

**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**

**March 8, 2018**

The State Board of Education met in special session at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

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” Price, Oklahoma City  
Mr. William “Bill” Flanagan, Claremore  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 11:30 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 thanked Board Members for attending the special meeting which was a result of the cancelled February regular meeting, agency closures due to weather conditions, and a necessity due to the across-the-board budget cuts in the Special Session. Budget cut effects include the teacher shortage and competitive teacher pay; long-term teacher shortage and statewide teacher walkout; local school board accountability, state and federal obligations, requirements and consequences; spring testing window and flexibility; and education and teacher advocacy.

Board members discussed and asked questions concerning pay raise support, effective advocacy, student priority; school district shared response, class size mandates and waiver legislation; state board decisions, emergency certification data review/requirements, classroom training/management; school funding resources and restrictions.

**CONSENT DOCKET - Approved**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2017-2018 school year and other requests:

- (a) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates - **70 O. S. § 6-187**
- (b) Request approval to add the Success with OAS Mathematics, Kindergarten, textbook to the approved book list selected by the State Textbook Committee – **70 O. S. § 16-102**

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

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING**

### **Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science - Approved**

Levi Patrick, Assistant Executive Director, Instruction, said Oklahoma did not have a computer science standard in the upcoming adoption cycle for instructional technology and computer education. Computer science in many ways relates to mathematics and engineering, and it is a subject area deserving of its own space.

Mr. Patrick and Standards Executive Committee members presented the new proposed Oklahoma Academic Computer Science Standards. Committee members representing the fields of research, technology, college and career included: Dr. Kelvin Drogo Meyer, Vice President for Research, University of Oklahoma; Michael Carolina, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology; Dr. Blaine Mayfield, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Oklahoma State University; and Patricia St. Clair, Computer Science Teacher, Edmond Public Schools.

Committee Co-chairs include Hallie Hughes, Director of Secondary Education, Durant Public Schools; and Dr. Deborah Trytten, Associate Professor of Computer Science, University of Oklahoma.

Standards committee members reviewed the K-12 standards vision, concepts, practices and design; grade-level standards development, writing process, and security; standards teams and meetings, public comment, legislative review; and implementation.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science. Board member Franks seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

### **Amend Fiscal Year 18 State Board of Education Budget - Approved**

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs, presented a request to amend the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Education Budget with a reduction of the \$755,007 remaining in the National Board Teacher Bonus line item. All FY18 bonuses were 100% paid out and the reduction did not affect other line items.

Ms. Thompson reviewed the current year budget reductions, due to the passage of House Bill 1020 of the Second Extraordinary Session (special session) of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature, which directly reflected the Supreme Court decisions declaring Senate Bill 845 Cigarette Fee unconstitutional. As a direct result it created a \$257.8 budget hole and at present, only partially remedied. The overall reduction, Senate Bill 845 created to Common Education, totaled \$16,240,862. A majority of the dollars were taken from the state funding formula-\$15,357,170. Common Education endured mid-year cuts three consecutive years and a current cut of \$93.6 from the Public School Activities and State Department of Education. No cuts were made to the Flexible Benefit Allowance.

Board members asked questions and discussed end-of-year effects to school districts, consolidation assistance fund, lottery funds, and shared superintendent options.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the request to amend the FY18 Education budget. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## LEGAL SERVICES

### Emergency Rule Adoption - Approved

Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel, Legal Services, presented a request to adopt the following emergency rule:

- (1) Title 210. State Department of Education  
Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services  
Subchapter 13. Student Assessment  
**210:10-13-24. Medical exemptions from chronic absenteeism**  
[NEW]

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

## 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 issue an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificate and certificate number of **1) Stephanie Cowan; and 2) Caroline Drummond** pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action –  
**70 O. S. § 3- 104; 75 O. S. § 314; OAC 210: 1-5-6**

### Resolve into Executive Session

**pursuant to 25 O. S. § 307 (B) (4) to discuss pending litigation,**  
*Oklahoma Public Charter School Association v.*  
*Oklahoma State Board of Education,*  
**in the District Court of Oklahoma County, CV-2017-1330**

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*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

### **Executive Session**

Board member Price moved to convene into Executive Session at 12:49 p.m. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **Return to Open Session**

Board member Flanagan moved to return to Open Session at 1:25 p.m. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, 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 Flanagan moved to issue an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Stephanie Cowan** and **Caroline Drummond**. Board member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Board member Baxter moved to adjourn and Board member Keating seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn at 1:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018, 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.

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Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary