

**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, 2019

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019, 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, April 24, 2019.

The following were present:

Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City (arrived at 9:42 a.m.)

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. 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

Superintendent Hofmeister updated on the closing of the April testing window and May 23rd parent portal availability at oklaschools.com; Oklahoma pre-k national ranking; National Urban League report/ratings of excellence on the *Oklahoma Edge* (ESSA consolidated state plan); University Council for Educational Administration Consortium names Oklahoma ESSA plan, one of nine exemplary states for investing in quality school leadership/programs; Donna Gradel, Teacher of the Year National finalists.

Recognition of Department Employee for the month of April

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Ashlee Parker, Coordinator I, School Personnel Records as the employee for the month April.

**Recognition of the Oklahoma Delegates in the
United States Senate Youth Program**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Kate Carpenter and Nathan Dethloff Oklahoma student leader delegates to the 57th Annual United States Senate Youth Program. Ms. Carpenter a senior at Stillwater High School, was not able to attend the meeting. In April, Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Dethloff joined 100 other delegates at the annual program in Washington, D.C. and all received a \$10,000 scholarship.

Superintendent Hofmeister congratulated Mr. Dethloff a Senior at Lone Grove High School, and said he is very active at school and community. He is the National Honor Society President, Student Council Representative, Ardmore Youth Leadership member, and an Oklahoma House of Representatives Page. Nathan's many activities include basketball, cross country, academic team, swimming, playing guitar and reading all things government.

Mr. Dethloff said he was grateful for the opportunity. Delegates received very special treatment throughout their visit and treated to military personnel escorts. Highlights for the youth leaders included meeting with President Trump, Chief Justice, House and Senate Leaders, and how incredible it was being in Washington feeling the aura surrounding government. Nathan will attend Oklahoma State University (OSU) majoring

in agricultural economics with an emphasis in pre-law and future plans to attend law school. Nathan's mother accompanied him to the meeting.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

March 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes of the State Board of Education - Approved

Board member Franks moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019, regular meeting. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

ELEVATE Presentation

Board members were presented a video tribute highlighting Donna Gradel, 2018 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, and finalist for the 2018 National Teacher of the Year award.

First-Year Superintendents

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced first-year superintendent attending the meeting Tim Argo, Alva Public Schools.

CONSENT DOCKET - Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2018-2019 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Stidham Public Schools, McIntosh County

3 Years
Ryal Public Schools, McIntosh County
- (b) **Substitute Teachers – 70 O.S. § 6-105**
Arapaho-Butler Public Schools, Custer County
Perkins-Tryon Public Schools, Payne County
- (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**

Board member Price moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Focused Field of Study in Computer Science at Metro Technology Center - Approved

Levi Patrick, Assistant Executive Director, Office of Curriculum & Instruction, presented a recommendation request to approve a Focused Field of Career Study in Computer Science at Metro Technology Center.

Patrick reviewed and discussed the focus field of study application, course work requirements/review, support structures, Academic Standards alignment, district and higher education cooperation; CareerTech academic evidence follow-up and student feedback.

Board member Price moved to approve the Computer Science focused field of study request. Board member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Tulsa Public School District's Tulsa Beyond Empowered Schools Act Zone application - Approved

Brad Clark, General Counsel, said the Oklahoma School Empowerment Act enacted in 2012-2013 was designed to give local school boards greater decision flexibility. Exceptions and exemptions from state laws and regulations can be in place for schools participating in the program that seek the flexibilities afforded to public charter schools. The Tulsa Public School District met the local community participation requirements and Tulsa Public School Board approved the application March 25, 2019. Oklahoma Statute requires the State Board of Education review and approval.

Mr. Clark reviewed the request of non-flexibility considerations, services and assessments.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding legislation timeline, program application, participation effects and rulemaking.

Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent, Student Learning & Achievement, presented the bold goals of Tulsa Public School's next generation of schools that will effectively serve youth and community. The Tulsa Beyond design of school will prepare and inspire youth in a different and rapidly changing future. Dr. Koss reviewed the districts design lab research study, data, and identifying anchors impacting school improvement opportunities; and designated pilot high schools.

Dr. Aspasia Carlson, Director of High School Design, Tulsa Public Schools Design Lab, said today was historic for her having been in public education in urban Title 1 schools approximately 19 years, both in Texas and Oklahoma, 2017 Oklahoma Principal of the Year and representing the state at the national level. The Lead to Succeed program, doctoral studies and most recently Oklahoma Association of School Administrators (OASA) afforded her opportunities to learn more and visit innovative schools in China and Brazil. The Tulsa Beyond project allowed her to learn how leading educators nationwide, many of which were in charter schools, were moving forward with at-risk students and

assuring their success. The two-year study included Tulsa focus groups/leaders of non-profits, educators, parents, industry, and design teams.

Board members discussed and asked questions on the Oklahoma School Empowerment Act, charter school application similarities; district and state application and approvals; project restrictions and funding, design process/program/success, student learning transitions; and graduation requirement taskforce.

Dr. Carlson reviewed the phases in building the application, five common anchors, graduate profiles, design team participants, research models and prototypes, future of classroom expansion; pilot school research, models, design focus and assurances; and August 2019 launch preparation.

Board member Price moved to approve the Tulsa Beyond Zone application request. Board member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Legislative Update

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs/Deputy Chief of Staff said Governor Stitt signed House Bill 1988 and SB 381. Senate Bill (SB) and House Bill (HB) updates included SB70, 601, 217, 85, 198, 381, 92, 441; and HB1316, 1781, 1905, 2625, 1395, 1230.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE

Resolve into Executive Session

pursuant to 25 O. S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action to accept the Hearing Officer's proposed orders to revoke the teacher certificate and certificate number of **1) Victoria Dacalio;**
2) Shelley Duncan; 3) Curtis Lowe; 4) Paul Bianchi; and
5) Keri Hoffman – 70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6

Resolve into Executive Session

pursuant to 25 O. S. §§ 307 (B) (4) to discuss pending litigation, ***Midwest City-Del City Independent School District #52, et al., and Western Heights Independent School District #I-1 v. Oklahoma State Department of Education, Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Oklahoma State Board of Education,*** in the **District Court of Oklahoma County,** CV-2016-1965 and CJ-2016-4826

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Board member Flanagan moved to convene into Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. Board member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Brad Clark, General Counsel, and Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel remained in the Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Board member Ross moved to return to Open Session at 11:46 a.m. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Board member Ross moved to accept the Hearing Officer's Proposed Orders to revoke the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Victoria Dacalio, Shelley Duncan, Curtis Lowe, Paul Bianchi and Keri Hoffman**. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes

No action was taken on any other matter(s) discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2019, 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.

Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary