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Agenda Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Kansas State Department of Education, Suite 102 (Board Room)

Note: The Board Policy Committee will meet at 12:15 – 1:15 in room 117 First Floor

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Roll Call Mission Statement, Moment of Silent Reflection or Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance	5 min	Chair Hopkins
10:05 a.m. (AI)	1. Approval of January 2025 meeting minutes	5 min	Chair Hopkins
(AI)	2. Approval of Agenda	5 min	Chair Hopkins
(AI)	3. Approval of Consent Agenda		
	a. Receive monthly personnel report and appointments to unclassified positions		Wendy Fritz, Director, Human Resources
	b. Act on Local Professional Development Plans		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	c. Act on recommendations for Licensure Waivers		Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure
	d. Act to approve a contract with the Department of Agriculture to inspect summer food sites		Kelly Chanay, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness
	e. Act to contract with Dr. David Hurford to provide services on Dyslexia and Literacy. This is required by the Legislature through an appropriation in the budget bill: 2025 SB 125 Sec. 96 (a)		Beth Fultz, Director, Career, Standards and Assessments Services
	f. Notification to the Board of the intention to participate in the Tax Credit for Low Income Student Scholarship by KC Christian School and the Golden Belt Community Foundation in Great Bend		Dale Brungardt, Director, School Finance
10:10 a.m. (IO)	4. Commissioner Report	20 min	Dr. Watson
10:30 a.m.	5. Citizen's Open Forum	15 min	
10:45 a.m. (IO)	6. Presentation: The Kansas University Center for Innovation, Design and Digital Learning will share their framework for using AI responsibly within the classroom	45 min	Dr. Jake Steel will introduce Dr. James Basham Dr. Trey Vasquez

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11:30 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:40 a.m. (IO)	7. Teacher Highlight: Olathe US History teacher Kim Wahaus, 250th kickoff with Declaration of Independence using AI activity	20 min	Nathan McAlister, Humanities Program Manager
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK POLICY COMMITTEE in 117	90 min	
1:30 p.m. (IO)	8. Student Performance (Drama) Paige Jackson- Solo Musical Theatre Ian Collins and Trystan Wood- Duet Acting Ariela Manaj- Scenic Design	20 min	Arianna Wendel, Drama Teacher, USD 230 Spring Hill
1:50 p.m. (IO)	9. *Reading Corner*: reading in every classroom Tanner Helton, Junction City (PE teacher) Claire Clifford, Halstead (Music teacher) *Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement*	20 min	Mary Lonker, English Language Arts Program Manager Jennifer Hansen, Reading specialist
2:10 p.m. (IO)	10. District Owned Devices Survey Update and Research	20 min	Payton Lynn, Researcher, Division of Learning Services
2:30 p.m.	Break	10 min	
2:40 p.m. (IO)	11. McPherson District: middle school policy change on district owned devices *Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement*	30 min	Shiloh Vincent, Superintendent Ms. Inge Esping, MMS Principal, and Ms. Sarah Corcoran, MMS Social Studies Teacher
3:10 p.m. (IO)	12. Effect of devices (iPad, Chromebook, cell phones) on student's development *Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement*	30 min	Susan Dunaway, LCPC, Chief neuroscience officer for Screen Guardians program
3:40 p.m.	Break	10 min	
3:50 p.m. (AI)	13. Act on recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission (PPC)	10 min	R. Scott Gordon, General Counsel Mr. Sanchez, Chair
4:00 p.m. (IO)	14. Cell Phone policy in Beloit USD 273 *Board Goal #1 Quality School Improvement*	30 min	Casey Seyfert, Principal Jeff Travis, Superintendent
4:30 p.m.	Executive Session	30 min	
5:00 p.m.	Recess until tomorrow		

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Agenda Wednesday, February 11, 2026

TIME	ITEM	DURATION	PRESENTER
9:00 a.m. (IO)	1. Honoring Dr. F. Floyd Herr, and accepting a painting by Robert Hodgell from his family	10 min	Dale Dennis, Office of the Commissioner
9:10 a.m. (IO)	2. Legislative Report	30 min	Dr. Harwood, Deputy Commissioner
9:40 a.m. (RI)	3. Receive contract with Logicalis services to implement Microsoft Power BI platform	10 min	Ryan Kurtenbach, Director, IT Kelly Chanay, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness
9:50 a.m. (IO)	4. Update: Lack of Funding for Cybersecurity at the District Level Board request*	10 min	Dr. Harwood, Deputy Commissioner, Ryan Kurtenbach, Director IT
10:00 a.m.	Break	10 min	
10:10 a.m. (RI)	5. Receive item: Approve Innovative Assessment Pilot with the Olathe District Tim Reves, Chief Academic Officer Spencer Brown, Assistant Director, Assessment and Accountability	45 min	Dr. Nugent, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
10:55 a.m. (RI)	6. Receive Business Education Content Standards Recommendations Sarah Sweet, Teacher, Emporia High School Kim Dhority, Dean, Flint Hills Technical College	10 min	Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure
11:05 a.m.	Break	10 min	
11:15 a.m. (RI)	7. Receive Regulations/Rules Review Shane Carter, Director Teacher Licensure R. Scott Gordon, General Counsel *Board Goal #3 Policy, Regulation and Alignment*	20 min	Dr. Nugent, Deputy Commissioner
11:35 a.m. (IO)	8. Parent Highlight: Celebrating Kansas' High Quality *Parents as Teachers* home visiting programs (with guests in person)	30 min With photos	Amanda Petersen and Lisa Williams, Early Childhood
12:05 p.m.	Break	10 min	
12:15 p.m. (IO)	9. KESA Cohort of Specialized Schools Board Request *	15 min	Dr. Jay Scott, Director, Accreditation and Design

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12:30 p.m.	10. Update from the search firm Hazard Young Attea Associates (HYA)	30 min	Max McGee, Frank Henderson and Mike Richie (Virtual)
1:00 p.m.	Break	10 min	
1:10 p.m.	11. Committee Reports Chair Report Act on Board Travel Requests Member requests for future presentations	30 min	Chair Hopkins
1:40 p.m.	12. Board Comments	10 min	
1:55 p.m.	Adjourn until next meeting March 10th, 2026		

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