

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Retreat**  
**August 13, 2007**

On Monday, August 13, 2007, Board members met in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas for a planning retreat. The meeting began at 9:00 a .m. and finished at 3:10 p.m. In attendance in addition to the Board members listed were Brenda Welburn, who facilitated the retreat, Commissioner Alexa Posny, and the Board secretary. They were joined at noon for a presentation by Laura Lefkowitz from McRel.

Members present for the retreat were:

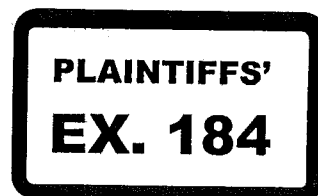
Steve Abrams	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard
Carol Rupe	

John Bacon arrived at 9:35 a.m.

**Discussion topics**

Board members worked with Brenda Welburn on several issues related to working boards, including maintaining a focus on areas where the Board could be most effective. During their working lunch, board members heard a presentation on education issues by Laura Lefkowitz. The goal, "Ensure that all students meet or exceed high academic standards and are prepared for their next steps (e.g. the world of work and/or postsecondary education)", was again adopted, but the Board broadened the means to achieve it.

Dr. Posny indicated she would organize the ideas from the discussion into a format that could be considered and possibly adopted at the September meeting.



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**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL**

All members were present:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Wagnon asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Willard asked to pull from the Consent Agenda item 14 m., a request for a QPA waiver for athletic practice during the school day; Mrs. Martin asked to pull item 14 j., recommendations for funding the 2007-2008 McKinney-Vento Homeless Children/Youth Program Grants; and Mr. Bacon asked to pull 14 p., approval of Kansas inservice education plans. There being no further changes Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chairman Wagnon asked for approval of the March 27<sup>th</sup> and July minutes. Mrs. Rupe moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Posny reported that she had prepared a draft of the Board's goal and objectives as discussed at the Monday retreat. She indicated it had been placed in Board members' folders so they could review it before taking action on Wednesday. She also reported on recent meetings she had attended and indicated that it would be her practice to have her PowerPoint presentations posted to the Commissioner's web page. She noted that she had been appointed to serve on the National Center for Learning Disabilities Advisory Board. Additionally, she indicated that the "Just for Parents" brochures would be on-line for schools and districts that wished to print them instead of paper copies being sent out. Mrs. Martin asked for copies of the brochures. Mrs. Cauble asked for a presentation by the Commissioner on her meeting on special education with the Japanese which followed the Council of Chief School Officers meeting in Maine.

**DISTRICT BACK-TO-SCHOOL PREPARATIONS**

Mike Mathes, Superintendent, USD 345-Seaman, had been asked to meet with the State Board of Education to explain activities that must be completed prior to the beginning of the school year. An important key to a successful school year is the preparation and organization that must occur before students arrive on the first day of school. His presentation focused on ongoing academic activities throughout the summer.

**CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM**

Chairman Wagon declared the Citizens' Open Forum open at 10:50 a.m. Addressing the Board were Shari Wilson, Kansas City, representing the Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education; and John Richard Schrock, Emporia. Chairman Wagon declared the open forum closed at 11:00 a.m.

**PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS AND UPDATE FROM THE KU UKanTEACH PROGRAM**

Education Consultant Jeanne Duncan, Teacher Education and Licensure, presented an overview of the program review process used for approval of any program submitted by an institution of higher education that prepares educators in Kansas. Included in her presentation was a review of the process institutions that wish to use Regulation 91-1-234, Innovative or Experimental Programs, need to follow. Additionally, staff from The University of Kansas, Jan Lariviere and Steve Case, who will be submitting a program under the new regulation, provided an update on the UKanTeach program that is under development and will start with introductory classes in the fall.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:17 and returned at 1:30 p.m.

**LIST OF TITLE I SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS ON IMPROVEMENT FOR 2007-2008**

As required under the No Child Left Behind law, states must identify districts and schools participating in Title I that have not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years in the same content area and are, therefore, on improvement. A requirement of the law is that the identification must occur prior to the beginning of the school year. Deputy Commissioner Foster reviewed the assessment and release of data timeline for the current and future years and how it differed from last year. He also reviewed how the process that allowed districts to make data corrections had worked this year compared to 2006. Assistant Director Judi Miller presented the list of the 25 Title I schools and 16 Title I districts identified for improvement for 2007-2008 and explained the sanctions that were imposed on schools based on the number of years they had been on improvement. Mrs. Miller pointed out that 95% of Title I schools and districts are doing well and are not on improvement. She also answered Board member questions.

**NEW APPOINTMENTS**

***Licensure Review Committee (LRC)***

Mrs. Martin moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe, that the Kansas State Board of Education appoint Ed Raines to represent building level administrators on the Licensure Review Committee, with a term of office from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

***Professional Standards Board (PSB)***

Susan Helbert, Teacher Education and Licensure, explained there were two vacancies on the Professional Standards Board. She reported that two nominations had been received for the position to represent public classroom teachers – Linda Strecher from KNEA and Sarah Berblinger nominated by Mr. Willard. She also reported that Bill Meek had been nominated to fill the position to represent local boards of education.

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Mr. Bacon moved, with second by Mrs. Gamble, that the State Board appoint Bill Meek to represent local boards of education on the Professional Standards Board, for a three year period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. The motion carried.

Mr. Willard moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Board appoint Sarah Berblinger for the position on the Professional Standards Board to represent public school classroom teachers to serve for a three-year term through June 30, 2010. Mrs. Gamble, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, moved that the Board appoint Linda Strecher for the position on the Professional Standards Board for public school classroom teacher.

Discussion followed about the professional qualifications of each nominee and the effect each would have on Board district representation on the Professional Standards Board. Mr. Willard spoke in support of Mrs. Berblinger, having known her when he served on the Nickerson School Board. Mrs. Rupe indicated she would not vote for either person because she felt she did not have enough information about either of them to form an opinion.

The vote on the motion to appoint Mrs. Berblinger was 4-0. The vote to appoint Ms. Strecher was 5-0. Mrs. Rupe abstained from voting on either motion. Without a required majority of 6 votes, neither motion carried.

#### **PRESENTATION ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS AND PLANS**

To assist the Board in its review of professional development councils and plans, Diana Wieland, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction for USD 315, Colby, was invited to give a presentation on how the Professional Development Council functions in her district. Her presentation included an overview of the process and functions of a district's Professional Development Council and a description of the process used to develop a classroom teacher's Individual Professional Development Plan. To aid her presentation, Ms. Wieland provided Board members with a copy of the description of Results Based Staff Development used by USD 315. It included a sample professional development plan, explained how professional development points are awarded by the district's Professional Development Council, and how those points apply to re-licensure. Board members also had been provided with a copy of the Department's "*Kansas Professional Development Program Guidelines*".

In the discussion that followed, Dr. Wagnon asked if there was data available on the districts that had integrated level four of the Kansas Staff Development Rubric for District/School Assessment of implementation of the National Staff Development Standards into their staff development activities. Commissioner Posny and Ms. Wieland indicated that level four was promoted as the ideal for districts to achieve, but that no data was collected regarding it. Nevertheless, Dr. Wagnon indicated his view that it was important information to have because it would provide data on how well districts were integrating district staff development into their efforts to aid student achievement. In further discussion of the effectiveness of staff development on student improvement, Mrs. Gamble indicated that data on its impact was needed to validate the need for legislative funding. Dr. Wagnon also wanted to know if information on best practices was being disseminated throughout the state and requested data on implementation. He was interested, as well, in how extensively the templates for school and district professional development plans were being used and their effectiveness.

The Board took a break from 2:43 to 2:51 p.m.

#### **PRESENTATION ON TEACHER COACHES**

Ms. Kay Haas, USD 233, Language Arts Coordinator, and formerly the district's Instructional Resource Teacher, was invited to discuss the role of Instructional Coaches, their function within the professional development activities of a school/district, and how their work might support the development and implementation of a classroom teacher's Professional Development Plan. Ms. Haas described the different roles filled by the Instructional Resource Teacher (IRT) in the Olathe district. IRTs in USD 233 provide pre-service orientation; serve as instructional mentors throughout the school year; provide professional development; support the professional growth process; support the school improvement process; provide support for any new curriculum; and serve on a variety of district committees. Results have shown that there has been an increased retention rate among new-to-the-district teachers and that teacher effectiveness and student achievement have also increased. The discussion that followed centered on clarifying the role of a teacher coach. It was noted that many districts use different combinations of teacher coaches and mentors, combining the roles in some districts such as USD 233.

#### **UPDATE ON HOMEWORK KANSAS**

Marc Galbraith, Deputy Director of the State Library of Kansas provided an overview on the HomeWork Kansas program which is in its second year of operation. It is a free online tutoring service that provides homework assistance to students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and college intro, and to their parents, as well. The program is licensed by the State of Kansas from an online tutoring service, Tutor. Com. It is available from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. daily and is specifically designed to respond to questions students may have regarding their homework in math, science, social studies or English. It is also available from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday to provide math and science help for Spanish speakers.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Wagnon asked if questions about items pulled from the agenda had been answered and if they could be put back on the Consent Agenda for a vote. All agreed, but Mr. Willard asked that the Board take up the issue of annually waiving the requirement that athletic practice not be allowed as a physical education credit. Chairman Wagnon suggested that he include it in the requests for future agenda items. Mr. Bacon asked if anyone had been appointed to the Virtual Schools Advisory Council. Chairman Wagnon asked him to take it up with him later. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, that the State Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried. In the consent agenda the State Board:

- Received the monthly personnel report.
- Received the FY 2007 Turnover Report.
- Confirmed the appointments of Margaret Patterson to the position of Education Research Analyst, Sr. in the Research and Evaluation Team, effective July 1, 2007 at an annual salary of \$52,104; Jocelyn Parish to the position of Education Research Analyst, Sr. in the Research and Evaluation Team, effective July 16, 2007 at an annual salary of \$52,104; Antoinette Ingala to the position of Quality Assurance Technician in the Information Technology Team, effective July 9, 2007 at an annual salary of \$44,967.60; and Brad Neuenswander to the position of Director of the School Finance Team, in the Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, effective July 1, 2007 at an annual salary of \$95,587.

- Approved school construction plans for Bishop Ward, Kansas City; USD 231, Gardner-Edgerton; USD 248, Girard; USD 290, Ottawa; USD 323, Rock Creek; USD 385, Andover; USD 399, Paradise Schools; USD 413, Chanute Public Schools; USD 416, Louisburg; USD 447, Cherryvale; USD 450, Shawnee Heights; USD 456, Marais Des Cygnes Valley; USD 484, Fredonia; USD 490, El Dorado; USD 494, Syracuse; and USD 512, Shawnee Mission.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee in cases 2372, 2412, 2418, 2421, 2424, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2438, and 2439.
- Approved requests for waivers for individuals to serve outside their area of endorsement in districts as follows: *Interrelated*: Joseph Kvas, USD 243; Lebo-Waverly; *Physical Education in the Elementary School*: Julie Augustyn, USD 244; Burlington; *Family and Consumer Science*: Heather Campbell, USD 439; Sedgwick Public Schools; *Math*: Michelle Blaske, USD 512; Shawnee Mission Public Schools; and *Adaptive Special Education*: Christian Fisher, USD 512, Shawnee Mission Public Schools.
- Accepted the following recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for "Continuing Accreditation" for Tabor College through December 31, 2010, and "Limited Accreditation" for Central Christian College through December 31, 2010.
- Adopted amended standards for the internship that must be completed successfully by all advanced endorsement candidates in fields other than teaching before they can gain a professional level license.
- Adopted revised educator preparation standards for the reading specialist license under the Kansas performance-based licensure system.
- Approved recommendations for funding 2007-2008 continuation homeless grants USD 233, Olathe, \$35,080; USD 259, Wichita, \$132,081; USD 261, Haysville, \$20,000; USD 383, Manhattan, \$15,190; USD 475, Geary County, \$13,860; USD 500, Kansas City, \$72,045; and USD 501, Topeka, \$64,182.
- Approve funding for a Kansas Middle School Afterschool Activity Advancement Grant for 2007-2008 in the amount of \$16,040 for Reno Valley Middle School, USD 309, Nickerson.
- Approved the renewal application from USD 488 for waiver of Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 91-31-.34(g)--Athletic practice.
- Approved the inservice education plans for USD 262, Valley Center, and the Kansas Regents Institutions of Higher Education.
- Approved the Virtual Education Requirements for Kansas Schools.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education regarding a Visiting Scholar license for the Maize School District and Gao Fan for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Issued orders authorizing USD 267, Renwick, USD 377, Atchison County Community Schools, USD 458, Basehor-Linwood, and USD 491, Eudora, to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the districts' general bond debt limitation.

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*Contracts Approved*

The State Board authorized the *Commissioner of Education* to negotiate and enter into a contract

- with the University of Kansas Center for Research to conduct and support family service coordinator training for the federally-funded State Improvement Grant (SIG) for Special Education in an amount not to exceed \$40,000;
- for a team of trained evaluators to assist KSDE in conducting the onsite reviews required for the Annual District Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Assurances Monitoring Process for 2007-2008, with the amount not to exceed \$83,000; and
- with Dr. Joseph Murphy for his work with the Kansas Education Leadership Commission, with the contract amount for 2007-2008 not exceed \$35,000.

**RECESS**

There being no further business, Chairman Wagon recessed the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

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Bill Wagon, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 15, 2007**

Chairman Wagnon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2007, in the Board Room of the State Board of Education Building, 120 SE 10th Avenue in Topeka, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL**

All members were present:

Steve Abrams	Carol Rupe
John Bacon	Jana Shaver
Sally Cauble	Bill Wagnon
Sue Gamble	Janet Waugh
Kathy Martin	Ken Willard

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Wagnon asked for approval of the agenda. Mrs. Rupe asked that the Board revisit the appointment of a classroom teacher to the Professional Standards Board, as there were not enough votes because of her abstention to appoint anyone on Tuesday. Mrs. Gamble moved, with a second by Mrs. Rupe that the agenda be approved with the addition. The motion carried.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Chairman**

Chairman Wagnon had recently attended a meeting of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future (NCTAF) and the Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Policy Summit in Philadelphia. He reported that at the NCTAF meeting there had been an interesting discussion about reforming teacher preparation programs to ensure effective teachers. At the ESC meeting he had chaired a panel discussion on restructuring schools. Dr. Wagnon indicated he had stayed on for an additional session on aligning P-16 efforts across the country and models to explore. Governor Sebelius, the current ECS Chair, had discussed with other governors who were present education concerns, including a suggestion for restructuring schools to P-8 to develop proficiencies in core areas.

Chairman Wagnon reviewed the upcoming dates and locations for the regional Teacher of the Year awards ceremonies. He also asked Commissioner Posny to share the results of the 2007 ACT with the Board.

***ACT Results***

Commissioner Posny shared just released 2007 ACT results for Kansas. She noted that in all categories Kansas continues to improve, with a composite score of 21.9 (compared to 21.2 nationally) on the most recent assessment. Dr. Posny also discussed the break down of scores by gender, with males performing better in math and science and females performing better in reading. Black and Hispanic students continue to improve, with Hispanics outperforming Blacks. She noted there was still a performance gap between those two groups and white students. Mrs. Shaver indicated she would like to know the percentage of Kansas black and Hispanic students taking the ACT. Also discussed was the number of students taking core subjects and the concern that students were not aware of the definition of "core". There was also discussion about states using the ACT as a statewide performance indicator or for their NCLB high school assessment. Dr. Posny shared a comparison of Kansas' composite score with several nearby states. Mr. Bacon was interested in how many Kansas students had achieved the perfect score of 36. Dr. Posny indicated there were six and that she would get the list to share with Board members. Mr. Bacon also asked about the status of the grant program made available to districts for ACT testing and Dr. Posny indicated that she would provide an update at the next Board meeting.



**Legislative Coordinator**

Mrs. Gamble reported her concern that testing contractors were approaching legislators and that the LEPC committee had scheduled time to hear from several. She also reported that the 2010 Commission was considering within which state agency to consolidate early childhood education programs.

**Board Attorney's Report**

Mr. Biles expanded upon the subjects contained in his written report. He also reported that an issue coming up dealt with helping the Kansas State School for Deaf and the Kansas State School for the Blind with immigration requirements related to hiring foreign teachers. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board accept Mr. Biles' report and pay his fees for services and expenses for July as presented. The motion carried.

**Other Board Member Reports**

Mrs. Cauble reported on her attendance at the NASBE new member conference. She also reported that she had visited with the Vice Chair of the Board of Regents who had expressed interest in P-16 alignment and would like the two boards to have a joint meeting on the subject. Mrs. Cauble also suggested meeting with LEPC, the 2010 Commission and the legislative education committees. An issue about which Mrs. Cauble expressed concern was the difficulty Liberal was having with the transfer of governance of the vocational-technical school to the community college. She pointed out that, though mandated by the legislature, very little direction has been given about how to accomplish it.

Mrs. Rupe reported that she had attended the KCATE conference and had also visited some A+ schools. She asked that the Department look into whether the program would be worth a study by the board. Mrs. Rupe also requested that the Department look into what would be necessary to initiate a Teach for America program in Kansas.

Mrs. Martin asked if a meeting with Congressman Moran had been scheduled and indicated her desire to be included. No meeting had been planned.

There was also a discussion of a letter on dyslexia received by Board members and how such things should be handled. It was indicated they should be given to the Commissioner for her to develop a response.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Willard questioned the need for a prohibition against schools offering credit for athletic practice or counting athletic practice as a physical education course, particularly when it appears to be routinely waived when requested. Dr. Abrams asked for a short presentation on the development of standards, qualified admissions and State Board graduation requirements. Mrs. Gamble was interested in how the State Board (and the Kansas Board of Regents-Dr. Abrams) affects local control. Mrs. Cauble wanted a presentation and discussion of what is being taught in high school math classes and consideration of changing math course names to reflect content. Mrs. Waugh asked for a discussion of the importance of B-16 alignment. Mrs. Cauble wanted a discussion of ESL. Mr. Bacon asked for a report on how many 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Kansas are 2-3 grade levels behind in reading. Mrs. Rupe would like a study session on career and technical education which would include information on what other states are doing. Dr. Wagon asked for a plan of action from staff on how the integration of academics into technical programs can be accomplished. Mrs. Rupe would like information on which districts are teaching financial literacy and what is being taught. She indicated she wanted the information but didn't know if it needed to be an agenda item or a study. Mrs. Waugh asked for a discussion of lifelong learning. An update on issues of concern to special populations in the state, i.e. autism, dyslexia and deaf and hard of hearing, was requested.

There was a brief discussion about the Board meeting in Olathe in October. The suggestion was raised that perhaps the meeting in Olathe could be held in November.

**REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD GOALS**

There was a discussion of the draft of the Boards' goal and objectives and suggested strategies for accomplishing them that had been given to members the day before. Minor changes were recommended. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board adopt the goal and objectives with the recommendations from the discussion incorporated. The motion carried. Mr. Bacon asked that a plan of action and dates for accomplishment also be prepared. Commissioner Posny indicated it would be available at the September Board meeting.

The Board took a break from 10:29 to 10:36 a.m. When the meeting reconvened, Commissioner Pony answered Mr. Bacon's question about students with perfect ACT scores. She reported that students were guaranteed confidentiality, but the year after they graduate ACT contacts them requesting permission to release their names to the Department and to allow the use of their picture on the educational directory. Dr. Posny shared the names of seven of nine from the latest group made available.

**KSSD AND KSSB YEAR-END REPORTS AND FY 2009 BUDGET REQUESTS**

**Kansas State School for the Deaf**

*Year-End Report*

Superintendent Maile, Kansas State School for the Deaf (KSSD), passed out copies of the 2006-2007 KSSD Annual Report and reviewed highlights of his end-of-the-year report. He also pointed out that his Directors' end-of-the-year reports were also included in the written report.

*FY 2009 Budget Request*

Dr. Maile indicated that the budget he had forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting would have to be revised because of adjustments made by the Division of Budget for teachers' salaries that KSSD had included in its budget but which had already been considered in the allocation the School had received to work with. He reviewed the options it would consider if the school were required to meet a 2% reduced resource allocation. Plans would be to reduce the summer school, and maintain vacancies for two additional support positions and two additional professional positions, for a total reduction of \$177,755. If an enhanced budget request were to be approved it would include the purchase of a mini van; development and implementation of programming for the severely multiply-disabled, including additional staff, contract support services and specialized equipment and materials. It would also include funding for the Sound START program for deaf infants and toddlers. Dr. Maile reported that a presentation on the program had been made to the legislature. He also explained the State Institutions Building Fund request. Mr. Bacon moved, with a second by Mrs. Gamble, that the Board approve the FY 2009 KSSD budget request as modified by the Division of Budget's adjustment for teachers' salaries. The motion carried.

**Kansas State School for the Blind**

*Year-End Report*

Madeleine Burkindine, Superintendent, Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB), presented the end-of-year report and highlighted fourth quarter activities.

***KSSB FY 2007 Budget Request***

Mrs. Burkindine handed out a corrected FY 2009 budget request. She reported that the KSSB plan for a 2% reduced resource allocation would be met by the elimination of two statewide outreach Orientation and Mobility (cane travel) Instructors, resulting in a \$107,548 reduction. With an enhancement budget the School would reduce its 4% shrinkage rate; reduce the shortfall in its Special Funds receipts; and provide \$20,000 to build local and regional capacity for low vision children, ensuring eye exams by low vision specialists and access to low vision optical devices. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the State Board approve the KSSB FY 2009 budget request as corrected. The motion carried.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Before the Board proceeded with its discussion of budget issues, Deputy Commissioner Dennis reported on the cost to the agency for its support of the new state accounting system which for FY 2008 would be \$67,439. Additionally, the Monumental Building Surcharge to support the Capital, Judicial Center and Cedar Crest, will be \$125,936 for the year. Added to the \$450,000 for shrinkage, Mr. Dennis reported that the agency would have to come up with approximately \$650,000 in its budget to cover them. The accounting system surcharge will likely be a five-year expense and is based on the number of monetary transaction the Department has, which are extensive because of regular payments to districts.

**FY 2009 Budget**

Deputy Commissioner Dennis reviewed budget options. He reported that most of the increases in the three-year schooling funding plan were earmarked for specific programs. The increase for BSAPP in the plan amounted to 1.3 percent. A \$41 addition to the base would bring that increase up to approximately 2.3%. Mrs. Rupe stated that an increase in the base would allow districts to fund things they might not have been able to and also allow them to use their discretion about where the funds would do most good in their own districts.

Mrs. Rupe moved that the Board recommend a \$41 increase in BSAPP. Her rationale for supporting the increase was that rather than funding bits and pieces of additional programs which some districts could use and others couldn't, an increase on the base would provide funding for all districts for programs they choose to spend it on. She added it had previously been discussed that for every dollar increase in BSAPP, 70%-75% goes toward increasing salaries. Mrs. Waugh seconded the motion.

Mr. Willard asked if the motion would preclude consideration of any of the other proposals. Mrs. Rupe said because of the items recommended last month, that it was her intention that the addition of the increase in the base would eliminate the need to discuss any of the other proposals. She pointed out that the items approved last month were the only ones that all could agree to. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Willard pointed out that last month he had recommended that any further additions to the budget be funding added to the base. His feelings remained the same, indicating that his preference would be to vote on the increase and drop consideration of any further options. When asked by Dr. Abrams if the vote on the motion would cut off further discussion, Chairman Wagnon indicated Mrs. Rupe explanation indicated that was her intent, but her motion did not include the provision. The motion carried on a vote of 6-3-1, with Dr. Abrams, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Willard voting "no" and Mrs. Martin abstaining.

The next issue discussed was a five-year phase-in of all-day kindergarten. Dr. Abrams indicated that he was not satisfied with research about whether it actually helps academic growth in later years. Dr. Abrams moved, with a second by Mr. Willard, that the Board not adopt any plan for all-day kindergarten until satisfactory information is received about its effectiveness. Chairman Wagnon stated he would not

vote for the motion because he did not want to go on the record as being against all-day kindergarten. He added that he would not vote for an increase this year because he felt that the dollars added to the base were sufficient. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Abrams stated he would withdraw his motion if at some future time the Board could receive more information. Chairman Wagnon agreed that it would be vital information to have and that it would be appropriate for staff to develop a substantive presentation. Mr. Dennis indicated that if the Board did not include it in its budget, it could make it a part of its legislative recommendation. Mrs. Gamble pointed out that districts across the state believe that all-day kindergarten is effective regardless of research. Mr. Willard indicated he didn't vote for the increase on the base because he believed all other options would be added on. Dr. Abrams withdrew his motion. The motion carried.

In other action on the budget options, Mrs. Cauble moved, with a second by Mrs. Martin, that the Chairman write a letter to the Kansas Board of Regents indicating the Board would support a request to the legislature from the Board of Regents for an increase in the loan cancellation program targeted at teachers hired for hard-to-fill positions. There was discussion about whether it would be appropriate to add to the motion the grow-your-own competitive grant program. It was decided that it would be better to address it through legislation. In further discussion of other options, Mr. Dennis indicated he would not recommend any action by the Board on the KPERS surcharge because it was already being discussed by legislative committees.

On other matters, Mr. Dennis handed out information on religious studies/Biblical/comparative religion programs in Kansas districts. He also included information about the districts that have a grow-your-own teacher tuition program. In addition, he handed out agendas for upcoming interim legislative committee meetings. Mr. Dennis also announced Veryl Peters, Director of School Finance, was retiring after 25 years of service to the Department of Education.

#### **APPOINTMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Mr. Rupe, with a second by Mrs. Waugh, moved that the Board appoint Linda Strecher to the Professional Standards Board. Mr. Willard, with a second by Mr. Bacon, moved that the Board appoint Sarah Berblinger to the Professional Standards Board. Linda Strecher received the majority of votes and was appointed as a representative of classroom teachers for a term ending June 30, 2010. Mrs. Rupe requested that when there is more than one nominee for a vacant position, the Board be provided with more information about the candidates.

#### **BOARD TRAVEL**

Mrs. Waugh added a Policy Committee meeting for September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Shaver and Mr. Bacon also requested the meeting be added. Mr. Willard asked to add the Regional Teacher of the Year ceremony in Wichita on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Waugh and Mrs. Gamble asked to add salary and mileage to KTOY ceremonies – Mrs. Waugh for Topeka and Overland Park and Mrs. Gamble for Wichita and Salina, with per diem, as well, for the Wichita event. Mrs. Shaver requested that the 2010 Commission meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> be added to her request. Mrs. Cauble added a meeting in Garden City that she had attended on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Waugh moved, with a second by Dr. Abrams, that the travel requests be approved as modified.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Wagnon adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

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Bill Wagnon, Chairman

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Penny Plamann, Secretary