

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

May 26, 2016

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:38 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 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 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 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 9:38 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

**Recognition of Department Employee
for the Month of May**

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Ms. Robbyn Morris, Regional Coordinator, SoonerStart as the employee for the month of May.

**Recognition of Curriculum and Instruction Director
Appointments to National Associations**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Brenda Chapman, Director, Social Studies Education and Personal Financial Literacy; Desa Dawson, Director, World Languages; Levi Patrick, Director, Secondary Mathematics Education; and Tiffany Neill, Director, Science Education on their appointments to national associations as President-Elects and Vice-Presidents.

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Hofmeister said the Senate passed the budget and now awaiting passage from the House. Common Education received flat funding as it did in May but other agencies endured severe cuts which it is not lost on us. We are grateful for the prioritizing of our youngest school children of Oklahoma, and for the Senate and House leaders who wrote the budget. There are more challenges and tougher times ahead with the funding formula returned to the original amount however, because of some shifting to accomplish it we will have cuts in other areas within the Board's discretion. There will be line item program cuts to the school activities fund.

The Department of Health and Department of Mental Health also endured cuts and are among those where great attempts were made to keep funding flat as possible. These agencies affect our classrooms, children and families. We want to make certain, as

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the Attorney General Opinion referenced, that education is properly provided for students and continued care statewide with school districts.

Starting today, districts will be provided guidance in understanding their responsibility to provide services and treatment to students receiving mental health care; with no education disruptions; and seek continuity that is afforded in state law and IDEA federal law.

Governor Fallin signed the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness, Red Tape Taskforce, Standards implementation bills, and the End-of-Instruction exams bill is pending her signature.

Superintendent Hofmeister presented recognitions to approximately 600 seventh grade students whose ACT scores were tops in the nation at the Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) ceremony in Tulsa on May 18. The Duke TIP organization is dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented youth.

EngageOK summer regional conferences begin in eight weeks at several locations statewide. Sessions will include new ESSA required A-F Accountability System, new assessments after the transition year, and future stakeholder inputs on implementation of standards.

Superintendent Hofmeister said a special State Board of Education meeting will be required in order to finalize the Fiscal Year 2017 budget.

Board member Bill Price gave an update on his trip to Finland with Channel 9 News and Channel 6 News-Tulsa. The team met and interviewed the leadership of the Finish or Finland School System. More in-depth information will be presented to the Board at a later time.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education Approved

Board member Franks moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016, regular meeting. 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.

Presentation of “ELEVATE” – “Green at Grant”

Phil Bacharach, Senior Policy Advisor, presented U.S. Grant High School’s “Green at Grant” community garden. The outdoor classroom project gives students opportunities to learn how to grow fresh produce as well as an opportunity to teach social studies through mathematics. U.S. Grant High School was a grant recipient of the Oklahoma City Harvest program.

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) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Hobart Public Schools, Kiowa County
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County
Purcell Public Schools, McClain County
Yukon Public School, Canadian County
- (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County
- (c) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Commerce Public Schools, Ottawa County
Eldorado Public Schools, Jackson County
Eufaula Public Schools, McIntosh County
Grove Middle School, Delaware County
Grove Lower and Upper ES, Delaware, County
Grove High School and Early Childhood, Delaware County
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County
Middleberg Public Schools, Grady County
Moss Public Schools, Hughes County
Pawhuska Public Schools, Osage County
Sterling Public Schools, Comanche County
Wainwright Public Schools, Muskogee County
- (d) **Library Media Specialist – 70 O.S. § 3-126**
Mustang Public School, Canadian County
- (e) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional)certificates (list attached) – 70 O. S. § 6-187

Board member Price moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Ross 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.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING

Jason Smith, Program Specialist ELL, Instruction and Elizabeth Warren, Focus School Specialist, Office of School Support presented the Comprehensive Academic Resource and Training Toolkit (CARTT) multifaceted academic resource design modules for professional development and training for English Language Learner teachers, coordinators and administrators; preparing students with language proficiency; and develop the necessary academic skills that ensures the success of Oklahoma’s children and youth through college and career pathways.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Legislative Update

Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs, presented updates on 2016 legislative session, May 27 deadline; and highlighted education bills signed by the Governor, bills pending signature; future agency projects on policy, guidance and rules processing; 2016-2018 assessment changes, adoptions, requirements; and SB1616 general appropriations and reductions.

Board members asked questions regarding remediation and personalized learning for all students.

LEGAL SERVICES

The 2026-2017 Grant-Goodland Public School-School Plan; Update on complaint with the State Board of Education Administrative Order granting state intervention of Grant-Goodland Public School; and

Amending the Administrative Order placing Grant-Goodland Dependent School District, C003, under full state intervention; and

Mandating annexation of Grant-Goodland Dependent School District, C003

David Kinney, General Counsel, presented an update on the approved school district plan submitted by Grant Goodland School Board. The SDE is concerned at the present time the school's financial condition is not good. On May 24 Financial Services Department records indicated the school's general fund balance was \$2,381.

Dr. Ellen Dollarhide presented a brief review of the Grant-Goodland School District school plan, improvement areas; and components of a probable effective school improvement plan used to measure the Grant-Goodland School District plan. Dr. Dollarhide stated that the plan presented was, at best, basic.

Mr. Kinney said the SDE recommends allowing four surrounding school districts, Boswell, Soper, Hugo and Ft. Towson to present to the SBE. Should the SBE allow the school to remain open for the 2016-2017 school year it is recommended at the June SBE meeting consider amending the board's order to have oversight over the treasure and encumbrance clerk in order to maintain a supply of information to the SDE in a timely manner.

Superintendent Hofmeister asked what options were recommended to act upon today.

Mr. Kinney said the second option is a Hearing for Mandatory Annexation for the 2016-2017 school year, and recommend all four districts submit a school plan to present before the SBE in June.

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Superintendent Hofmeister recommended the option to proceed with a hearing schedule for annexation of the Grant-Goodland School District

(Board member Ross stepped out at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 10:36 am.)
(Board member Baxter stepped out at 10:38 a.m. and returned at 10:41 a.m.)

Mr. Kinney said the recommendation to the SBE is to set a Hearing in June to consider the mandatory annexation of Grant-Goodland Public School District, and for the SDE to send all required notices, including invites to adjacent school districts to provide presentations, either by person or submission of documents.

Board members asked questions and discussed declining student count, school academic performance/standards, and school improvement plan context.

Mr. Kinney and Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Board confirmed a memo containing the corrective action plan and deficiencies were provided to the legal counsel for Grant-Goodland School District and the Interim Superintendent on Tuesday, May 24.

Board member Price moved to set a Hearing on June 23, 2016, at 1 p.m. for possible action on mandating annexation of Grant-Goodland Public School District. Board member Ross seconded the motion.

Mr. Kinney, in response to Board member Flanagan question regarding deadline for providing materials, said the SDE staff will provide notifications.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.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