

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING:
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

June 12, 2013

The State Board of Education met in Special Session at 11:11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

The following were present:

Ms. Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Administrative Assistant

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Ms. Amy Ford, Durant
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Brian Hayden, Enid
Mr. William "Bill" Shdeed, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barresi called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Isenhour called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

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

Superintendent Barresi led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi said thanked Board Members for attending the special meeting to consider items relative to the state budget. We thank the Legislature for appropriating 42 percent of all the certified and new revenue to the state, and their commitment to education. Superintendent Barresi reviewed budget increases, new budget items; sequester/federal programs funding cuts, agency adjustments, and webinars for school districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ryan Owens, Cooperative Council for School Administrators/United Suburban Schools Association (CCOSA/USSA), discussed the FY14 Education Appropriation.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

**Fill a Vacancy on the Teacher
Competency Review Panel Approved**

Mr. Jeff Smith, Executive Director, Teacher Certification, said Oklahoma Statute 70 6-202 requires the SBE to select seven members from a list of candidates submitted by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP). These members will serve on the Teacher Competency Review Panel (TCRP) which assesses alternative certification applicants for certification. The OCTP recommends Ms. Heather Sparks who is a former Teacher of the Year and Teacher at Taft Middle School-Oklahoma City Public Schools. Ms. Sparks will replace panel member Dr. John Bedford, East Central University who has resigned.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; and Superintendent Barresi, yes.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Implementation of Criteria to Evaluate Programs (Boot Camp) Providing Non-traditional route to Special Education Teacher Certification Pursuant to House Bill 1233 Approved

Ms. Rene Axtell, Assistant State Superintendent, Special Education Services, said last year we were made aware of the number of statewide special education openings being filled by substitutes. In discussions with school districts regarding what was needed we began working with a federal technical center program. House Bill 1233 addresses those needs. Local universities that did have special education programs were cut in half due to students not choosing the special education field and nationally as well as. In Oklahoma most teacher preparation programs take five to six years and special education teachers takes seven to eight years. The process is lengthy for most therefore this will be an option to help districts.

Ms. Tricia Hansen, Special Education Services Coordinator, presented a recommendation request for the special education “Boot Camp” program criteria and a 150-hour preparation program as required in the Non-Traditional Route to Special Education Certification law pursuant House Bill 1233.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Superintendent Barresi, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Price, yes.

Ms. Axtell reported the law requires providers to implement the law through “Boot Camps” or instruct the competencies to insure teachers are skilled to teach classes. A statewide inquiry survey received approximately 100 responses wanting to participate. We requested assistance from the Office of Special Education Programs Technical Assistance Center for the Oklahoma area, as well as the National Association of Special Education Directors.

Adoption of an Approval Process for Programs (Boot Camp) Providing Non-traditional route to Special Education Teacher Certification Pursuant House Bill 1233 Approved

Ms. Sabrina Salmon, Special Education Coordinator, presented a request to adopt the approval process for (Boot Camp) program providers. Providers can include higher education institutions, school districts, and the State Department of Education/Special Education. The application process consists of following the guidelines on national standards curriculum; maintain competencies, alignments to teacher licensure certification, and demonstrate candidate competencies.

Board Member Ford made motion for the special education services division to approve a provider based on the criteria as approved by the SBE. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; and Superintendent Barresi, yes.

Adoption of Oklahoma State Policies for Special Education – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Approved

Todd Loftin, Executive Director Assessment and Instruction, Special Education, presented a request to adopt Oklahoma State Policies for Special Education. The special

education policies and procedures were revised along with creating a new special education guidance handbook. Federal regulations required a public comment process prior to the adoption of any policies and procedures related to IDEA Part B.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Superintendent Barresi, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Price, yes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Office of Education Support

Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Report

Superintendent Barresi said Ms. Kerri White, Assistant State Superintendent, Office of Educational Support is present to answer questions from the Board, if needed.

This was a report only and no action was required.

Office of Instruction

Report on the Gifted and Talented Education Program for Academic Year 2012-2013

Ms. Sara Smith, Director, Gifted and Talented Education presented the annual report on gifted and talented education programs for the 2012-2013 academic year. The Oklahoma Legislature mandated Gifted and Talented in 1981 and was revised in 1984 defining children identified at the preschool, elementary, and secondary level as having demonstrated abilities of high performance capability and needing differentiated or accelerated education services. Ms. Smith reviewed state law requirements for school districts and the SDE; child count data, funding, teacher data, and gifted and talented specialist certification. A five-year demographic and the gifted and talented standards and competencies will be provided to Board Members.

This was a report only and no action was required.

C³ SCHOOLS

Update on C³ Schools

Superintendent Barresi announced Mr. Richard Caram was now the Assistant State Superintendent, School Support and C³ Schools. The school improvement, school improvement grant, and C³ divisions have been consolidated under his office.

Mr. Caram gave an update on Keyes Elementary School, McLain High School, Okay High School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Shidler Elementary School. New C³ partnership schools will be presented at the July 25, 2013, SBE meeting.

This was a report only and no action was required.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

FY14 Education Appropriation Approved

Mr. Joel Robison, Chief of Staff, presented the budget agreement of the House, Senate, and Governor's office. The concerns at the beginning of the legislative session were to get more funding to school classrooms and funding education reforms. Mr. Robison reviewed funding formula, school activities, and administrative and support budget categories; Senate Bill 1127, and competitive grant pool and allocation process.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the FY14 Education Appropriation budget as presented. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; and Superintendent Barresi, yes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Robison said it was a very successful legislative session for the SDE. Ms. Kim Richey, General Counsel, was a very important part of the success and thanked her for her tireless work. Mr. Robison presented a legislative overview regarding House Bills 1756, 1233, 1658, 1660, 1989, 1719, 1035, 2131, 2048, 2160 and Senate Bills 226, 267, 283, 426, 559 and 419.

LEGAL SERVICES

Revocation of Teaching Certification and Certificate Number of Maurice Alonzo Parker Approved

Ms. Yolanda Downing, Assistant General Counsel, presented a request to revoke the teaching certificate and teacher number of Maurice Alonzo Parker. The reason for the revocation, Mr. Parker entered a plea of guilty to three felony charges of second degree rape in Tulsa County under 21 O.S. § 111. A copy of the Notice of Hearing and date were served to Mr. Parker, and he has failed to appear and failed to respond.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Superintendent Barresi, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Price, yes.

Revocation of School Bus Driving Certification and Number of Gary Ray Cartwright Approved

Ms. Downing presented a request to revoke the school bus driving certificate and number of Gary Ray Cartwright for submitting a forged medical examiner certificate to his employer Sperry Public School District. Mr. Cartwright was served with a copy of the complaint and Notice of Hearing. He has failed to appear and failed to respond.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; and Superintendent Barresi, yes.

**Update on Promulgated Rules and Discussion
on Upcoming Emergency Rules**

Ms. Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel, presented an updated on 2013 promulgated rules that included: rule effective dates, OAAP testing, mobile classroom revocation, transportation, AYP; and future emergency rules.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi updated that approximately 56 school district sites were affected due to storms and tornado damage. Moore Public Schools received roof, water, and hail damage to 20 additional school sites. Briarwood and Plaza Towers Elementary Schools were leveled and will be rebuilt. Other district sites are being made available for these students and staff to attend together. Central Elementary and Moore administration building is uninhabitable, but is being repaired. The technology center was destroyed.

El Reno Public Schools received severe damage which consisted of seven school sites that are uninhabitable and other school sites with roof, hail, and flood damage.

Approximately 26 school sites in Mid-Del Public Schools have damage from hail, flooding, and wind.

Insurance coverage was denied to Crutchco Public Schools because their building was in a flood plain. In addition, children may move out of the district due to flooding/loss of their residences in a mobile home park also in a flood plain.

The SDE is assisting Moore, Crutchco, and El Reno Public Schools with student transfer special issues, teaching certificate reissuance free of charge to teachers that lost them, and continuous outreach to school districts.

Governor Fallin recently applied to extend the federal designation and FEMA funds to include all additional damages and it was approved. The Oklahoma Legislature has also appropriated \$45 million of the Rainy Day Fund to help supplement.

The El Reno Canadian Valley Technology Center was completely destroyed. Administration is working to assure adult and student programs are continuing.

Superintendent Barresi said we will rebuild brick and mortar and equipment but our most important concern for the long term are the children and teacher's emotional health. Melissa White, Executive Director Counseling/ACE, has been working closely with the Department of Mental Health assuring additional counselors are placed at school buildings long term. The Department of Mental Health has coordinated with a number of agencies working toward assuring families, as well as, children have ongoing support and long-term counseling.

Board Members and public are invited to attend the Vision 2020 Conference, held July 9-11, 2013, at the Cox Convention Center for educators at all levels.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Board Member Ford made a motion to adjourn and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board

Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board