

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 10, 2016

The State Board of Education met in special session at 1:33 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 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 10:35 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 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
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt

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 1:33 p.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 and participating in the difficult decisions set before the State Board of Education. Education fared better than many other agencies and it was an unenviable task for budget writers to produce a balanced budget with a \$1.3 billion shortfall. The documents Board members received today reflect the priorities of the State Department of Education, as does many others, and making every effort to keep a priority on SoonerStart and Alternative Education, Early Childhood Initiative, Early Literacy Efforts and the implementation of the new Academic Standards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alicia Priest, Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) signed up to address the FY 17 State Board of Education budget concerns and support.

Board member Flanagan said it is preliminary at this point to make sure that the numbers will not change once the allocations are discussed. There are testing issues needing to be cleaned up because they are not consistent with prior years and a \$5 million difference. There is \$92 million and if \$5 million can be found on the State Department of Education (SDE) side and deal with \$97 million instead of \$92 the allocation would be entirely different.

He clarified the budget presentation was not consistent but it appears, per his research and understanding, there was \$5 million in testing on the SDE side last year and it has been brought over to the activity fund which already had a \$38 million cut. Adding them together will make a difference in the allocations.

Board member Flanagan asked out of all the resources, can it be assured that there are no other resources the \$5 million can be moved to the SDE side of the budget.

Superintendent Hofmeister responded it is assured and will be addressed in the presentation.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

FY17 State Board of Education budget Approved

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs, presented a recommendation request for the Fiscal Year 2017 Education Budget. Board members were provided Senate Bill 1616 general appropriations bill, program descriptions, activity fund disbursements, State Department of Education statutory and discretionary programs.

A sum of \$2,426,721,434 was appropriated for Financial Support of Public Schools, Supports for Public Schools Activities, Support of Partnership for Math Intervention, Flexible Benefit Allowance, and Administrative/Support Functions of the State Department of Education; and also includes Senate Bill 1584 \$66 million appropriation to the school funding formula from the Rainy Day Fund.

Board members asked questions and discussed program funding/decisions of the FY17 budget line items.

Board member Ross moved to approve the FY17 budget request with the exclusion of Teach for America as Mr. Ross is the Chairman of Teach for America-Oklahoma City. Board member Baxter seconded the motion.

Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Board of Education, in response to Board member Flanagan's question of his a relative employed at Bartlesville School District as psychologist and nationally certified, said the reduction/elimination in the line item does not constitute a conflict.

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

Board member Baxter moved to approve funding Teach for America as recommended in the proposed FY17 budget.

Superintendent Hofmeister clarified the Teach for America line item was reduced from \$2.5 million to \$250,000.

Board member Baxter restated the motion to approve funding Teach for America at \$250,000 as recommended in the FY17 budget.

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

Board member Price requested the SDE consider, if possible, allowing Teach for America to conduct part of the math intervention.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Board member Price moved to adjourn. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016, 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