent of the Year Dr. Reginald Eggleston (Dr. Nugent)
- Act on Higher Education Standards (Dr. Chmidling)
- Act on Higher Education Evaluation Review Recommendations (Dr. Chmidling)
- Act on RFP for Kansas Integrated and Accountability system (Dean Zajic)
- Act on Recommendations of Professional Practices Commission (Scott Gordon)
- Act on Medical Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy (Brian Dempsey)
- Presentation on AI in Education (Jake Steel)

WEDNESDAY ITEMS

- Presentation from Career and Technical Student Officers (Natalie Clark)
- Presentation from Special Ed Advisory Council (Dr. Lena Kisner)
- Update on Citizenship Kickoff events for America's 250th (Nathan McAlister)
- Act on Professional Development Regulation (Dr. Nugent)
- Presentation on High Quality Instructional Materials (Dr. Nugent)
- Committee Report, Chair Report, Board Travel, Future Requests and Comments

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Policy Committee meet in room 117 on the first floor of Landon during Tuesday lunch

- The State of the State was Tuesday night
- Wednesday morning at 7:45 was the Special Education Advisory Council Breakfast in room 509 of the Landon Building
- Wednesday lunch with the CTSO student leaders was held at the new Docking Building

Motions
TUESDAY

TUES 1. (NOVEMBER MINUTES) Mr. Porter move to approved the minutes for the November 12 & 13, 2025, Kansas State Board of Education meeting and the minutes for the November 18, 2025, Kansas State Board of Education *Special* meeting. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.

TUES 2. (DECEMBER MINUTES) Mrs. Haas moved to approve the minutes for December 9 & 10, 2025 minutes and the minutes for December 16, 2025, Kansas State Board of Education *Special* meeting. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.

TUES 3. (AGENDA) Mrs. Haas moved to approve the agenda for January 13 & 14, 2026. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 4. (CONSENT AGENDA) Mrs. Dombrosky removed e and l for a separate vote.
Mr. Porter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-3 with Mr. Zeck, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. O'Brien voting no.

TUES 6. (TASK FORCE FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AT THE KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF)
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the recommendations of the Kansas School for the Deaf Task Force as presented, including the subset of the administrator and parent recommendations, with a timeline expectation that action will be taken immediately. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 10. (APPROVAL THRESHOLD)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the change for the approval threshold of discretionary grants or contracts that are required to have state board approval from $10,000 to $25,000 and add this to the State Board Policy Manual. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky and Mrs. Potter voted no, Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

TUES 12 a. (EDUCATOR PREP PROVIDER STANDARDS FOR TECHNOLOGY/ENGINEERING 6-12 AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED EDUCATION b-3, Pre-K – 12)

Mr. Zeck moved that the language be edited to: "children including those with disabilities and exceptionalities." Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Mr. Porter and Mrs. Haas voting no.

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the new educator preparation program standards for Technology and Engineering Education 6-12, and Visually Impaired Education B-3, PreK-12. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 12 b. (RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVALUATION REVIEW COMMITTEE)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for program approval for the Kansas Independent College Association. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 13. (INITIATE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR KANSAS INTEGRATED ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM)

Mr. Zeck moved that the item be tabled for another month in order to investigate more about the data and how it is used. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion fails 4-5-1 with Mrs. Haas, Dr. New, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Arnold and Mr. Potter voting no and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to initiate the contract bid process to provide maintenance, technical support, and enhancements for the existing Kansas

Integrated Accountability System (KIAS) necessary for oversight of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and the Kansas Education for Exceptional Children Act for the period of execution through June 30, 2030 in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 to be funded from ESEA and IDEA funds. Mrs. Haas seconded. 6-2-2 with Mr. Zeck and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

TUES 14. (RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION)

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education suspend the teacher's license for the remainder of the term for such contract was made in the case of 25-PPC-38. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

TUES 15. (GUIDANCE FOR APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS (ABA) THERAPY)

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the proposed guidance on Applied Behavioral Analysis, as presented. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-2 with Dr. New and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

TUES EXECUTIVE SESSION (Vice Chair makes the motion)

MOTION: I move that the Board go into Executive Session for the following purpose(s):

1. To discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed [and/or]
2. To consult with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship, in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communications with its attorney on legal matters.

The executive session will last no longer than 20_ minutes and no action will be taken during this executive session. The following person(s) are invited to join this executive session John Hess, Frank Henderson, Wendy Fritz

Motion made by Vice Chair Zeck Seconded by Mrs. Haas

Vote: 10-0

Start Time 5:05

End Time 5:25

WEDNESDAY

Wed. 4. (ELIMINATING REQUIREMENTS ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approves eliminating the requirement for districts to submit a separate professional development plan to reduce unnecessary administrative obligations and allow districts to focus resources on the locally driven professional learning activities embedded in their school improvement work. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

BOARD TOPICS:

Committee Reports

Mr. Hershberger: Ag in the Classroom 4th Quarter Report. Kits going out to 809 new teachers. Partnerships added 74 agribusinesses. 20 events in different communities in 2025. 26 new donors.
Opioid Committee: meeting tomorrow. Shared street language for drugs.

Mrs. Haas: Missing the SEAC meeting because it is during the Board meeting. *Families Together* has parent's rights and special education training.

Chair Report: Literacy Day next Tuesday at the Capitol. KEEN Luncheon February 20th KEEN conference Kansas Exemplary Educator Network. 32 outstanding teachers in their second year. Horizon awards. Survey is up for the Commissioner search is on website. KAIRS next month, Monday night is banquet, Tuesday morning breakfast.
Travel requests: Mr. Porter moved that the Board Travel Requests be accepted. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Future requests and Comments

Mrs. Arnold – cyber security funding at the district level (Safe and Secure schools report)

Mrs. Dombrosky – KESA strategy for specialized schools, how to approach KSD and KSSB Lake Mary with KESA (Jay Scott)

Mrs. O'Brien - Cursive writing report

Mrs. Potter – Safe and Secure Schools – definition of persistently dangerous schools follow-up

Comments:
Danny Zeck – need to clarify ABA law, voted for it, regrets he voted for it. Concerned about government involvement in early childhood, mental health and taking the responsibility that parents need to have for their children.