MARCH Summary

Kansas State Board of Education
March 10, 11, and 12, 2026 Meeting

TUESDAY ITEMS

- Citizen's Open Forum
  Speakers included:
  1. Michael Kratky, Wilson
  2. Shane Kirchner, McPherson College, representing KAPCOTE (Kansas Association of Private Colleges of Teacher Education)
  3. Amber Wheeler, Humboldt USD 258, supporting IADA
  4. Steve Roberts, speaking on teacher training
  5. Nancy Moneymaker, challenging the Board to stay true to their original reasons for running for the position.

- Comprehensive Literacy Plan – Dr. Curtis (KSDE), Dr. Lane (KBOR), Dr. Nugent (KSDE)
- Cursive Writing Presentation and Standards – Mary Lonker
- Senior Students: Stories of Soaring into Success
- Act to Approve and Honor 2026 Kansas Purple Star Schools
- Honoring 2025 National ESEA Distinguished Schools
- Recognition of Milken Teacher of the Year: Lexcee Oddo
- Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Update

WEDNESDAY ITEMS

- Act on Regulations and Rules Review
- Act on Innovative Assessment Pilot Project
- Act on Contract with Logicalis Training Services
- Act on Business Education Standards
- Receive Evaluation Review Committee Recommendations for Higher Education
- Legislative Update
- Action Items

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY ACTIONS

Minutes
Mrs. Haas moved to approve the minutes for the February 10–11, 2026 Kansas State Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0-1, with Mrs. Potter present but not voting.

Agenda

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the agenda for March 10, 11, and 12, 2026. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item F Removed

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve the consent agenda (without Item F). Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-1-2, with Mr. Zeck voting no and Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Potter present but not voting.

Item F — Mrs. Haas moved to approve Adding Programs to the Approved List of State At-Risk Evidence-Based Programs. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-4, with Mrs. Potter, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Zeck, and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

Motion to suspend the rules and vote immediately was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Porter. Motion carried 9-0-1, with Mrs. Potter present but not voting.

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve USD 266 Maize and St. Francis Xavier School in Junction City as Kansas Purple Star Schools, recognizing schools that have met specific criteria and demonstrated a major commitment to serving the needs of military-connected students and families. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULATIONS AND RULES

Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the recommended changes to the licensure regulations. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT PILOT

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education request KSDE to submit an Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority application to the U.S. Department of Education for the purpose of piloting a through-year, curriculum-directed assessment system, and to allow participating districts determined by KSDE to use this assessment to fulfill Kansas state assessment requirements for accountability. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1-1, with Mrs. Potter voting no and Mrs. Dombrosky present but not voting.

CONTRACT WITH LOGICALIS TRAINING SERVICES

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter a contract for $129,000 to purchase training services from Logicalis to implement Microsoft Power BI. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0-3, with Mrs. Potter, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

BUSINESS EDUCATION STANDARDS (6–12)

Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the new educator preparation program standards for Business Education 6–12. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Porter

Reported attending the Migrant Conference and clarified that "migrant" is often misunderstood as synonymous with "immigrant," but it refers to someone who travels, often seasonally, such as agricultural workers. He shared a PLUR document on the importance of offering K–12 education to children of migrant workers.

Mrs. O'Brien

Shared that KACIE (Kansas Advisory Council on Indigenous Education) is undergoing changes, as Dr. Alex Red Corn has been appointed President of Haskell University.

Mrs. Haas

Reported on the Board Policy Committee meeting in Wichita. The committee must review all policies every two years and has made significant progress, which will be presented to the Board in the coming months.

Mr. Porter moved that the Board travel requests be accepted. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

BOARD COMMENTS AND FUTURE REQUESTS

Mr. Porter

Reflected on comments from teachers during the Distinguished School Award presentation. He questioned whether teachers, administrators, and students across the state feel the Board supports them, stating this should be a priority.

Mr. Hershberger

Suggested inviting the Patterson Family Foundation or other private funders who support public education initiatives to present.

Mrs. Potter

Mrs. Potter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education provide a sharable format of financial transactions and the Friday Notes to constituents in all districts. The motion did not receive a second.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session (motion made by Vice Chair Zeck, seconded by Mr. Porter, passed 10-0) for the remainder of the day and all of Thursday, March 11, to interview candidates for Commissioner.