

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATE CAPITOL, SENATE ROOM 535  
2300 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**August 27, 2014**

The State Board of Education met in special session at 1:01 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, in the Senate Room 535 of the State Capitol at 2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

The following were present:

Ms. Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board of Education  
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Administrative Assistant

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board  
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton  
Ms. Amy Ford, Durant  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa  
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City  
Mr. William "Bill" Shdeed, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barresi called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Isenhour called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA  
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Barresi led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**JULY 23, 2014 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014, special State Board of Education meeting. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT  
First-Year Superintendents**

First-year superintendent(s) attending the meeting were Brian Armstrong, Eagletown Independent School District; Jim Bynum, Greasy Public Schools; Michael Crawford, South Rock Creek Public Schools; Melinda Fink, Osage Public Schools; Todd Harrison, Hugo Public Schools; Larry Henson, Central Public Schools; Carl Johnson, Jones, Public Schools; Christine Midgley, Spavinaw Public Schools; Joel Hank Nichols, Glover Public Schools; Jerry Olansen, Glenpool Public Schools; Kevin Brown, Duke Public Schools; Don Schneberger, Boone-Apache Public Schools; Shawn Tennyson, Waukomis Public Schools; Lisa Weaver, Watts Public Schools; and John Wilcox, Tannehill Public Schools.

**Information from the State Superintendent**

Superintendent Barresi said on August 12, a one year extension request was filed with the United States Department of Education (USDE) of Oklahoma's flexibility waiver from the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA)-No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The waiver would relieve thirteen federal regulations and provide the latitude to decide how to best fund programs meeting student needs. If the waiver is rejected schools are required to set aside 20 percent of Title I funds for School Choice. The ESEA mandates that every student in a school must score proficient or require an exemption and the school will be labeled as failing. Approximately 90 percent of Oklahoma school sites will not meet the requirement. This would result in an increase of Priority Schools, currently 168 under the flexibility waiver, to more than 1,600 under NCLB.

The flexibility waiver granted Oklahoma the freedom to design programs to meet college and career ready standards. In order to retain the waiver USDE requires Oklahoma to prove our academic standards are college, career and citizen ready. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education were unable to determine if the Priority Academic Student Standards (PASS) met USDE requirements by the August 12 deadline. At this time we are waiting USDE response to the one year extension request.

Oklahoma ACT composite scores for the graduating class of 2014 dropped slightly and nationally there was a small increase in scores. The composition score declined from 20.8 in 2013 to 20.7 and national score increased to 21 from 20.9 over the same time period. Scores in three of the four subject test either declined or remained the same for Oklahoma students. In 2013, English scores dropped to 20.3 from 20.4 and mathematics to 19.9 from 20.1. Reading score improved to 21.5 up from 21.4 in 2013 and 21.2 in 2010, and science score remained unchanged at 20.9. Current 2014 graduate benchmarks scores revealed only 66 percent were ready for college freshman level English composition, 35 percent for college algebra, 45 percent for college social studies, and 25 percent for college biology. The other benchmark scores show more than ever that the academics standards we set for students are not where they should be and students not adequately prepared for success in our schools. We cannot continue accepting these results for our children and must demand solutions from district and state leader's for this generation of young people and generations to follow. As we write new English and math standards, keep a laser focus on increasing rigor and ensuring students are given a deep foundational knowledge of the subject matter being taught. Focus must be on content only and on the mastery of foundational skills is met.

Later on the agenda Dwight Pickering, Director, American Indian Education will present a new Oklahoma Indian Education Resource website. It is an innovative and comprehensive resource which is part of a larger effort to strengthen American Indian Education in Oklahoma. It details the vibrant culture, traditions, history, and government of the Oklahoma's 39 tribes. I commend Mr. Pickering for his work on this project as well as his work with the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education. It is critical that Oklahomans particularly the youngest and future generations understand and appreciate the legacies of our Indian tribes and the rich history they lend to the state. The online resource is a useful way for educators to ensure that happens.

The State Teacher of the Year (TOY) ceremony will be held at the State Fair of Oklahoma on September 16, 2014. Board Members are invited to attend.

### **Employee Service Recognitions**

Superintendent Barresi presented Janet Smith, Certification Specialist, Teacher Certification, with a 30 year certificate and service pin, and Keith Hicks, Director, Operations Support, with a 35 year certificate and pin. Superintendent Barresi thanked them for their faithful and dedicated service to the citizens of Oklahoma.

Superintendent Barresi recognized Nancy Hughes, Iona Martin, and Pam Honeysuckle, Financial Accounting Division, on receiving the USDE's Institute of Education Sciences National Center for Education Statistics Award for outstanding performance in timely and complete reporting of the National Public Education Financial Service.

Superintendent Barresi recognized and commended Jeff Smith, Executive Director, Teacher Certification and staff for their hard work in issuing 190 emergency certifications in the month of August.

### **CONSENT DOCKET APPROVED**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2014-2015 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
  - Anadarko Public Schools, Caddo County
  - Beggs Public Schools, Okmulgee County
  - Bethel Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
  - Cimarron Public Schools, Major County
  - Hilldale Public Schools, Muskogee County
  - Lexington Public Schools, Cleveland County
  - Macomb Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
  - McAlester Public Schools, Pittsburg County
  - Stroud Public Schools, Lincoln County
  - Valliant Public Schools, McCurtain County
  - Woodland Public Schools, Osage County
  
- (b) **Adjunct Teachers – 70 O.S. § 6-122.3**
  - Macomb Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
  
- (c) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
  - Achille Public Schools, Bryan County
  - Anadarko Public Schools, Caddo County
  - Antlers Public Schools, Pushmataha County
  - Battiest Public Schools, McCurtain County
  - Bethel Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
  - Boswell Public Schools, Choctaw County
  - Broken Bow Public Schools, McCurtain County
  - Buffalo Valley Public Schools, Latimer County
  - Caddo Public Schools, Bryan County
  - Coalgate Public Schools, Coal County
  - Coleman Public Schools, Johnston County
  - Friend Public Schools, Grady County
  - Latta Public Schools, Pontotoc County
  - Moyers Public Schools, Pushmataha County
  - Nashoba Public Schools, Pushmataha County
  - Paden Public Schools, Okfuskee County
  - Ringling Public Schools, Jefferson County
  - Roff Public Schools, Pontotoc County
  - Terral Public Schools, Jefferson County
  - Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County

- (d) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**  
Central Public Schools, Sequoyah County  
Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County  
Keyes Public Schools, Cimarron County  
Maud Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Preston Public Schools, Okmulgee County  
Reydon Public Schools, Roger Mills County  
Waurika Public School, Jefferson County
- (e) **Length of School Day - 70 O. S. § 1-109**  
Miami Public Schools, Ottawa County
- (f) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and OAC 210:35-9-71**  
Beaver Public Schools, Beaver County  
Blair Public Schools, Jackson County  
Boswell Public Schools, Choctaw County  
Braggs Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County  
Collinsville Public Schools, Tulsa County  
Davis Public Schools, Murray County  
Deer Creek-Lamont Public Schools, Grant County  
Frontier Public Schools, Noble County  
Glencoe Public Schools, Payne County  
Goodwell Public Schools, Texas County  
Grandview Public Schools, Cherokee County  
Hardesty Public Schools, Texas County  
Jenks Public Schools, Tulsa County  
    Jenks Middle Schools  
Jones Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
  
Macomb Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Minco Public Schools, Grady County  
Paden Public Schools, Okfuskee County  
Ponca City Public Schools, Kay County  
    Trout Elementary School  
    Union Elementary School  
Putnam City Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
    Early Childhood Center  
Shidler Public Schools, Osage County  
Tecumseh Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County  
Vian Public Schools, Sequoyah County  
Watonga Public Schools, Blaine County  
Waurika Public Schools, Jefferson County  
Waynoka Public Schools, Woods County  
Woodland Public Schools, Osage County
- (g) **Library Media Specialist – 70 O.S. § 3-126**  
Allen-Bowden Public Schools, Creek County  
Hennessey Public Schools, Kingfisher County  
    Hennessey High Schools

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Hennessey Public Schools, Kingfisher County  
Lower Elementary School  
Jenks Public Schools, Tulsa County  
Jenks Middle Schools  
Jenks Public Schools, Tulsa County  
West Elementary Schools  
Kingfisher Public Schools, Kingfisher County  
Heritage Elementary School  
Kingfisher Public Schools, Kingfisher County  
Gilmour Elementary School  
Kingfisher Public Schools, Kingfisher County  
Kingfisher Middle Schools  
Oak Hill Episcopal, Cater County  
Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Greenvale/Wind West Elementary School

- (h) **Planning Period – OAC 210:35-7-41 and OAC 210-35-9-41**  
Indianola Public Schools, Pittsburg County  
Jones Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Mangum Public Schools, Greer County  
Maysville Public Schools, Garvin County  
Paden Public Schools, Okfuskee County  
Ponca City Public Schools, Kay County  
Purcell Public Schools, McClain County  
Stilwell Public Schools, Adair County  
Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County
- (i) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures – 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4**  
Frederick Public Schools, Tillman County
- (j) Request approval for Stonebridge Academy, an AdvancedEd accredited private school, to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program - 70 O.S. 13-101.2
- (k) Request approval of sponsorship/donations of Advanced Placement textbooks donated by various textbook publishers at the AP summer institute – 70 O.S. § 3-104 (12)
- (l) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates – 70 O. S. § 6-187

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the Consent Docket. Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **Qualified Zone Academy Bond Allocations Approved**

Nancy Hughes, Executive Director, OCAS, presented a request to authorize issuance of \$1 million to Haworth Public Schools from the QZAB allocation for renovations at the multipurpose gymnasium building to meet building code requirements.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request to allocate \$350,000 of QZAB funds to Eufaula Public Schools. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

### **Report on the FY2015 Shared Superintendent Salary Assistance Applications**

Renée McWaters, Executive Director, State Aid, said the assistance program is in the third year and presented a report on the three shared superintendent contract/applications and six districts that included Wister/Fanshaw, Wayne/Byars and New Lima/Moss. State assistance can be provided for three consecutive years and up to \$150,000. The funds expended from the School Consolidation Assistance Fund totaled \$144,434.

### **Report on the FY13 School District Audit Report**

Ms. Hughes presented a report summary on the financial performance of school districts through the school districts audits submitted to Financial Accounting that included Fiscal Year 2013 audit submissions from 549 schools and cooperatives; State Auditor and Inspector audits; December school districts audit determinations, deadlines, compliance; noncompliance and withheld federal and state payments; Local Board audit approvals, notarized Audit Acknowledgement verification and compliance timeline; SDE financial specialist reviewers and determinations of 547 audits; Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) data procedures and requirements; and fiscal year 14 violations of revenue and expenditures.

Superintendent Barresi requested Ms. Hughes present recommendations for school districts and the support they may need to get a better agreement at the September 25, 2014 SBE meeting.

### **Payment of Late Federal Program Claims – Special Education, Federal Programs, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Approved**

Anita Eccard, Director of Finance, Special Education, presented a request to pay federal claims to McCord and Wainwright school districts that did not file by the August 1 deadline.

Daniel Fryar, Assistant Director, Titles I, II, VI, X, presented a request to pay federal claims to Timberlake, Blackwell, Monroe, Hanna, Millwood, Okmulgee and Anderson school districts that did not file by the August 1 deadline.

Sonia Johnson, Director, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Titles IV, Part B, presented a request to pay federal claims to Caney Valley, Ringwood, Commerce and Walters school districts due to late filing after the August 1 deadline.

Board Member Baxter made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

## **ACCREDITATION**

### **Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission Standards for Accrediting Private Schools Approved**

Lynn Jones, Executive Director, Accreditation, presented a request from Oklahoma Private Schools Accreditation Commission (OPSAC) recommending a five-year renewal of the standards to accredit private schools.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

### **Standards for Accreditation (Compliance Report) for the 2014-2015 School Year Approved**

Ms. Jones presented a recommendation request of the standards for accreditation compliance report items for 2014-2015.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the award requests. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

### **Report on Local School District Employees Identified as Lacking Appropriate Certification**

Ms. Jones presented a report on school district employees serving with expired certificates. School districts were notified by the SDE-School Personnel office regarding employees listed as certified when in fact they should have been listed as support.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

### **Office of Instruction**

#### **Oklahoma Indian Education Resource Website**

Dwight Pickering, Director, American Indian Education and Lucyann Harjo, Norman Public Schools presented information pertaining to the new Oklahoma Indian Education Resource website. States throughout the nation have contacted the office interested in what Oklahoma has developed for the state's education system.



Ms. Harjo said she is a member of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education and a Board member for the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. A large group of educators and education participants were involved in working together to build and create the website resources for teachers. We are working with each of the 39 Tribal Sovereign Nations to develop a resource of accurate authentic information. The teacher resource link is available on the State Department of Education website. Ms. Harjo reviewed the tribal education guides, social studies standards, lesson plans and resources, Oklahoma Academic Standards, and lesson/resource submittal and approval.

**Formation of a Steering Committee to recommend to the  
State Board of Education a process by which new English  
Language Arts and Mathematics subject matter standards  
will be developed Approved**

Board Member Baxter presented a proposal recommending the composition of a Steering Committee with a charter to establish the process and system to be used in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematic standards; and to guide the process. The composition conforms to state law and is composed of one member of the State Board of Education who will Chair the Steering Committee. The State Board of Education has the ultimate approval authority for all actions regarding it and therefore two additional members of the State Board of Education will be on the Steering Committee. The Chancellor of Higher Education will serve or a designee, Secretary of Commerce or designee, State Board of Career and Technology Education will appoint one Department of Career and Technology Education employee; and State Board of Education will appoint one State Department of Education employee, one parent of an Oklahoma student in Common Education, one Superintendent of an Oklahoma Public School, one English Language Arts teacher, and one mathematics teacher.

In addition to include in the proposed recommendation is the establishment of an Executive Director position to be filled on a fulltime basis to work for the Steering Committee and State Board of Education as an advisor, administrator, guide and facilitator to ensure the standards are set and approved in a timely manner. A recommendation in regards to the Executive Director is that the person be a senior educator widely respected statewide. There are no names to offer at this time and would be a function of the Steering Committee to set. If a Steering Committee and Chair were to be established today they would be expected to report on the Steering Committee composition ultimately by the next State Board of Education meeting, and have the system on its way to implementation.

Board Member Baxter made a motion recommending the Steering Committee be established along with the position of Executive Director.

Board Member Ford said agenda item 9 (b) does not include the creation of the Executive Director. The motion needs to reflect how the agenda was posted.

Board Member Baxter said the Executive Director is a part of the Steering Committee. The motion on the agenda does not include the composition of the Steering Committee. It only establishes the Steering Committee.

Board Member Ford said the motion is to establish the Steering Committee.

Board Member Baxter said right.

Board Member Ford seconded the motion. To be clear this committee is examining the best process for the development of the standards, and not the committee that will develop the standards.

Board Member Price asked the appointment of Executive Director is a part of this motion?

Board Member Ford and Board Member Baxter said the appointment of the Executive Director will fall under the Steering Committee. The Executive Director is not separate from the Steering Committee. The Executive Director position and everything proposed will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval.

The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

**Appointment of Three Members of the State Board of Education to serve on the Steering Committee formed to implement provisions of H.B. 3399 Approved**

Board Member Shdeed made a motion to appoint Mrs. Amy Ford as Chairman of the Steering Committee and appoint to the Steering Committee General Lee Baxter and Mr. William “Bill” Price. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

**Office of Educator Effectiveness**

**Status of Implementation of the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System**

Kerri White, Assistant State Superintendent, Office of Educator Effectiveness, presented an update on the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE), summer activity, questions and considerations regarding future of TLE. Ms. White reviewed the Educator Effectiveness Theory of Action guide, TLE components and goals.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

**State Board of Education Gift and Donation Policy Approved**

Kimberly Richey, General Counsel, presented a proposed revision request of the gift and donation policy. The proposed policy revision will replace the policy adopted in 2011 with significant changes incorporating rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. The State Board of Education is statutorily authorized to accept gifts and items of value on behalf of Oklahoma public schools under Title 70, Section 3-104.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Baxter made a motion to adjourn and Board Member Ford seconded the motion. There being no further business Board Members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Capitol, Senate Room 535, State Capitol, 2300 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board

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Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board

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