# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the State Board of Education

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2024** 



# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

## September 26, 2024

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:42 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 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, September 25, 2024.

The following were present:

Mr. Michael Beason, General Counsel to the Oklahoma State Dept. of Education(OSDE)

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, Chairperson 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 ROLL CALL

State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:42 a.m. Ms. Terrie Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

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

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.

### STATE SUPERINTENDENT

# Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Walters updated on providing bibles in Oklahoma classrooms and \$3 million request to provide King James version with no commentary; Edmond Public School District flag policy guidelines, OSDE investigation for clarity of policy alignment and promoting patriotism; an additional \$500,000 budget request to invest in school security, \$1 million request to create 'School Personnel Right to Carry' pilot program expanding school security, recruitment and local school boards to align with district policies to ensure protection of students, and provide campus security protection signage; \$60 million literacy grants for teacher trainings and tutoring programs, AMIRA Screening and Learning agreement, High Dosage Literacy Tutoring Program and Strong Leaders Act professional development; teacher conduct violations and investigations, and increased OSDE staff to investigate complaints.

## FY 2025 Education Budget Request - Approved

Superintendent Walters presented a \$4,105,134,560 Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget request recommendation that included a \$102,700,360 increase, and overviewed legislative appropriation funding process, changes and increases in the Flexible Benefits Allowance, Paid Maternity Leave Program, Public School Activities, Administrative Support.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding FY25 appropriation comparisons, Pay Raises, Red Bud, Textbooks, Lottery Trust Fund, and funding Formula, National Board Certification Bonus, new Student Information and Security, Teacher Leader Effectiveness Program evaluation model, Teacher Empowerment Program; funding formula, legislative funding mandates, partnerships, and matching fund items; bible used as historical reference document, selection, standards review and frameworks, legal and constitutional perspectives and challenges, board members requested more in-depth information to put bibles in schools, clarity and safeguards; how \$3 million calculation determined, bible RFP bid for 5th through 12th grade classrooms, require donated bibles alignment to Academic Standards; Oklahoma School Security Initiative funding; and legislative deadlines, review and process, and OSDE appropriation timeline.

Board member Burdick move to approve item 3(a) FY2025-26 Education budget. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

# Proposed 2025 School Capital Improvements Budget - Tabled

Superintendent Walters said item 3(b) is a requirement but requested to table to allow time to reorganize the capital improvement presentation.

Board member Burdick move to table item 3(a). Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE**

# Minutes of the August 24, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting - Approved

Board member Lepak moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2024, regular State Board of Education meeting. 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.

# Proposed 2024 State Board of Education Regular meeting dates - Approved

Board member Lepak moved to approve the proposed 2025 State Board of Education regular meeting dates. Board member Wesson 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 2024-2025 school year and other requests:

# (a) Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46 3 years

Watts Public Schools, Adair County Cottonwood Public Schools, Coal County Clinton Public Schools, Custer County Choctaw Nicoma Park, Oklahoma County Harrah Public Schools, Oklahoma County Clayton Public Schools, Pushmataha County Bethel Public Schools, Pottawatomie County Wewoka Public Schools, Seminole County Mooreland Public Schools, Woodward County

# (b) Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O.S. § 1210.568 3 years

Watts Public Schools, Adair County Beaver Public Schools, Beaver County Forgan Public Schools, Beaver County Turpin Public Schools, Beaver County

White Oak Public Schools, Craig County Olive Public Schools, Creek County Mosely Public Schools, Delaware County Taloga Public Schools, Dewey County Paoli Public Schools, Garvin County McCurtain Public Schools, Haskell County Blair Public Schools, Jackson County Olustee-Eldorado Public Schools, Jackson County Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County Mannsville Public Schools, Johnston County Howe Public Schools, LeFlore County Purcell Public Schools, McClain County Battiest Public Schools, McCurtain County Denison Public Schools, McCurtain County Holly Creek Public Schools, McCurtain County Forest Grove Public Schools, McCurtain County Smithville Public Schools, McCurtain County Checotah Public Schools, McIntosh County Frontier Public Schools, Noble County Schulter Public Schools, Okmulgee County Glencoe Public Schools, Payne County Clayton Public Schools, Pushmataha County Justus-Tiawah Public Schools, Rogers County Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County Belfonte Public Schools, Sequoyah County Central High Public Schools, Stephens County Grandfield Public Schools, Tillman County Porter Consolidate Public Schools, Wagoner County

3 years

Cave Springs Public Schools, Adair County Beaver Public Schools, Beaver County Elk City Public Schools, Beckham County Bennington Public Schools, Bryan County Enid Public Schools, Garfield County Pioneer Public Schools, Grady County Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County Newkirk Public Schools, Kay County Cameron Public Schools, LeFlore County Ringwood Public Schools, Major County Hilldale Public Schools, Muskogee County Oak Grove Public Schools, Payne County McAlester Public Schools, Pittsburg County Quinton Public Schools, Pittsburg County Strother Public Schools, Seminole County Glenpool Public Schools, Tulsa County

(c) Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71
Burlington Public Schools, Alfalfa County
Timberlake Public Schools, Alfalfa County
Anadarko Public Schools, Caddo County
Tahlequah Public Schools, Cherokee County

Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County

(Dimension Academy)

Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County (Various Schools)

Fletcher Public Schools, Comanche County
Oilton Public Schools, Creek County
Olive Public Schools, Creek County
Kansas Public Schools, Delaware County
Moseley Public Schools, Delaware County
Oaks Mission Public Schools, Delaware County

Enid Public Schools, Garfield County Verden Public Schools, Grady County

Ryan Public Schools, Jefferson County Waurika Public Schools, Jefferson County Ponca City Public Schools, Kay County

(Roosevelt ES, E. M. Trout ES, Union ES, Woodlands ES, Liberty ES, Garfield ES)

Snyder Public Schools, Kiowa County Howe Public Schools, LeFlore County Hilldale Public Schools, Muskogee County Mason Public Schools, Okfuskee County Paden Public Schools, Okfuskee County Harrah Public Schools, Oklahoma County Mid-Del Public Schools, Oklahoma City

(Del-City ES, Epperly Heights ES, Parkview ES)

Prue Public Schools, Osage County
Shidler Public Schools, Osage County
Wyandotte Public Schools, Ottawa County
Ripley Public Schools, Payne County
Wewoka Public Schools, Seminole County
Brushy Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Collinsville Public Schools, Tulsa County
Porter Consolidated Public Schools, Wagoner County

3 years

Cave Springs Public Schools, Adair County Beaver Public Schools, Beaver County Elk City Public Schools, Beckham County Bennington Public Schools, Bryan County Enid Public Schools, Garfield County Pioneer Public Schools, Grady County Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County Newkirk Public Schools, Kay County Cameron Public Schools, LeFlore County Ringwood Public Schools, Major County Hilldale Public Schools, Muskogee County Oak Grove Public Schools, Payne County McAlester Public Schools, Pittsburg County Quinton Public Schools, Pittsburg County Strother Public Schools, Seminole County Glenpool Public Schools, Tulsa County

(d) Library Media Specialist - 70 O.S. § 3-12
Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County
(Cleveland ES, Roosevelt ES, Monroe, Irving MS)
Bristow Public Schools, Creek County
McAlester Public Schools, Pittsburg County

3 years

Deer Creek 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
- (f) Request approval for Augustine Christian Academy to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program 70 O.S. § 13-101.2
- (g) Request approval on flexibility to use textbook funds 70 O.S. § 16-114a(B)

  Moore Public Schools, Cleveland County

  Mid-Del Public Schools, Oklahoma County

  Owasso Public School, Tulsa County
- (h) General Fund for Capital Expenditure 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4
  Bishop Public Schools, Comanche County

Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve Consent Docket waiver requests. Board member Burdick 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.

### ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

### Presentation from Tulsa Public School District

Superintendent Walters requested to allow the Tulsa Public School presentation, item 6(b), before item 6(a) accreditation recommendations.

Board member Burdick moved to start with item 6(b) presentation from Tulsa Public Schools and proceed thereafter according to the list. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Ouebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Dr. Ebony Johnson, Superintendent, Tulsa Public School District (TPS) thanked Superintendent Walters and State Board for making the provision to present and allowing the TPS team to quickly return as students get very excited over the start of the Tulsa State Fair. The TPS district is starting the 2024-25 school year and proud to congratulate ten high school students announced as merit finalists for the year. Also, district enrollment increased and approximately 33,821 students are currently enrolled.

Shout-Outs to TPS teams who provide caring and supportive environments, recruitment and retention, and families who choose to send children to Tulsa Public Schools.

Dr. Johnson and TPS team member Kristen Stephens-Chief Financial Officer, presented updates on objectives, accelerated student learning, reporting structure collaborations, school start highlights, summer graduation results and Board members asked questions and discussed on Ready, Set, Cheer summer data, providing science of reading professional and development, new teacher Tulsa Way Academy, financial transparency practices/reporting, internal auditing and fraud monitoring, State Auditor and Inspector audit completion, purchasing procedures; chronic absenteeism and Ten to Win campaign; school safety and security, partnership Tulsa Police Department, student and family districtwide school safety, security and Share Program video message; Bridge to Graduation grants, New Vision Academy supports, literacy and graduation outcomes and State Report Card alignment, Mastery Connect Assessment Program, CSI and MRI improvement teams, local member Boardwalks school visits and supporting Student Outcome Focused Governments; proposed volunteer background and identification system.

Dr. Johnson said in summary TPS continues building a coalition and engaging partners among student, staff, and families. The work is very serious, as well as opportunities to partner with teams, State Department of Education, and community to elevate ways we can take care of TPS students to the next level. We are very proud of the work and will continue guiding the work by our non-negotiables, building data, use district selected standards, curriculum, and assessment resources; empowering and engaging families, Language and Cultural Services Department, Newcomer Academy and leading by example.

Superintendent Walters advised he and board members felt confident in saying to let TPS move to a more informal process.

Board member Burdick said Board member Archer put the ball in motion to move to an informal process, and credits him for being sensitive to TPS, as were all members, and moved to approve an informal process. Board member Quebedeaux seconded.

Superintendent Walters advised the motion would be to take off the discussion points and the possible action on the TPS accreditation process in Board meetings but also that requirement removed in future Board meeting agendas.

Board member Lepak said the board, in the past, reviewed and gave TPS accreditation status and reporting for that year item 6(b). We would include the accreditation status change on item 6(a)-school district and school site accreditation recommendations.

Board member Burdick withdrew the motion.

Board member Lepak said the TPS leadership action was on two levels, state and district, and not an easy journey for both leaders. It has taken an incredible amount of courage every day to continue to take the issues. The teamwork is appreciated and the successes of TPS staff, students, and community.

Dr. Johnson thanked the board for the consideration it is about to make regarding the accreditation and TPS visits. We just appreciate the support. We

appreciate the collaboration. We want exactly what you want, which is our students to be just amazingly successful.

(Superintendent Walters called for a break at 12:22 pm and returned 12:40 p.m.)

# School district and school site accreditation recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year - Approved

Leslie Janis, Program Director, presented the 2023-2024 accreditation recommendations of school districts and school sites pursuant to 70 O.S. §§ 3-104.3 and OAC 210:35-3-201. Status recommendations included accredited with no deficiencies, accredited with deficiencies, accredited with warning, accredited with probation and nonaccredited status for Public, Nonpublic, Charter and Career Techs.

Board members discussed and asked questions on the 1,981 accredited with no deficiencies; 421 district and sites accredited with one or more deficiencies; nine (9) accredited with warning and four (4) accredited with probation; types of deficiencies financial, personnel, government and administration, health, and safety; Regional Accreditation Officer visits, interventions, improvement, and collaborations.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve the accreditation report item 6(a). Board member Wesson 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.

# Tulsa Public School District accreditation status for the 2022-2023 school year - Approved

Board member Burdick moved to remove the requirements based on Tulsa Public Schools previous accreditation status item 6(c). 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

Michael Beason, General Counsel, State Department of Education (OSDE), advised there were no House Bill 1775 issues to report on agenda item 7(a).

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Applications for an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers and application to revoke of 1) Dr. Aaron P. Espolt-Tabled

2) Grant Hill; and 3) Kristy P. Rochell - Approved

8(a) Cody Jones, Acting General Counsel, advised respondent on 8(a)1 filed an emergency petition for a temporary restraining order and injunction to prohibit an emergency suspension today. The board nor board counsel received notice of this petition but as board counsel I am obligated to inform. The objection is to prevent the emergency suspension because the respondent alleged it did not receive proper notice and lack of due process. The matter before the board is the request to consider and take action to suspend the certificate and/or to refer the application to revoke the certificate to a hearing officer. There is not an injunction as of now prohibiting the board from doing so, and the board clearly has authority to suspend a license for emergency reasons.

Mr. Beason said between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. an email was received on an unfiled stamped petition for emergency relief. The respondent is Dr. Aaron Espolt versus the Oklahoma State Department of Education, in Oklahoma County Court Case number CV-24-2720 and not the State Board of Education. Advised he did not see any emergency injunction issued against the department or against the Board of Education.

Ms. Jones said likewise, the respondent petition says currently he is placed on administrative leave from his school district. It is paid administrative leave. Nothing prohibits the board from acting as normal on the emergency suspension.

Mr. Beason added the department has not been served a summons. The petition was filed today, and board counsel was immediately notified. In response to Board member Lepak's questions, Mr. Beason said he did not know if the local district had the respondent on leave indefinitely pending resolution or a time limit. The petition states the respondent is on leave pending investigation outcome. If the respondent is under investigation with the State Department, they are supposed to be on administrative leave and his understanding is a district can place a respondent on administrative leave because it is under investigation. The district has chosen to do so but it is not required by the district.

Ms. Jones advised referring to a hearing officer considering everything so far. The department is still asking for emergency suspension pending that decision of the hearing officer.

Board member discussed and asked questions to recommend suspension on Grant Hill and Christi Rochell on the merits of each case, option to refer to hearing officer, possible special meeting to consider new allegations or charges; notice of application without exhibits, due process statutes, OSDE investigation findings and mailings, witnesses, and suspensions.

Board member Wesson on item 8(a)1 moved to refer to a hearing officer the application to revoke the teaching certificate and certificate number of **Dr. Aaron P. Espolt** and to set a time and date for hearing on such application and that the Board be updated should anything change on his employment or should his suspension be lifted by the school. Board member Burdick 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.

Mr. Beason advised the motion should be to take no action on the application for suspension so the board can revisit later.

Board members Wesson and Burdick withdrew the motion.

Ms. Jones advised to table the application for an emergency suspension pending or until any new information is provided to the board regarding the administrative leave.

Board member Burdick move to table item 8(a)1 **Dr. Aaron P. Espolt**. Board member Wesson 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.

Board member Wesson moved to summarily suspend the teaching certificates and certificate numbers of 8(a)2-Grant Hill and 8(a)3-Christi Rochel pending individual proceedings on the application to revoke each of their teaching certificates. 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.

Board member Wesson moved to summarily suspend the teaching certificate and certificate number of **Christi Rochel** and **Grant Hill** pending individual proceeding on the application to revoke each of their teaching certificates and a motion to refer to a hearing officer the application to revoke such teacher certificates of Christi Rochel and Grant Hill and to set a time and date for a hearing on such application. 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 Order to Dismiss Application to Revoke Teacher Certificates and Certificate Numbers of Scott Renken and 2) Shawn Finch- Approved

**8(b)** Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve the Consent Order to revoke the teacher certificates and certificate numbers and accept the voluntary surrender of Oklahoma teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Sean Finch** and **Scott Renken**. Board member Wesson 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.

# Accept Voluntary Surrender teacher certificates and certificate numbers of1) David Irby and 2) Steven Hernandez - Approved

8(c) Board member Quebedeaux moved to accept the voluntary surrender of Oklahoma teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **David Irby** and **Steve Hernandez**. Board member Wesson 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.

Final Board determination after Hearing Officer's proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and on the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of 1) Lucian Littledave - Approved

2) Stacy Parker - Approved

3) Melissa Smith - Modified and Remanded

4) Jaelah Marche Rose - Modified and Remanded

**8(d)** Ms. Jones advised items 3 and 4 were different and were tabled at the August meeting.

Board member Lepak moved to accept the hearing officers proposed findings of fact and conclusion of law on 8(d)1 the teacher certificate of Lucien Littledave. 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.

- 8(d)2 Board member Quebedeaux moved to approve the proposed finding of facts, conclusions of law and recommendation of a hearing officer on the application to revoke the teaching certificate of **Stacy Parker**. Board member Wesson 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.
- **8(d)3** Board member Wesson moved to modify and remand to the hearing officer the application to revoke teaching certificate of **Melissa Smith** and remand the matter to the hearing officer to set a new date and time for hearing on the application and permit the live testimony of Sergeant E. Rivers so that we can hear that testimony. 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.
- **8(d)4** Board member Wesson moved to modify and remand the recommendation of the hearing officer on the application to revoke teaching certificate of **Jaelah Marche Rose** and remand the matter to the hearing officer to issue a new deadline for submission of witness and exhibit lists and to set a new date and time to hear application. 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.

# Motion to Strike the Final Order, and determine the Final Order Void as a matter of law and Motion for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration on the teacher certificate and certificate number of Nathan Holland - Tabled

Mr. Beason advised he and Ms. Jones met with Mr. Holland's attorney regarding the allegations. There were criminal charges involving rape, forceable sodomy, domestic strangulation on multiple counts Mr. Holland was acquitted of all the charges. However, a search warrant was executed, during the criminal investigation, for Mr. Holland's cell phone. The State Department believes there were materials that would have, at the very minimum, shown violation of the teaching standards of proper conduct. It appears some time ago, prior to Beason serving as General Counsel, there were findings of facts, conclusions of law, and a final order issued by a hearing officer.

The State Department's position is the final order is not appropriate and would be void from its inception and has no force and effect. The State Department's intention is to revisit and determine whether to proceed with revocation proceedings. Mr. Holland's attorney traveled from Tulsa today for the department to give an adequate and proper notice. To clarify, the provisions of the final order provided that the license was suspended but never properly presented to the board for an emergency suspension before the board. Upon the date of acquittal, the hearing officer entered and ordered that the suspension lasted from the date of the original suspension to the day of the acquittal.

Board member Lepak pointed out the final order did not state to determine only the advice of counsel to do so. The final order in this case is void as a matter of law which allows the board to proceed and bring the case before the board.

Mr. Beason said the respondent's attorney believes the Board, technically not board counsel, did not enter a stipulation agreeing to allow the hearing officer issue a final order. It

motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

# Appeal of transfer application upon denial by local school district:

Sand Springs Public Schools – 24-07 Jenks Public Schools – 24-08

8(f) Board member Wesson moved to send the two student transfer appeal applications, Sand Springs Public Schools and Jenks Public Schools, to a hearing officer. Board member Quebedeaux seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Individuals signed up to address agenda #9 items included Philip Solinger, Stephanie Pyle, Brent Larsen, Jill Larsen, Linda Woodrow, Ashley Hall, and Ed Moore.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Burdick moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: 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, October 24, 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, Chairperson of the Board

Ferrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

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