Summary

Kansas State Board of Education Meeting – July 14 and 15, 2026

Presentations

Tuesday, July 14:

- National Anthem performed by Emree Gabriel
- Citizens' Open Forum
- Commissioner's Report
- America's Origin: From Colonies to a Country (Adam Topliff)
- Licensed Personnel Report (Shane Carter)
- Field Trip to Constitution Hall (Thomas Fulbright)
- Professional Practices Commissioner (Scott Gordon and Dr. Mischel Miller)
- Reading Corner (Amy Bybee, Ottawa USD 290)
- Training of Administrators and Instructional Leaders (Catherine Chmidling)

Wednesday, July 15:

- Tech in the Classroom (Wichita USD 259)
- Special Education Advisory Council Report (Lena Kisner)
- Quality Instruction: Kansas Eco System (Renee Nugent)
- Colin Burke, Winner of the 2026 Kansas Civics Bee
- Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) Training (Matt Bingesser)

Board Actions

TUES 1. (June MINUTES) Mrs. Haas moved to approve the minutes for the June 8, 9 and 10, 2026, Kansas State Board of Education meeting. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

TUES 2. (AGENDA) Mrs. Haas moved to approve the agenda for July 14 and 15, 2026. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion.
Mrs. O'Brien asked to remove item c, d, e and f (school bonds and capital improvement) and Mrs. O'Brien asked to remove item g (National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) dues) on the consent agenda.
Motion carried 9-0.

TUES 3. (CONSENT AGENDA) Mrs. Haas moved to approve the consent agenda without c, d, e, f, and g. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Vice Chair Zeck voting no.

(removed consent items)
Mr. Porter moved to approve consent agenda items c, d, e and f (bond and capital improvement items) and Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-3 with Vice Chair Zeck, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Potter voting no.

Mrs. Haas moved to approve consent agenda item g (NASBE yearly dues). Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-2 with Mrs. Potter and Vice Chair Zeck voting no.

TUES 8. PPC Case 1 24-PPC-24
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law and censure the licensee in 24-PPC-24. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0-1 with Mrs. Potter present not voting.

TUES 9. PPC Case 2 25-PPC-47
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law and suspend the licensee in 25-PPC-47. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-2 with Mrs. Potter and Mrs. O'Brien voting no.

TUES 11. Act on KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2027-2028 APPROVAL

Major Categories of State Aid:
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education recommend the adoption of the consensus estimates for State Foundation Aid, Supplemental State Aid, Capital Improvement State Aid, and Capital Outlay State Aid for FY 2028. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-3 with Mrs. Potter, Vice Chair Zeck and Mrs. O'Brien voting no.

Special Education State Aid:
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement for FY2028 to fund 92% of special education excess costs in a four-year phase in. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-1-1 with Vice Chair Zeck voting no and Mrs. Potter present not voting.

Career and Technical Education:
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $600,000 for the CTE Transportation program for FY 2028. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Vice Chair Zeck voting no.

Mentor Teacher Program:
Vice Chair Zeck moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $2.3 million for the Mentor Teacher program for FY 2028. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

Professional Development
Mr. Hershberger moved that the State Board of Education request a budget enhancement for FY 2028 to fully fund the Professional Development in a three-year phase in ($2.5 million in FY 2028, $2.5 million in FY 2029, and $2.25 million in FY 2030). Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

National Board Certification:
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $360,000 for the National Board Certification program for FY 2028. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Vice Chair Zeck voting no.

Safe and Secure Schools:
Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $7.5 million for the Safe and Secure Schools grant program for FY 2028. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

E-Rate Infrastructure Match:
Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $500,000 for the E-Rate Infrastructure Match for FY 2028. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

KSDE Agency Operating Budget/KSDE Office Rent for FY 2027:
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $250,000 to cover the increase in the amount of KSDE office rent that must be paid out of the State General Fund in FY 2027. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-2 with Mrs. Potter and Mr. Hershberger voting no.

State Board of Education Compensation (KSDE Agency Operating Budget):
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $138,500 to provide for State Board member compensation to be commensurate with legislator compensation for FY 2028. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

Administrative Funding for E-Rate (KSDE Agency Operating Budget):
Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $95,920 to replace funding required to support school districts with the E-Rate process for FY 2028. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Potter voting no.

Universal Reading Screener (KSDE Agency Operating Budget):
Mr. Hershberger moved that the State Board of Education request a budget enhancement of $10.0 million to cover the full cost of the new universal reading screener required by state law. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

TUES 12. ACT on Nominations for Professional Standards Board

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the appointment of Sydney Rummery to the Professional Standards Board in the Public School Teacher At Large position. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the appointment of Gretl Shelton to the Professional Standards Board in the Public School Teacher position. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the appointment of Amy Ward to the Professional Standards Board in the Private School Teacher position. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

TUES 13. Act on Nominations for Licensure Review Committee

Dr. New moved that the Kansas State Board of Education act to appoint Phillip Wrigley to serve on the Licensure Review Committee representing the Public High School position. The appointed nominee will serve a three-year term through June 30, 2029. Chair Hopkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

TUES 14. Act on Math Standards for new educator preparation programs and recommendations of Evaluation Review Committee (ERC)

Mrs. O'Brien moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the new educator preparation program standards for Mathematics 5-8, General Mathematics 6-12, and Advanced Mathematics 6-12 , and accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for educator preparation accreditation for Barclay College and program approvals for Bethany College, Kansas State University, Newman University, Ottawa University, and University of Saint Mary. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

TUES 16. Act on Cell Phone Policy Certification

Mrs. Haas moved that that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the cell phone and social media policy certification process as presented. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1 with Vice Chair Zeck voting no.

TUES 17. Act on Student Walkout Complaint Procedure

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education move action on the student walkout complaint procedures to the August meeting. Mrs. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

Board Future Requests

Mrs. Arnold requested recognition for special purpose teachers.
Mrs. Haas requested a presentation on the school redesign initiative.