

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

April 25, 2024

The State Board of Education met in a regular session at 9:34 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

The following were present:

Ms. Cody Jones, Acting General Counsel to the State Board of Education
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board
Mr. Donald Burdick, Tulsa
Ms. Sarah Lepak, Claremore
Mrs. Katie Quebedeaux, Guymon
Mrs. Kendra Wesson, Norman

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Zachary Archer, Hammon

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

CALL TO ORDER

State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the March 28, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting - Approved

Board member Burdick moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board member Leak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, abstain; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Walters welcomed everyone to the meeting and led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag and Prayer.

Superintendent Walters updated on the United States Department of Education (USDE) new Title IX rules/regulations, opposing policy and Oklahoma school districts noncompliance; Proud to Partner review, criteria, determinations and OSDE terms and recommendations.

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Presentation from Tulsa Public School District, discussion, and possible action on the Tulsa Public School District accreditation status for the 2022-2023 school year

Dr. Ebony Johnson, Superintendent, Tulsa Public School District (TPS) shared celebration highlights for graduating TPS student's college acceptance letters, National College Decisions Day; eleven (11) University of Tulsa full ride scholarship recipients, and fifty (50) \$10,000 Oklahoma Education Memorial Trust Foundation scholarship recipients.

TPS 2023-24 Improvement Plan updates included student achievement initiatives implemented, intervention, and progress; literacy improvement, science of reading training, MIR school improvement goal objectives.

Sean Berkstresser, Executive Director of Information and Analytics provided summary details on the OTEP roll out and science of reading, end of year initiatives, classroom instruction support strategies midyear data forecast, high dosage tutoring and effective results, and OTEP teacher feedback.

Board members asked questions and discussed support teachers with instructional data tools, community support, literacy ambassadors summer support, 2-day afterschool tutoring, value of assessments, improvement based on qualitative/quantitative data, use of select curricula and assessment tools; launch districtwide universal PTA, empowering TPS families, 'Pocket Talk' device for language support; staff retention, leadership by example model; additional support levels to improve attendance, and continued summer plans for academic excellence.

Superintendent Walters thanked Dr. Johnson and TPS team for bringing updated data information. It was an honor to tour TPS campuses and see the importance and hard work of high dosage tutoring needs to students. The district, in a year, used the reported data to improve performance results, and have a very transparent strategic plan going forward. They are an incredible example of dedication and the growth of TPS.

CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

Proud to Partner Leadership Academy-Approved

Todd Loftin, Chief Academic Officer said staff reviewed charter school appeal application financial plan, and concerns with cash flow projections and five-year budget with Proud to Partner Leadership Academy. The OSDE conferred all statutory requirements were met and recommends approval of the contract with stipulation on the concerns to operate successfully.

Dawn Boiles, School Founder and Head of Schools thanked board members and was excited about the recommendation and more excited to represent Oklahoma and making Oklahoma proud.

Board member Burdick moved to approve the recommendation for Proud to Partner Leadership Academy. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

CONSENT DOCKET - Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2023-2024 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46 – 70 O.S. § 1210.568**

2024-2025

3 Years

Bowlegs Public Schools, Seminole County

- (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O.S. § 1210.568**

2024-2025

3 Years

Merritt Public Schools, Beckham County
Canton Public Schools, Blaine County
Temple Public Schools, Cotton County
Seiling Public Schools, Dewey County
Stigler Public Schools, Haskell County
Duke Public Schools, Jackson County
Kildare Public Schools, Kay County
Oak Grove Public Schools, Payne County
Bowlegs Public Schools, Seminole County
Marble City Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Moffett Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Tyrone Public Schools, Texas County
Freedom Public Schools, Woods County

- (c) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Darlington Public Schools, Canadian County

3 Years

Moss Public Schools, Hughes County
Harrah Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Panama Public Schools, LeFlore County
Preston Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Pawnee Public Schools, Pawnee County

- (d) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
2024-2025
Middleberg Public Schools, Grady County

3 Years

Boise City Public Schools, Cimarron County
Stigler Public Schools, Haskell County
Commerce Public Schools, Ottawa County
Marble City Public Schools, Sequoyah County

- (d) **Substitute Teachers – 70 O.S. § 6-105b**
Midwest City Public Schools, Oklahoma County

- (e) 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 Wesson moved to approve Consent Docket waiver requests. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

LEGAL SERVICES

Monthly report on complaints filed, and status thereof, regarding alleged violations of 70 O.S. § 24-157 and Administrative Code Rule 210:10-1-23, prohibiting race and sex discrimination

Cody Jones, Acting General Counsel, State Board of Education (OSDE), advised there were no House Bill 1775 issues to report on Agenda item 8.(a).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals signed up to address agenda #9 items included Sean Cummings, Carey Warner, Erica Watkins, Audra Beasley, Wesley Beasley, Nicole McAfee and Cathryn M. Oakley

Individuals signed up to address items not on the agenda included Mike Howe, Jakob Lavicky and Lori Tuggle.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Burdick moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday May 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board



Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary