

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

**January 27, 2022**

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2022, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

The following were present:

Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel to the Oklahoma State Dept. of Education(OSDE)  
Mr. Travis Jett, Counsel to the Board  
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board  
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City  
Mrs. Jennifer Monies, Oklahoma City  
Mr. Trent Smith, Yukon

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mrs. Carlisha Williams Bradley, Tulsa  
Mrs. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

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

Superintendent Hofmeister 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.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Information from the State Superintendent**

**Recognition of Department Employee  
for the month of January: Melissa Ahlgrim**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Melissa Ahlgrim, Director of Reading Sufficiency, for outstanding leadership, professionalism and going above and beyond in meeting the needs of children, school districts and OSDE.

**Recognition of Rebecca Thompson, and Debra Hayes  
for years of service to the state of Oklahoma:**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Debra Hayes, Regional Coordinator, SoonerStart for 30 years of service for helping infants and families reach their full potential by completing screenings, evaluations, intervention planning, coaching, and providing needed services and support.

Rebecca Thompson, Procurement Officer I, Operational Support, was recognized for 35years of service to the state of Oklahoma.

Superintendent Hofmeister said \$6 million federal relief funds were dedicated to classroom teachers. The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) Teacher Incentive partnered with “DonorsChoose” and Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family philanthropies to provide \$800 to an educator’s project. Project application period opens February 4 for all teachers, pre-K-12, and only one \$800 project, per teacher, will be funded. School districts are required to approve all project applications.

In early January the annual student count for the 2021-22 school year was released. Data revealed 698,000 plus students were enrolled in pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, a 4,500-student increase; increased pre-K and kindergarten enrollments; and Tulsa Public School District is now the largest district in the state.

Updates were provided on the 2022 Student Advisory Council meeting and input from the 74 student members that included COVID concerns, feedback on state-level initiatives/suggestions and recommendations.

## **ELEVATE presentation**

Superintendent Hofmeister’s video presentation highlighted the William Gay Early Childhood Center, McAlester Public Schools, and recognized the Behavior Specialists successes in addressing behavior challenges and chronic absenteeism.

## **First-Year Superintendents**

Superintendent Hoffmeister recognized first-year superintendents attending the meeting that included Rocky Kennedy, Yale Public Schools; Scott Webb, Hardesty Public Schools; Curtis Layton, Glenpool Public Schools; Ryan Baker, Hammon Public Schools; Dr. Stu Moore, Hooker, Public Schools; Jon Shepard, Calera Public Schools; Chester Pittman, Schuler Public Schools; Linda Coffman (Interim), Valliant Public Schools; Abidin Erez, Dove Schools-Tulsa; Dr. Courtney Knapp, Crescent Public Schools; Cory Campbell, Hominy Public Schools; Clifta Fugett, Muldrow Public Schools; Jeremy Brashears, Beaver Public Schools; Jamey Cook, Cantue Public Schools; Kevin Engle, Prague Public Schools; Stephen Moss, Commerce Public Schools; Bryce Schanbacher Cherokee Public Schools; Melissa Amon, Cushing Public Schools; Dr. Angela Gruenwalk, Edmond Public Schools; Brandon Frazier, Valliant Public Schools; and Felicia Eller, Wainwright Public Schools.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Minutes of the December 16, 2021 regular State Board of Education meeting - Approved**

Board member Monies moved to approve minutes of the December 16, 2021, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **CONSENT DOCKET - Approved**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2021-2022 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**  
Maryetta Public Schools, Adair County
- (b) **Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption - 70 O.S. § 3-126**  
Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County  
**(Whittier Middle School)**
- (c) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education Teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates –**70 O.S. § 6-187**

- (d) Request approval for Oklahoma Cost accounting System (OCAS) late penalty waiver requests for school districts not meeting the September 1 submission deadline - **70 O.S. § 5-135.2**

- 1. Oilton Public Schools
- 2. Wanette Public Schools

- (e) Request approval on flexibility to use textbook funds - **70 O.S. § 16-114a(B)**  
Mid-Del Public Schools, Oklahoma County

Board members discussed and asked questions on **Consent Docket** waiver requests regarding:

6. (d) 2. **Oklahoma Cost Accounting Systems (OCAS) - Wanette Public Schools** late penalty waiver request for school districts not meeting the September 1 submission deadline

6.(e) **Textbook Fund Flexibility - Mid-Del Public Schools** request to use general funds expenses specifically for certified teacher salaries.

Board member Bobek moved to approve **Consent Docket 6. (a)-(d)** waiver requests, except for the **Wanette Public Schools, 6. (d) 2. OCAS late penalty** and **Mid-del Public Schools, 6. (e) Flexibility to use Textbook funds**. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Board member Bobek moved to approve **Mid-Del Public Schools** waiver request, **Consent Docket 6. (e) Flexibility to use textbook fund**, with the stipulation funds are used exclusively for certified teacher salaries only. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Presentation, discussion, and possible action on petitions submitted by **Agra Public Schools, Canadian Public Schools, Flower Mound Public Schools, Morrison Public Schools, Tannehill Public Schools** and **Terrel Public Schools** to add the *Success with OAS ELA*, Grades 3-5, textbooks to the approved book list selected by the State Textbook Committee - Tabled

Mr. Jett advised 70 O.S. § 16-102 specifies the local board of education make a petition to the Oklahoma State Board of Education (OSBE). A few applications were submitted by school district Superintendents, and only one school district Board of Education submitted an approved petition. Recommended tabling the item, allow districts opportunity to provide an approved Resolution to Mr. Clark's office and resubmit for the next SBE meeting.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding State Textbook Adoption Committee, review/process, approved book list requirements, school district textbook

purchases, state contract funds vs. school funds; SBE authority and textbook funds used for only approved textbooks.

Board member Bobek moved to table item 7. (a). Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

### **Presentation of quarterly report on complaints filed, and status thereof, regarding alleged violations of 70 O.S. § 24-157 and administrative rule prohibiting race and sex discrimination**

Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Department of Education (SDE), presented a quarterly report pursuant requirements of House Bill 1775 and 70 O.S. § 24-157. The bill and statute do not prohibit teaching concepts aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards, certain concepts being required or made part of a course and requires Oklahoma State Board of Education (OSBE) to promulgate rules and implementation.

Board members asked questions and discussed OSBE approved emergency administrative rules-September 2021; complaints alleging violations prohibiting race and sex discrimination filed September through December 2021 with school districts, Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), investigations/findings and determinations.

#### **Emergency Rule Adoption - Approved**

Title 210. State Department of Education  
Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services  
Subchapter 1. General Provisions  
**210:10-1-18. Transfers [AMENDED]**

Title 210. State Department of Education  
Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services  
Subchapter 1. General Provisions  
**210:10-1-18.1 Right to Appeal Transfer Application Upon Denial [NEW]**

Board members asked questions and discussed new employees hired to assist with new legislation, new staffing not included in HB1775, Administrative Rule open transfer language, compliance/alignment, appeal process and procedures, rulemaking process, public comment, hearing, and permanent rule approval.

Mr. Jett advised board members on permanent rule process and rulemaking timeline.

Board member Monies moved to adopt the emergency rules. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Update, discussion, and possible action regarding Western Heights Independent School District, and possible action to approve, modify and/or deny actions and inactions of Western Heights Public Schools Board of Education at its January 10, 2022, meeting pursuant the terms and conditions of State Intervention and Accredited with Probation, as modified on July 12, 2021**

Mr. Clark presented updates on Western Heights Independent School District that included district finance history, mismanagement issues and timeline. Recommended district needed Chief Financial Officer, Internal Auditor, Internal Controls, and board member finance committee; human capital compensation study, review marketing compensation and alignment, staff recruitment, retention and turnover, continuous professional development and resources 2021 school year, transportation and facility improvements, study 2018-2020 academic outcomes/comparisons; and future support for students and families onsite and community networks.

Mr. Clark introduce new interim Superintendent, Ms. Brayden Savage. Ms. Savage shared she is a 26-year veteran educator, and current Principle at Shawnee Public Schools Early Childhood Center. As a former resident and 16-year teacher at Western Heights, Ms. Savage said she will need a team of people for all to work together. Bringing people together and building relationships is her area of strength, and she looks forward to doing that with Western Heights parents and community, who have already rallied and came together as a community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Bobek moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 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