ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA
Mrs. Dombrosky pulled H & J from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.
Board Attorney Mark Ferguson removed item I and postponed it until January.

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Agenda as amended and the consent agenda (without consent items H and J) be approved. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0-2 with Mrs. Potter and Mrs. O'Brien present not voting.

Consent Agenda Items approved:
Monthly personnel report
Local Professional Development Plans
Recommendations for Licensure Waivers
USD 233 Olathe Capital Improvement and hold bond election
USD 373 Newton Capital Improvement and hold bond election

Consent Item H. and Consent Item J.
Mrs. Arnold moved that consent item H. Act on request to renew the contract with the Bruman Group to support the administration of Perkins V, $20,000 per year with a 3 year renewal, be approved and consent item J. Act on recommendation for supplemental 2025-2026 AmeriCorps funding for USD 260 Derby be approved. Mr. Hershberger seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

ACT ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (Dr. Harwood and Gabrielle Hull)
Academic Support Efforts: Prioritizes the importance of academic support efforts across the state, including

1. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "student opportunities to gain workforce experience before graduation including:
   a. Encouraging incentives to support school district expansion of public-private partnerships with business and industry to allow for internships, mentorships, and other opportunities." In the 2026 Legislative Priorities.
   b. "Continued coordination and investment in career and technical education programs that are aligned with workforce needs" in the 2026 Legislative priorities.
   Mr. Hershberger second
   Motion passed 6-4 with Mrs. Potter, Mr. Zeck, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

2. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "reduced waiting time after retirement to return to teaching and reduce or eliminate the financial penalty" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Dr. New seconded . Motion carried 10-0.

3. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "the goal to move Kansas school employees currently on KPERS 3 to KPERS 2" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

4. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Additional funding to expand and enhance the current state assessment program and ensure adequate test security aligned with best practices" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-4. Mrs. Potter, Mr. Zeck, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

Health and Safety: Supports a healthy and safe learning environment for students, including:

1. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "the legislative recommendations of the school Bus Stop Arm Violation Committee" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Dr. New seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "the efforts to reduce human trafficking in Kansas" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Hershberger seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

3. Mr. Porter moved to include "the ongoing work and recommendations of the School Mental Health Advisory Council, including, but not limited to, bullying prevention; efforts for suicide prevention and awareness; and child abuse and neglect program" in the 2026 Legislative priorities. Mrs. O'Brien seconded. Motion carried 8-1-1 Mrs. Potter voted no, Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

4. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Expansion of the Farm to Plate initiative to support student and family access to healthy foods in local communities" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Funding: Recognizes the essential function of adequate and equitable state funding for schools, including:

1. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Only using public education funds for public schools" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 9-1. Mrs. Potter voting no.

2. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Following state statute and moving towards funding 92% of the excess cost of special education" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Haas. Motion carried 10-0.

3. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Opportunities to expand and fund early childhood and kindergarten readiness" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Porter seconded Motion carried 7-3. Mrs. Potter, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Dombrosky voted no.

4. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Funding transportation for all students in all unsafe situations, regardless of mileage" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

5. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Continued funding for the teacher apprenticeship program" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Dr. New seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1. With Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

6. Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Increased state support on bond and interest" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion carried 7-2-1. Mr. Hershberger, Mrs. Potter voting no. Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

   Mrs. Haas moved to include "Financial support for school districts to enhance and improve their cybersecurity efforts" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

7. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to include "Adequate funding for the Kansas Department of Education, and the Kansas State Board of Education to allow for the implementation of their constitutional and statutory duties" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Potter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

8. Mrs. Potter moved to include "Adequate funding for the Kansas State School for the Blind and the Kansas School for the Deaf" to allow for the implementation of their

constitutional and statutory duties" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Dombrosky seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

9. Mr. Porter moved to include "Funding to provide equitable compensation for State Board Members in line with recent changes in Legislative compensation" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 8-2. Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Potter voted no.

Education Policy Governance: The distinct roles of education policy governance in Kansas, including:

1. Mrs. Haas moved to include "The constitutional authority given to the State Board of Education, the Kansas Legislature, and the Governor, including the State Board's authority to accredit school systems through the continued implementation of the Kansas Education System of Accreditation" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. O'Brien seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

2. Mrs. Dombrosky moved to include "The governance responsibilities assigned to the Kansas State High School Activities Association" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

3. Mrs. Haas moved to include "The authority of local boards of education" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1. With Mrs. Potter present not voting.

4. Mr. Hershberger moved to include "Support in eliminating, revising, and designing regulations to enhance the school improvement process, allowing school systems to focus on student success" in the 2026 Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ACT ON REQUEST TO APPROVE HEALTHIER KANSAS MENU REVISIONS (Kelly Chanay)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the contract with USD 268 Cheney, USD 336 Holton, and Manhattan Catholic School for testing of the Healthier Kansas Menu revisions, with an alternative back up of USD 362 Prairie View. Mrs. Potter seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

ACT ON REVIEW OF KAR 91-41 MENTOR TEACHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve removing the requirement to turn in applications and reports associated with mentor program grant funding unless and until funding is reinstated. Seconded by Mr. Hershberger. Motion carried 10-0.

Board Travel Requests

Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the Board member travel requests as presented. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Act on legislative liaison

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. New as a legislative liaison to replace Vice Chair Zeck. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

RECEIVE ITEMS

Receive Medical Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy in school settings guidance. (Brian Dempsey, Scott Gordon, special guest Linda Heitzman-Powell, KS Center for Autism Research and Training at Kansas University)

Receive Higher education Items: (Dr. Catherine Chmidling and virtual presenters)

a. Receive Higher Education Standards for visually impaired
b. Receive Higher Education Preparation standards for technology and engineering
c. Receive Evaluation Review Committee Recommendations

Receive to initiate RFP for Kansas Integrated and Accountability System KIAS (Dean Zajic)

Receive Item on Regulation Review (Dr. Renee Nugent) 9-1-216 In-Service Education Plans
Requires each educational agency to design, submit and maintain a formal professional development plan for approval by the State Board.
Recommendation to remove the requirement to submit PD plan for approval allows districts plan for professional learning as part of their School Improvement goals. PD would be developed through the School Improvement process.

Receive item to approve language for threshold of contracts to be approved by the Board (Mrs. Haas)

Receive KSD Task Force Recommendations (Lisa Karney)

December Citizen's Forum:

Lori Kopp, KASB Lawyer, spoke about the complexity of ABA and argued that the proposed KSDE guidance is not comprehensive or correct.

Henry McClure, Citizen, spoke of his visit to McClure Elementary and the beauty of the students and the teachers. He will be working for transparency in the work of the State Board and each person on it.

Sharon Knewtson, Parent at Kansas School for the Deaf, spoke in support of American Sign language and urged the Board to hire great teachers who are fluent in American Sign language. She thanked the members who served on the Task Force for KSD.

Debby Potter, Board member, spoke about some letters that were given to her by the Board Attorney. She feels these letters were legal intimidation. She feels it is an attempt to intimidate the entire board to not pull items from consent, ask questions, or vote certain ways.

TUESDAY PRESENTATIONS

- Commissioner's Annual Report (Dr. Watson)
- Citizen's Forum
- Legislative Priorities (Dr. Frank Harwood and Gabrielle Hull)
- Spring Hill High School Symphonic Orchestra at the State Capitol
- Tactile Braille flags in all Kansas Schools with American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution
- IDA definition for dyslexia and Initiatives in Dyslexia (Dr. Laurie Curtis)
- Teacher Highlight: Thomas Fulbright, winner of Civics History Price "Becoming American" (Nathan McAlister)

WEDNESDAY PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation on AI in Education (Dr. Jake Steel)
- Presentation on School Improvement (Dr. Renee Nugent)
- Presentation on High Quality Instructional Materials Survey (Dr. Renee Nugent)
- Update on School Improvement Days (Dr. Jay Scott)

Future agenda requests:

Mrs. Haas: Reconsider cell phone guidance. Wants to continue conversation about age-appropriate device usage. Board Policy might be a good retreat topic

Mr. Zeck: Special meeting on Technology, phones, data, survey on tech, screen time.

Mr. Porter: Have not heard what schools are doing with technology. Is there any positive feedback? ABA must be addressed for both students and schools.