

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

November 20, 2013

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

The following were present:

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

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt
Ms. Amy Ford, Durant
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. William "Bill" Shdeed, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education absent:

MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barresi called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:33 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, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**OCTOBER 29, 2013 REGULAR BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2013, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

**NOVEMBER 6, 2013 SPECIAL BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013, special State Board of Education meeting. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; and Ms. Franks, yes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi said the implementation of the Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS) is moving forward. The fall round of regional meetings and trainings on the OAS were recently completed and will continue throughout the year. The English and mathematics standards were adopted in 2010 by the Legislature, and now the social studies and science state developed standards will be up for adoption next fall. District testing coordinators are being trained in anticipation of the spring assessments.

Measured Progress was the vendor awarded the contract for the English and mathematics grades 3 through 8 assessments. The McGraw-Hill contract in these subjects will be in effect until the Measured Progress contract is operational in the 2014-15 school years. The spring assessment items will be field tested because of the two vendors. Students will take fewer items in the operational test and take "try out items" from the new vendor. An important distinction is that all students will not take a complete test on the try out items from Measured Progress. Only a sampling of children will take a portion of the test which is called a "matrix sampling technique". It does not

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mean students will be double tested, but will simply take an appropriate amount of sampled items as they have in previous years. The only difference is it will be under the new vendor and the McGraw-Hill test will shrink or transfer to the new vendor.

Board Member Keating asked how long is a test?

Superintendent Barresi said time on test is approximately one hour beginning in grade three and various assessing continues through grade 12. Testing times are at the discretion of the school district. A schedule of assessments can be provided for Board Members to review.

Board Member Franks said it was her understanding that because we are changing the testing students will have two testing events. Essentially this spring rather than one test. There will be two disruptions in the classroom instead of one, correct?

Superintendent Barresi said one will be a full assessment or operational assessment for accountability. The school district will decide when and how they test. Only the students that receive the try out items will not be tested under a full assessment.

Board Member Franks said she understood but testing changes can be very disruptive for a classroom teacher and it is difficult to carry on instruction when losing even a portion of the students. The testing change will require a second disruption.

Superintendent Barresi said students were taking field test items for many years which were embedded within the vendor's assessment. The testing can be done at the same time or at different times if the district chooses. The valid number of students is being discussed with the vendor.

Superintendent Barresi said the "Raise the Grade" tour traveled to Tushka Public Schools. After the April 14, 2011 tornado destroyed the elementary, middle and high schools, classes have been conducted in temporary buildings. The new school has been built on 40 acres donated to the district, and will encompass all grade levels. Move in is scheduled during the Christmas holidays with classes beginning January 2014. The school district has a high poverty area with 69% free and-reduced and approximately 440 students enrolled. Even with their many challenges and obstacles each school's report card grade was an "A". The principal attributes their school success by having a "no excuse" mentality. They do not make poverty an excuse or that their classrooms are held in trailers. Student expectations are set and not only do they meet them but have total ownership of their grades. The State Board of Education (SBE) will be notified of the school's grand opening date and Board Members are encouraged to attend. In the future, more district successes will be presented to the SBE. The State Department of Education (SDE) will research what the Choctaw Nation contributed and others to the recovery efforts and provide a report.

The READOK event celebrating the State of Oklahoma's birthday took place on the grounds of the Capitol Complex to emphasize the importance of reading. Approximately 2000 students were in attendance and participated at numerous reading stations with literary characters (SDE employees).

The Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Commission met November 19, 2013 and began making critical decisions regarding the quantitative analysis which is the second component of TLE. The details of the Commission's decision need to be

discussed with the SBE in order to better understand the decisions and recommendations of the quantitative analysis and value added component for tested grades and subjects, also how to address non-tested grades and subjects. The Commission meets again on December 17, 2013, and their recommendations will be presented at the December 19, 2013, SBE meeting.

Employee Service Recognitions

Superintendent Barresi presented “Congratulations on a Job Well Done” certificate and service pin from Governor Mary Fallin and the State Department of Education to Tammy Hall, Coordinator, School Personnel Records, for 30 years of service. Superintendent Barresi thanked Ms. Hall for her faithful and dedicated service to the Citizens of Oklahoma.

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendent(s) attending the meeting were Dr. Shelly Hildebrand-Beach, Haysville Public Schools.

CONSENT DOCKET APPROVED

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years, and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Catoosa Public Schools, Rogers County
Luther Public Schools, Oklahoma County
- (b) **Adjunct Teachers – 70. O.S. § 6-122.3**
Oklahoma City Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
- (c) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Fort Gibson Public Schools, Muskogee County
Kingfisher Public Schools, Kingfisher County
Smithville Public Schools, McCurtain County
Stidham Public Schools, McIntosh County
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
- (d) **Length of School Day - 70 O. S. § 1-109**
Jay Public Schools, Delaware County
- (e) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Blair Public Schools, Jackson County
Greenville Public Schools, Love County
Lookeba-Sickles Public Schools, Caddo County
Pauls Valley Public Schools, Garvin County
St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Garfield County
Stidham Public Schools, McIntosh County
Union Public Schools, Tulsa County

- (f) **Library Media Specialist Exemption – 70 O. S. § 3-126**
Chouteau Mazie Public Schools, Mayes County
Deer Creek Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Grove Valley Elementary School
Kingfisher Public Schools, Kingfisher County
Gilmour Elementary School
Heritage Elementary School
Oologah-Talala Public Schools, Rogers County
Upper Elementary School
Union Public Schools, Tulsa County
Anderson Elementary School
- (g) **Planning Period – OAC 210:35-7-41 and OAC 210:35-9-41**
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
- (h) Request approval on recommendations from the Teacher Competency Review Panel for applicants to receive a license - 70 O. S. § 6-202
- (i) 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 Members requested reports be provided regarding streamlining required reports, paperwork reduction, possible elimination of statutes, deregulation options and explanations for requesting deregulations, waivers, and exemptions.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the Consent Docket and Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Teacher Certification production report

Superintendent Barresi said Mr. Jeff Smith, Executive Director, Teacher Certification, is present to answer questions from the Board, if needed.

Mr. Smith, in response to Board Member Keating's question, said the Teacher Competency Review Panel applicants are in the final stage of the alternative certification program. They interview with panel members individually and the panel approves them. The alternative certification expires in three years and may require completion of additional coursework or professional development within that time period to continue on to full certification.

This was a report only and no action was required.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Payment of Late Special Education Claims Approved

Ms. Rene Axtell, Assistant State Superintendent, Special Education, presented a request to pay federal claim for Oklahoma School for the Deaf that did not file by the August 1 deadline.

Board Member Price made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; and Ms. Franks, yes.

Pay Severance to Former School Employees Approved

Ms. Mathangi Shankar, Director, Financial Services, presented a request to pay corrected severance to former certified staff employees of Farris Public Schools that included Kimberly Crawford, David Rogers, and JoAnn Mixon. The \$69,129 total severance amount presented in the October Board meeting packet and approved by the State Board of Education was incorrect on the cover sheet. The severance amount should be \$41,497 a difference of \$27,632. All the employees had the correct amounts in the initial notification. The error only appeared on the cover sheet presented to the SBE.

Board Member Shdeed made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

LEGAL SERVICES

Track 1 and Track 2 Proposed Administrative Rules currently in promulgation

Ms. Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel, presented an update on proposed rules track 1 and track 2 timetable, rule impact statements, adoption schedule/deadlines, current emergency rules, and public hearings/comment summary.

This was a report only and no action was required.

For purposes of confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending claim, or action if the public body, with the advices of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest, pursuant to 25 O.S. 307§ (B)(4)

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*Epic 1 on 1 Charter School v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel.
Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma State Board of Education,
and Janet Barresi, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
for the State of Oklahoma*

Kimberly Richey, General Counsel, advised that a hearing with the plaintiff was conducted Friday, November 15, 2013, in Oklahoma County regarding settlement negotiations.

Convene into Executive Session

Board Member Ford made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 10:33 a.m. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; and Ms. Franks, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board Member Ford made a motion to return to Open Session at 11:31 a.m. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

Superintendent Barresi said no action was taken on any items discussed during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Shdeed made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Keating seconded the motion. There being no further business Board Members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 1:00 p.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