

**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 28, 2016**

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:36 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

The following were present:

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

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board  
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa  
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore  
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City  
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 regular meeting to order at 9:36 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 said school districts were notified that the Common Education Technology Revolving Fund revenue source, one of the state aid funding formula, had not met estimated collections. The \$13-17 million shortfall from tax revenues has resulted in an adjustment to their fiscal year allocations which will affect current school budgets and new school year planning. Important work for Legislators and the State Board is to come up with ways to cut costs.

One of the costs effective measures of the SDE is to take the EngageOK Summer Conference on the road July 18 through July 28. The conference will travel to six statewide school site locations to prepare schools for the new standards, new ESSA law, provide professional development and hopefully, serve more participants.

The National Teacher of the Year (TOY) was announced today and the winner is from Connecticut. We congratulate Mr. Shawn Sheehan, Oklahoma's TOY, being one of the four national finalists selected, and being honored in the White House Rose Garden on May 3, 2016. The SDE will launch a social media video of his "Teach like Me" campaign on May 3 to spread the word for solving Oklahoma's teacher shortage.

Earlier in the month the State Superintendent's Award for Arts Excellence was held to recognize 147 talented students from 39 Oklahoma high schools.

The "Fast Facts of Oklahoma Public Schools" were distributed to Board members, delivered to Legislators and available on the State Department of Education (SDE) website.

Our State testing window and ACT Pilot Program are completed and updates will be presented later. Correction, the testing window is still open. Work continues to minimize testing, ending EOIs, providing Legislators information to get accomplished possibly this year.

Superintendent Hofmeister thanked Board Members for their visits, tours and support to school districts throughout the state.

### **Recognition of Department Employee for the Month of April**

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Ms. Molly Brown, Administrative Assistant, Office of Assessments as the employee for the month of April.

### **First-Year Superintendents**

First-year superintendents attending the meeting were Leon Ashlock, Nowata Public Schools; Bruce Douglas, Midway Public Schools; and Kate McDonald, Silo Public School.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **March 24, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education Approved**

Board member Franks moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016, regular meeting. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **Presentation of “ELEVATE”-chronicles of the positive, inspiring, and innovative matters in Oklahoma Public schools**

Phil Bacharach, Senior Policy Advisor introduced the “ELEVATE-Oklahoma Schools on the Rise” campaign that spotlights positive stories of Oklahoma’s K-12 public education. It also provides a virtual fieldtrip platform for educators to share best practices about Oklahoma schools on the rise. “ELEVATE+ Voices In and Out of School” launched this week and delves deeper into education related issues and topics that do not fall under the purview of “ELEVATE.” ELEVATE and ELEVATE+ video presentations spotlighted Shawn Sheehan’s “Teach Like Me” campaign and Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council.

### **Stroud Public School’s Academic Performance Production Bonus Plan**

Joe Van Tuyl, Superintendent, Stroud Public School, presented an update on the 2014 State Board of Education (SBE) approved incentive pay plan implemented at Stroud Public Schools that rewards and strengthens districtwide academic excellence.

## **CONSENT DOCKET Approved**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2015-2016 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Adjunct Teachers – 70 O. S. § 6-122.3 and OAC 210:20-37-2**  
Carnegie Public Schools, Caddo County  
Crooked Oak Public Schools, Oklahoma County

- (b) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**  
 Durant Public Schools, Bryan County  
 Marietta Public Schools, Love County  
 Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County
- (c) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures – 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4**  
 Shawnee Public Schools, Pottawatomie, County
- (d) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**  
 Panola Public Schools, Latimer County  
 Vinita Public Schools, Craig County
- (e) **Planning Period – OAC 210:35-7-41 and OAC 210-35-9-41**  
 Cimarron Public Schools, Major County
- (f) 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 Baxter moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

### **Legislative Update**

Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs, presented updates on legislative session deadlines, 137 education and agency related bills, 49 signed into law; Senate and House bills passed April 21; and conference committees are in process. Ms. Thompson reviewed House Bills 2371, 1038, 2946, 3025, 3102, 2314, 3114, 2527, 2535, 3156, 2525, 3115, and 3157; and Senate Bills 1038, 1431, S933 and 2134.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **FY2016 General Fund Balance Penalties Approved**

Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Federal Programs, presented a recommendation request to waive general fund balance penalties for Sayre, Fargo, Frontier, Kiowa, Hammon, Waynoka, Freedom and Taloga Public Schools.

Board members asked questions and discussed the Red Tape Taskforce review statutory requirements.

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

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

### **Update on Gage Public School District annexation election (I039) pursuant to 70 O. S. § 7-101.1(B); OAC 210:1-3-2 Approved**

David Kinney, General Counsel, presented an update on the annexation election of Gage Public School District and it was successful without protest. Fargo Public School District has taken over all liabilities of Gage Public School District and students will remain on campus through the end of the school year.

### **Proceeds to the State by escheat for deposit in the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund Approved**

David Kinney, General Counsel, presented a request to accept escheat funds proceeds from oil and gas mineral interest for deposit in the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund. Oklahoma Constitution provides that when a deceased has no will or heirs the escheat funds are the possession of the state. A sale of the mineral interest will take place and at a later date sale proceeds will also deposit in the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund.

Board member Ross moved to approve accepting the escheat funds for deposit. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action to issue emergency orders summarily suspending the teacher certificates of 1) Chance Marsey; 2) James Wilson; 3) Jeffery Riles; 4) Whitney Fetters; 5) Sandra Mayfield; and 6) Victoria Dacalio pending individual proceedings for revocation or other action - 70 O.S. § 3- 104; 75 O.S. § 314; OAC 210-1-5-6; and**

### **Reinstating the teaching certificate of Pamela Reeder**

#### **Convene into Executive Session**

Board member Ross moved to convene into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Board of Education, remained in the Executive Session.

#### **Return to Open Session**

Board member Flanagan moved to return to Open Session at 11:28 a.m. Board member Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Board member Baxter moved to suspend the teaching certificates of Chance Marsey, James Wilson, Jeffery Riles, Whitney Fetters, Sandra Mayfield and Victoria Dacalio; and approve reinstating the teaching certificate of Pamela Reeder.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 9:30 p.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