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MINUTES

Kansas State Board of Education
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Call to Order

Vice Chair Porter called the Tuesday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the boardroom of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. Chair Haas was on zoom, so Mr. Porter chaired the meeting. (00:07:44)

Special Guests

Superintendent Mike Argabright was invited to the podium with mentors and new superintendents who are involved in the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) program. He introduced Michelle Miller, executive director of KELI, Superintendent Scott Palzer, USD 101 Erie-Galesburg, Superintendent Megan Gaston, USD 283 Elk Valley – Longton, Superintendent Ryan Muhlig, USD 252 Southern Lyon County, Superintendent Duane Ford, USD 243 Lebo-Waverly, and Superintendent Don Epps, USD 344 Pleasanton. (00:08:30)

Roll Call

The following board members were present:

Mrs. Betty Arnold	Mrs. Michelle Dombrosky
Mrs. Melanie Haas, Chair (Zoom)	Mr. Dennis Hershberger
Mrs. Cathy Hopkins	Dr. Deena Horst
Mrs. Ann Mah	Mr. Jim McNiece
Mr. Jim Porter, Vice Chair	Mr. Danny Zeck

Kansas State Board mission statement, Kansans Can Vision statement, silence, Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Porter read both the board's mission statement and Kansans Can Vision statement. He asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Porter asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda for both Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Dombrowsky asked for a separate vote and discussion on consent item d.

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the amended agenda: Item (d) will be taken off the consent agenda for discussion and separate vote. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. Motion (00:11:07)

Approval of the March 12 & 13, 2024 minutes

The Vice Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 12 & 13, 2024.

Motion (00:11:48)

Mrs. Hopkins moved to accept the minutes of March 12 & 13, 2024 as written. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Receive State ESSER III Allocation Recommendations

(00:12:24) ESSER III Dr. Watson

Because of the one-day meeting (due to the site visits tomorrow to the Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and for the Blind) Dr. Watson chose to use his traditional Commissioner's Report time for a receive item that needed to be on the agenda this month. He briefly shared the Kansas Teacher of the Year finalists for next year.

In anticipation of the vote next month on the ESSER III Allocation recommendation, Dr. Watson reminded the board that these funds are not new, but simply an extension on spending the funds that have been previously given. To liquidate the remaining funds the recommendations are:

1. Postsecondary transition - $1 million to HirePaths
2. Professional Development - $300,000 to Kansas Leads (Led by Kansas Teachers of the Year, twice a year, at no costs to the teachers)
3. Statewide Training – $10 million to LETRS, math proficiency training and STEM enhancement
4. Assessment Assistance – $5 million, enhanced interim assessments and Fastbridge
5. Principal/Superintendent Training: $1.5 million
6. Training with high quality instructional materials - $5 million
7. Registered apprentice program - $500,000

Total $23.5 million, liquidating ESSER III funds.

Citizen's Open Forum

(00:46:00) Forum

Vice Chair Porter opened the forum and invited first speaker to come forward.

Sean Wentling, Wichita State University student, spoke about the 2028 graduation requirements and he advocated for the implementation of world language requirements for high school graduates.

Regina Cassidy Daniels, alumni of Christ the King Grade School and active in the alumni organization. She urged the board not to upgrade the Christ the King Grade School from conditionally accredited to fully accredited.

Shane Kirchner, Kansas Association of Private Colleges of Teachers of Education, gave an overview of the private colleges in Kansas who provide teachers to Kansas schools.

Dr. Kasey Johnson, Ottawa University, Spoke on EPPS and Candidate preparation. She spoke on EPPS responsibilities and realities regarding impact of legislative changes,

board policy changes and other state level decisions.

Connor Buchanan, Kansas State student, spoke in support of world languages being prioritized in the new graduation requirements.

John Richard Schrock, Emporia resident, spoke about the descent in science that the United States is experiencing. He believes major changes are needed in K-12 Science and students need stronger content training.

Purple Star School, Leavenworth Public Schools

(1:07:06) Purple Star

Dr. Frank Harwood, Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services, shared April is the month of the military child. He gave an overview of the military families in Kansas, most of them around Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley and McConnell AFB. There are 9,989 students connected to the military. Purple star schools focus on ensuring military connected children a smooth transition. There are five of these schools in Kansas: Geary County schools, Fort Leavenworth school district, Leavenworth public schools, Mulvane public schools, and Derby public schools.

Dr. Kellen Adams, Superintendent of the Leavenworth public schools, shared details about his district. Mr. Potter is the school liaison in the Leavenworth schools who is the point person for the military connected students. There are student activities that are connected to the military with mentoring, JROTC, and Purple Star. Photos were taken with all involved.

Act on ESSER III change requests

(01:16:41) ESSER III Changes

Doug Boline, Asst. Director, Special Ed and Title Services, explained the local school districts change requests, as brought to the board as a receive item in March.

Motion (01:25:00)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER distribution of money and approve the public school district ESSER III change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1. Mrs. Dombrosky abstained.

Act on KACIE MOU with KBOR for the establishment of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education

(01:37:36) KACIE

Nathan McAllister, Humanities Program Manager, KSDE, introduced the action item on KACIE, and noted that he serves as the co-chair of the task force. He introduced Dr. Red Corn, assistant professor of education leadership in Kansas State University College of Education and a citizen of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma, who spoke briefly about the history of this advisory council.

Mrs. Mah moved that the Kansas State Board of Education sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas Board of Regents for the establishment of the Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education (KACIE). Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1. Mr. Zeck voted no.	Motion (01:55:10)
Act on Accreditation Review Committee (ARC) Recommendations for Systems previously conditionally accredited Jay Scott, Director, Accreditation and Design, reviewed the 13 systems that were shared at the March board meeting. These schools came up for redetermination because they had been conditionally (not fully) accredited. These 13 submitted a response to the ARC describing the areas of improvement. The ARC determined that the 13 were recommended to move into full accreditation.	(01:56:04) ARC
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the recommended accreditation status to USD 216 Deerfield, USD 261 Haysville-Campus, USD 314 Brewster, USD 349 Stafford, USD 397 Centre, USD 298 Peabody-Burns, USD 401 Chase-Raymond, USD 419 Canton-Galva, USD 422 Kiowa County, USD 500 Kansas City, USD 504 Oswego, and Life Preparatory Academy. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. There was a conversation about Christ the King, that had been set aside for a separate vote. The ARC recommended the school be fully accredited. Dr. Watson shared that he was concerned that the school is closing, but it may open again, and if the school reopens it will have accredited status when they reopen.	Motion (02:00:00) ARC
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education maintain the current recommended accreditation status of conditionally accredited for Christ the King academy. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1. Mrs. Dombrosky voted no.	Motion (02:02:56) Christ the King
Act on Evaluation Review Committee Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Assistant Director, Accreditation and Design, asked the board to act upon the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee as presented in March.	(02:03:00) ARC
Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for preparation provider accreditation for Kansas State University, and preparation program approvals for Bethel College, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Pittsburg State University, Tabor College,	Motion (02:12:30)

University of Kansas, and Wichita State University. Mr. McNiece seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1. Mr. Zeck abstained.

First Grade Class from Williams Science and Fine Arts Elementary School in Topeka (03:37:38) Music

Mrs. Laura Cluke, teacher, led her first-grade class in joyous singing. It was a wonderful time, and everyone was very appreciative. Dr. Horst presented the class with a book for their classroom, signed by all the board members.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) summary and Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) review (03:51:05) CTE

Natalie Clark, Assistant Director, Career Standards and Assessment, gave an overview of the CTE approved pathways. This year there are 3,577 pathways. There were 55,302 participants in CTE education in 2022-2023. 30,934 concentrators, meaning a student who has earned two or more secondary level credits in a single CTE pathway. In terms of career and technical student organizations there were 24,856 members in Kansas schools. Students that are CTE concentrators have a 98.53% graduation rate. Mrs. Clark then announced the 2024 Kansas CTE Scholars, live, for the first time. This award can mean scholarships for many students, and a positive part of their resume for future jobs or secondary education. The students are given a special scholar cord for their graduation ceremony.

Received proposed amendment to school bus safety regulation K.A.R. 91-38-3 (04:11:47) School Bus Safety

Dr. Harwood spoke about how the school bus safety is being approached. Scott Gordon, KSDE General Counsel, presented the proposed amendment to regulation K.A.R. 91-38-3 that would make sure that when it is possible, the students would be picked up on the side of the road that they are waiting on. If the board approves this next month, then the changes would go through the regulation amendment process. Dr. Watson noted that this process has been a good example of how the State Board and the Legislature can work together for Kansas students, and in this circumstance to keep students safe.

Keith Dreiling, school bus safety team leader KSDE, gave a presentation on stop arm procedures and the problem of individuals who pass busses. Mr. Dreiling started by emphasizing that a school bus is a very safe vehicle. Students riding a school bus are 70 times more likely to arrive at school safely than riding in a personal vehicle. Master Sargeant Green shared his process for arresting persons who pass a bus that is stopped with the stop arm out. There are cameras on his school district buses. He takes the tag number from the video, runs the number, contacts the person directly, and issues a citation. He noted that almost everyone who has been caught on camera admits passing the bus.

American Board Certification vendor information Shane Carter, Director, Teacher Licensure, provided an informational briefing on the company *American Board for Certification and Teacher Excellence* (ABCTE) and updated the board about the status of SB 407 and HB 2521.	(05:02:49) ABCTE
Receive Literacy Requirements for Teacher Certification Shane Carter shared the Licensure Team's recommended course of action to address demonstration of structured literacy knowledge to include an approved structured literacy training list, approved testing list, and a way forward to track training and testing completion. This will be a receive item next month.	(05:19:3) Literacy
KESA School Improvement Model Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner, Direct Learning Services, gave an update on the school improvement model. Jay Scott presented the timeline of KESA. In May accreditation levels will be defined. In June the model will be presented as a receive item. In July the board will be asked to vote on the framework.	(05:53:53) KESA
Act on the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission (PPC) General Counsel Scott Gordon and Dr. Jen Holt of the PPC presented this month's cases to the board.	(06:55:19) PPC
Revocation and Denial: Dr. Horst moved that the Kansas State Board of Education denies or revokes the licenses in cases 23-PPC-40; 23-PPC-47 and 24-PPC-01. Mrs. Hopkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.	Motion (06:56:27)
Grant: Dr. Horst moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission and follow all recommendations in the issuance of the licenses in cases 24-PPC-02; 24-PPC-03 and 24-PPC-04. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.	Motion (6:58:24)
Legislative matters Dr. Frank Harwood, Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services, gave an overview of the legislative action over the past month. He reviewed all the bills that might affect KSBE. The first adjournment happened without the legislature passing the K12 budget package bill. That bill will be brought up when the session continues in the Veto session starting April 29. Dr. Harwood described in detail all the parts of the budget.	(06:59:22) Legislature
Consent Agenda a. Receive monthly personnel report and personnel appoints to unclassified positions	(07:26:00)

b. Act on Recommendations for Licensure Waivers
c. Act on Local Professional Development Plans
e. Act on request from USD 200, Greeley County Public Schools, Greely County, to hold a bond election
f. Act on request from USD 200 Greely County Public Schools, Greely County to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid
g. Authorize out-of-state tuition contract for student attending the Kansas school for the Deaf
h. Act to approve amendment to the Articles of Agreement to Maintain the Flint Hills Special Cooperation.
i. Act on the Restated and Amended DCEC Special Education Cooperative Interlocal 616 Agreement for Special Education Services.
j. Act on updated interlocal agreement for the continuation of the ESSDACK cooperative

Mrs. Arnold moved that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda minus item (d). Mrs. Mah seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. — Motion (07:26:12)

Consent Agenda Items (d) voted on separately

d. Act to authorize the funding of a contract for a federally mandated annual statewide evaluation of the Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Center's Grant program, not to exceed $150,000 to be paid out of Title IV 21st Century Community Centers Grant Activities Fund.

Dr. Horst moves that the State Board of Education approve item (d) 21st Century Community Centers Grant program. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-2-1. Mr. Zeck and Mr. Hershberger voted no. Mrs. Dombrosky abstained. — Motion (07:34:00)

Act on Board Travel Requests

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approved the board travel requests as presented. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. — Motion (07:35:00)

Board Attorney Report

Mr. Ferguson mentioned that he is starting negotiations on contracts between the Kansas School for the Deaf and KNEA. Also, he is working on a federal law suit with an entity that has sued a number of educational institutions; it will be Kansas court litigation. — (07:37:00)

Requests for future agenda items

Cathy Hopkins asked that Fort Hays State University present on their Non Traditional pathways to teacher licensure.

Chair Report

Chair Melanie Haas appointed Mrs. Dombrosky to serve on the Kansas High School Athletics Association general board effective July 1, 2024, to replace Dr. Horst.
She appointed herself (Melanie Haas) to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and she will replace Mr. McNiece.
She appointed Mrs. Mah to Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education (KACIE).

Recess

(07:43:00) Recess

Vice Chair Mr. Porter recessed the meeting until tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at the School for the Blind in Kansas City.

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Jim Porter, Vice Chair

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Deborah Bremer, Secretary

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Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Kansas State School for the Blind and School for the Deaf Site Visits

On Wednesday, April 10, 2024, board members made their annual visits to the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) and Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD).

Board members present for the day were:

Mrs. Betty Arnold	Mrs. Michelle Dombrosky
Mrs. Melanie Haas, Chair (Zoom)	Mr. Dennis Hershberger
Mrs. Cathy Hopkins	Dr. Deena Horst
Mrs. Ann Mah	Mr. Jim McNiece
Mr. Jim Porter, Vice Chair	Mr. Danny Zeck

Note: Mrs. Haas was on Zoom at the School for the Blind presentation.

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

The day began with the board members visiting the new coffee kiosk, where the students were being trained as baristas and cashiers. Newly ground coffee by the bag was a popular retail item. Full of caffeine, the board moved to the main meeting room. KSSB Superintendent Jon Harding was present but had unfortunately lost his voice, however his staff enthusiastically hosted board members for the first of the day's sessions. During the visit, the following topics were covered: upcoming events, student presentations, difficulties with the state assessment platform, accreditation and the Outside Visitation Team's focus, Mobile STEM Unit, Blind Spot, and personnel training to meet the demand for teachers of the visually impaired. Board members were treated to lunch in the student cafeteria.

KANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

At the Kansas School for the Deaf, Superintendent Luanne Barron was not able to attend, due to a family emergency, but curriculum director Benjamin Cardon and secondary principal Joelle Allen coordinated a wonderful day with student presentations from the older students and sign language lessons from the elementary students. It was a joyful time as the board interacted with the students.

ADJOURNMENT

The day's activities concluded at approximately 3 p.m. The next meeting will be May 14 and 15, 2024 in Topeka.

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Jim Porter, Vice Chair

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Deborah Bremer, Board Secretary