

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD**  
**STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**April 23, 2020**

The State Board of Education met in special session at 9:41 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020, by teleconferencing, videoconferencing and there were parties present at the Oliver Hodge Building, 2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Suite 1-20. The final agenda was posted at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

The following were present at the meeting site and remote locations:

Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel, at meeting site via Zoom videoconference  
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary, via Zoom videoconference

Member of the State Board of Education present at meeting site via Zoom videoconference:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

Members of the State Board of Education present at remote locations via Zoom videoconference:

Mrs. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City  
Mrs. Jennifer Monies, Oklahoma City  
Mr. Barry “Kurt” Bollenbach, Kingfisher  
Mrs. Carlisha Williams Bradley, Tulsa  
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City  
Mr. William “Bill” Flanagan, Claremore

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

Superintendent Hofmeister welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the State Board of Education.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Recognition of Department Employees for the month of April**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Jeremy Irons, Audio Visual Support Specialist, Jennifer Weber, Executive Director, Child Nutrition and Gary Hurst, Director of Professional Development and Delivery Systems also for their outstanding leadership, professionalism and going above and beyond in meeting the needs of children, school districts and OSDE.

**Information from the State Superintendent**

Superintendent Hofmeister updated on volunteer OSDE staff assisting with Oklahoma Employment Commission; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) waiver approved school feeding sites for high need areas; OSDE weekly topical ZOOM trainings via OSU Project ECHO three tele-delivery platforms for distance learning and professional development.

**Minutes of the March 16, 2020 Emergency  
State Board of Education meeting - Approved**

Board member Hernandez motioned to approve the March 16, 2020, State Board of Education emergency meeting minutes. Board member Bollenbach seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**CONSENT DOCKET – Approved**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers and exemptions for the 2019-2020 school year and other requests:

- (a) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates - **70 O.S. §§ 3-104, 6-122.3 6-187 and 6-189; OAC 210:20-9-91, OAC 210:20-9-102, OAC 210:20-9-105 and OAC 210:20-9-11**

- (b) Request approval on process for awarding a non-renewable temporary certificate to individuals who have been disrupted or sustained interference with certification as a result of the coronavirus pandemic – 70 O.S. §§ 3-104 and 6-187
- (c) Discussion and possible action to extend the time for submission of audits to June 30, 2020 - **70 O.S. §§ 22-103 and 22-108**
- (d) Discussion and possible action to accredit the Oklahoma State University, Cleo L. Craig Child Development Laboratory - **70 O.S. § 3-104(7); OAC 210:35-33-1.**

Brad Clark, General Counsel advised two **emergency exception** requests, **Consent Docket 6. (a)**, were held over due to the focus on the items at the March meetings. The requests were without relevant work experience in early childhood and elementary education. Individuals from **McAlester Public Schools** and **Shadduck Public Schools** presented their request via teleconference.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding applicants/school emergency requests, recruitment options, and federal certification requirements.

Kathy Hunt, Principal, William Gay Early Childhood Center, representing Melisa Price, McAlester Public Schools, said their school improvement grant allowed for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM) teacher. Ms. Price is requesting early childhood certification and has a chemistry degree making her a great fit for the temporary position.

Tyson Bullard, Superintendent, Shadduck Public Schools, representing Kale Hixon, said he was requesting elementary education certification, grades 3 and 4. Mr. Hixon previously worked in the special education department at Woodward Public Schools, and is assisting his father Kyle Hixon, a 14 year special education teacher in Woodward Public Schools, overseeing Shadduck IEPs and IEP processes. Kyle was hired as an IEP case manager and currently certified for K-12 PE only.

Todd Loftin, Executive Director, Special Education advised an IEP case manager must have special education certification. At this time, Mr. Hixon cannot serve as one and must be removed from the Ed Plan as a special education teacher. Mr. Loftin recommended contacting him to discuss more options.

Mr. Clark overviewed **Consent Docket 6. (b)** waiver requests for individuals whose standard certification pathway was interrupted, do to no fault of their own, through college of educations or could not take required assessments due to closures. Recommendation is to grant extensions and award non-renewable temporary certificates. Applicants must complete background check requirements; **Consent Docket 6. (c)** waiver request to extend the time for submission of audits to June 30, 2020; and **Consent Docket 6. (d)** waiver request to accredit Oklahoma State University (OSU), Cleo L. Craig Child Development Laboratory.

Sandy Major teleconferenced from Cleo L. Craig Child Development Lab and said they have been a part of the OSU ECE program for 95 years. Program offers varied student teaching opportunities with early childhood certified classroom teachers and students. Requesting accreditation for pre-k and kindergarten.

Board members asked questions and discussed certification team support, higher education partnerships/supports; OSDE Office of Instruction, professional development providers, postponed requirements, and temp-certification expirations; child development lab experience

Board member Bollenbach moved to deny the Kale Hixon emergency certification request. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Board member Bollenbach moved to approve remaining Consent Docket items. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes. Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act”), Pub. L No. 116-136**

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs/Deputy Chief of Staff said the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, stimulus package became law March 27, 2020. Approximately, \$2 trillion in relief funding was made available for individuals, businesses, corporations, state governments, public health and education. Ms. Thompson reviewed the Oklahoma’s anticipated relief funds, needs and use, flexibilities and guidelines; OSDE application, fund availability, and timelines; school district applications/allocations; Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) support for Learning Education Agencies) LEAs, higher education institutions, and other education-related entities; Oklahoma funding qualifications, Maintenance of Effort (MOE), education expectations, and waivers; and future emergency relief packages.

## **LEGAL SERVICES/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE**

### **Emergency Rule Adoption Approved**

Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel presented a request to adopt the following emergency rule:

- (1) Title 210. State Department of Education  
Chapter 25. Finance  
Subchapter 5. Budget and Business Management  
**210:25-5-4. Accounting [AMENDED]**

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the **emergency rule**. Board member Williams Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez; yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Resolve into Executive Session**  
**pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) and (8)** for the purpose of discussing possible action to accept the Hearing Officer's proposed orders to revoke the teacher certificate and certificate numbers of **1) McKensey Maddox and Jill Divine - 70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6**

**Resolve into Executive Session**  
**pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8)** for the purpose of discussing possible action to issue an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **1) Michael Grimes; 2) William Money; 3) Blaine Heffington** and; **4) Nathan Holland** pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action –**70 O.S. § 3- 104; 75 O.S. § 314; OAC 210-1-5-6**

Board member Flanagan moved to convene into Executive Session at 11:28 a.m. Board member Hernandez seconded the motion: The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Flanagan yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

#### **Return to Open Session**

Board member Flanagan moved to return to Open Session at 12:04 p.m. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session. Brad Clark, General Counsel, Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel, remained in the Executive Session.

Board member Monies moved to accept the Hearing Officer's orders to revoke teacher certificates and teacher numbers for **McKensey Maddox and Jill Divine**. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Flanagan yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Board member Hernandez moved to suspend the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Michael Grimes, William Money, Blaine Heffington and Nathan Holland**. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan yes; Mr. Bobek yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## ADJOURNMENT

Board member Bobek moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Board member Williams Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bollenbach, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020, 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.

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Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary