

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

October 28, 2021

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:34 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021, 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, October 27, 2021.

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. Carlisha Williams Bradley, Tulsa

Mrs. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City

Mrs. Jennifer Monies, Oklahoma City

Mr. Trent Smith, Yukon

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. William “Bill” Flanagan, Claremore

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 9:34 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

Superintendent Hofmeister said Elizabeth Suddath, Executive Director of Prevention Services, was a featured speaker in the United States Department of Education’s (USDE) webinar “Strategies for Preventing Substance Use within Multi-Tiered System of Supports during the COVID-19 pandemic.” Ms. Suddath addressed how the School Climate Transformation Grant, awarded to OSDE in 2018, helped schools by providing statewide intervention, support, and prevention programming for a multi-tiered system.

Updates were provided on recipients of the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration \$9 million grant to meet mental health needs of students. School districts included the Oklahoma AWARE South, East and West projects to provide trauma-informed training; twelve finalists named for the 2022 Teacher of the Year and winner announced in March 2022.

**Recognition of Department Employee
for the month of October: Debra Hayes**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Debra Hayes, Resource Coordinator, SoonerStart, for outstanding leadership, professionalism and going above and beyond in meeting the needs of children, school districts and OSDE.

**Recognition of Pamala Ramming,
SoonerStart, for 30years of service to the state of Oklahoma:**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Pamala Ramming, Resource Coordinator, SoonerStart for her 30 years of service to the state of Oklahoma.

ELEVATE presentation recognizing Pawnee High School

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Craig Gaglio, SDE videographer’s video presentation highlighting the Indigenous Language course offered at Pawnee High School.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

**Minutes of the September 30, 2021 special
State Board of Education meeting - Approved**

Board member Hernandez moved to approve minutes of the September 30, 2021, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board member Williams Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, abstain; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Minutes of the October 15, 2021, special
State Board of Education meeting - Approved**

Board member Hernandez moved to approve minutes of the October 15, 2021, special State Board of Education meeting. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, abstain; 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) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Keota Public Schools, Haskell County
Prague Public Schools, Lincoln County
Okemah Public Schools, Okfuskee County
Choctaw Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Beggs Public Schools, Okmulgee County
- 3 Years**
Perry Public Schools, Noble County
Luther Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Hominy Public Schools, Osage County
- (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70
O.S. § 1210.568**
Cherokee Public Schools, Alfalfa County
Beaver Public Schools, Beaver County
Turpin Public Schools, Beaver County
Okeene Public Schools, Blaine County
Bennington Public Schools, Bryan County
Mosley Public Schools, Delaware County
Paoli Public Schools, Garvin County
Paden Public Schools, Okfuskee County
Wilson Public Schools, Okmulgee County

3 Years

Burlington Public Schools, Alfalfa County
Forgan Public Schools, Beaver County
Healdton Public Schools, Carter County
Tenkiller Public Schools, Cherokee County
Kiefer Public Schools, Creek County
Mounds Public Schools, Creek County
Taloga Public Schools, Dewey County
Vici Public Schools, Dewey County
Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County
Kildare Public Schools, Kay County
Wellston Public Schools, Lincoln County
Luther Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Pleasant Grove Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Leedey Public Schools, Roger Mills County
Marble City Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Tyrone Public Schools, Texas County
Yarborough Public Schools, Texas County
Sperry Public Schools, Tulsa County
Freedom Public Schools, Woods County
Caney Valley Public Schools, Washington County

(c) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**

Maryetta Public Schools, Adair County
Beaver Public Schools, Beaver County
Drumright Public Schools, Creek County
Panola Public Schools, Latimer County
Carney Public Schools, Lincoln County
Crutcho Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Ripley Public Schools, Payne County
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
Brushy Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Vian Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Empire Public Schools, Stephen County
Grandfield Public Schools, Tillman County
Wagoner Public Schools, Wagoner County

3 Years

Lookeba Public Schools, Caddo County
Wilson Public Schools, Carter County
Mannford Public Schools, Creek County
Taloga Public Schools, Dewey County
Terral Public Schools, Jefferson County
Wellston Public Schools, Lincoln County
Ringwood Public Schools, Major County
Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Bethel Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Strother Public Schools, Seminole County
Varnum Public Schools, Seminole County

Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County

- (d) **Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption - 70 O.S. § 3-126**
Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County
(**Whittier Middle School**)

3 Years

Enid Public Schools, Garfield County
Wewoka Public Schools, Seminole County
Owasso Public Schools, Tulsa 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 on flexibility to use textbook funds - **70 O.S. § 16-114a(B)**
Edmond Public Schools, Oklahoma County
- (g) Discussion and possible action on payment of joint federal program claims listed below - **OAC 210:25-3-7(12)**
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| Grand View | IDEA-Project 627 |
| Oklahoma Union | IDEA-Project 617 |
| Stringtown | ESSER II 793 |
| Tecumseh | IDEA-Project 615 |
- (h) Request approval for **Infinity Generation Generals Preparatory School (IGG), Oklahoma City** to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program
- (i) Request approval for **Stillwater Christian Schools (SCS)** to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program
- (j) **Adjunct Teacher - OAC 210:20-37-2**
Hominy Public Schools, Osage County

Board members discussed and asked questions with Ryan Pieper, Executive Director of Accreditation regarding **Consent Docket** waiver requests on:

6.(a) **Abbreviated School Day-Beggs Public Schools** waiver needed clarity allowing only two academic hours to improve graduation rate.

6.(b) **Cooperative Agreements-Hooker Public Schools** reason coop program ended. Requested the number of school districts with Cooperative Agreements.

6.(c) **Library Media Services-Vian Public Schools** citing cannot hire due to budget constraints as did other districts; **Drumright Public School** submitted incorrect cover letter for waiver; **Tulsa Public Schools** clarity needed on reason for waiver (citing to not have library assistance and if request using library media specialist for all several

sites. It was determined Tulsa Public Schools application provided reason and rationale; and State statute may need revisiting due to increased waiver request.

6.(e) **Emergency Certification** (list)-the number of certifications issued to an applicant is listed by the applicants' name on the list. Requested number of districts with alternative certified staff and not utilizing certified teachers would be helpful.

6.(f) **Textbook Fund flexibility-Edmonds Public Schools** clarity needed on the use of funds for smaller class sizes.

6.(g) **Joint Federal Claims**-submit reimbursement request after receiving items not before.

6.(j) **Adjunct Teacher-Hominy Public Schools** teachers become full-time teachers not adjunct teachers.

Board member Monies moved to approve the Consent Docket except for **Panola Public Schools** Library Media Services waiver not required and **Hominy Public Schools** Adjunct Teacher waiver not required. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Demonstration of the Oklahoma Data Matrix for 2021 student assessments

Dr. Bryan Koerner, Assistant Deputy Superintendent, presented the Oklahoma Data Matrix created to provide a state and national snapshot of student readiness for English language arts, mathematics, and science. In response to COVID disruptions the visualization tool was built to access the matrix by a public dashboard and the oklaschools.com website.

Board members asked questions and discussed Dr. Koerner's overview that included state and federally required regulations; matrix design, features, navigation tools and guidance; assessment data, literacy principles, enrollment trends, school district participation, assessment participation rates; school, district, student, and grade level interpretations; and data export capabilities.

LEGAL SERVICES

Presentation and update on the Academy of Seminole, an Oklahoma public charter school sponsored by the State Board of Education

Travis Jett, Counsel to the Board, advised items 8. (a) and (b) were related to the State Board of Education five-year charter school sponsorship renewals. Both Academy of Seminole and Le Monde International School presentations update on progress at each charter school.

Wren Hawthorn, Head of School, Academy of Seminole, said the charter was received in February 2017 with a 5-year renewal. In 2018, first year, started ninth and tenth grade with 30 students enrolled; 2019 enrolled 300 students and challenges incurred;

Second year pre-K through grade 11 added; and fall 2020 add grade 12; early college high school/associates degree program; 2020 first graduating class, five with associates degrees; three graduate December 2021; and 60% of junior and senior students enrolled fulltime college.

Board members asked questions and discussed success of Seminole College and Seminole school district partnership, academy campus location and future expansion; ninth grade students outline goals, accomplishments, careers, growth, and life plans; and community support.

(Board member Hernandez left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

Presentation and update on Le Monde International School, an Oklahoma Public charter school sponsored by the State Board of Education

Lee Seeright, Executive Director, Le Monde International Schools, said the school started in 2018-2019 with 127 students and 305 students currently enrolled.

Board members asked questions and discussed Mr. Seeright's presentation highlighting the full language immersion charter school, Spanish and French language currently offered, diverse staffing and countries represented, site location/expansion, community service area and partnerships, international baccalaureate program, future middle school plans, pre-k outdoor learning center; state assessments, COVID-19 challenges and OSDE map data delivery.

Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of conducting confidential communication between the State Board of Education and legal counsel concerning **Western Heights Independent School District No. I-41 of Oklahoma County and Mannix Barnes, Superintendent v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel., Oklahoma State Board of Education, et al., Case No. CV-21-9457, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. 119799**, in the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, the State Board having been advised by legal counsel that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the State Board to conduct the litigation in the public interest.

Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of conducting confidential communication between the State Board of Education and legal counsel concerning **Todd Bunch v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel Dept. of Education, Case No. CV-21-2297, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma**, the State Board having been advised by legal counsel that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the State Board to conduct the litigation in the public interest.

Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action on an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **David Pitts** pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Smith moved to convene into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. Board member Monies seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board member Smith moved return to Open Session at 12:17 p.m. Board member Monies seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions made during the Executive Session. Mr. Jett remained in the executive session.

Board member Bobek moved to lift the emergency suspension of the teacher certificate and certificate number of **David Pitts**. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 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