

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

September 22, 2016

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:33 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 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 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 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.

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**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:33 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 work began in August with a taskforce on the new assessment and accountability system. Approximately 90 inclusive members met again September 19 to review and discuss the mandated assessments of House Bill 3218 that measure the new math and English Language Arts academic standards, and fulfil the United States Department of Education (USDE) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements.

The New Skills for Youth Call to Action Summit was held September 20. The Summit correlated with the grant application to work on redefining the student experience in Oklahoma high schools. Participants engaged in panel discussion that will provide all students with an individual academic plan to be ready for (Ready 4) a bright future with the skills to achieve their aspirations.

Our teacher shortage is still evident because in the first three months of this school year 926 emergency certifications have been requests and the year-to-date total is 1,063. In 2015 the total reached 842. The budgets cuts did not mask the severity of the teacher shortage by eliminating teaching positions, nor minimize or create an artificial perception of the teacher shortage crisis. Solving the crisis takes resources such as restoring the teacher residency program for committed new teachers.

The 2016 budget shortfall led to an overcut of funds that has been returned. The dollars will be returned to the 2016 budget items.

Board member Price reported on his visit to Finland with Channel 9 news teams interviewing teachers, school administrators, and students about the Finland school system.

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

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Ms. April Barr, Coordinator, Office of Accreditation as the employee for the month of September.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

**August 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
of the State Board of Education Approved**

Board member Baxter moved to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016, regular meeting. 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.

**Resolution honoring Jon Hazell
2017 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year (TOY) Approved**

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Jon Hazell the 2017 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Hazell said this was his 34th year in public education and affirmed letting teachers teach and getting government out of the way. He thanked Superintendent Hofmeister for attacking issues and problems, not the people; and appreciated using (us) teachers to find the issues and solutions. It is time to learn the lesson taught to our children that life is not determined by our circumstances but by the choices made during the circumstances. These circumstances will not define us but the choices will determine how we come out well with the many resources we are tapping into.

Duane Merideth, Superintendent, Durant Public Schools was in attendance with Mr. Hazell.

Board member Ross read the Resolution honoring John Hazell as the 2017 Teacher of the Year Ceremony.

Board member Baxter moved to adopt the Resolution honoring John Hazell 2017 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. 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.

CONSENT DOCKET Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2016-2017 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Beggs Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Bridge Creek Public Schools, Grady County
Henryetta Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Kinta Public Schools, Haskell County
Watts Public Schools, Adair County
Woodland Public Schools, Osage County
Pond Creek-Hunter Public Schools, Grant County

- (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**
Big Pastures Public Schools, Cotton County
Grandfield Public school, Tillman County
Kinta Public Schools, Haskell County
Merritt Public Schools, Beckham County
Milburn Public Schools, Johnson County
Preston Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Jennings Public Schools, Pawnee County

- (c) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Grandfield Public Schools, Tillman County
Howe Public Schools, LeFlore County
Jenks Public Schools, Tulsa County
Laverne Public Schools, Harper County
Okeene Public Schools, Blaine County
Oilton Public Schools, Creek County
Weatherford Public Schools, Custer County
Coleman Public Schools, Johnston County
Prague Public Schools, Lincoln County
Ripley Public Schools, Payne County
Shidler Public Schools, Osage County
Tannehill Public Schools, Pittsburg County
Vian Public Schools, Sequoyah County
White Rock Public Schools, Lincoln County
Woodland Public Schools, Osage County
McCord Public Schools, Osage County
Okay Public Schools, Wagoner County

- (d) **Library Media Specialist – 70 O. S. § 3-126**
Bartlesville Public Schools, Washington County
Bridge-Creek Public Schools, Grady County
Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools, Mayes County

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Duncan Public Schools, Stephens County
Edmond Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Salina Public Schools, Mayes County
Seiling Public Schools, Dewey County

- (e) 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 Price moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Baxter seconded the motion.

Board member Franks questioned if the entire school systems were requesting four days a week or just the alternative education on Consent Docket item (a) Abbreviated Day.

Jennifer Wilkinson, Director of Alternative Education said requests vary by districts. They are tasked each year to define their at-risk population and designing an appropriate program to meet student needs.

Board member Flanagan said the standard is four hours and 12 minutes per day, times a 5-day week but a 4-day week is three hour difference for the school year. It comes out 10 percent less time being spent in the classroom

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

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Awards

Sonia Johnson, Director, 21st Century, presented an overview of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs, recent grant applicants and 11 new grantees. Ms. Johnson provided the latest University of California-Irvine research study and national perspectives of the learning centers after school programs.

Board members asked questions and discussed statewide participants and selections.

ASSESSMENT and ACCOUNTABILITY

2015-2016 Oklahoma School Testing Program Results (OSTP)

Dr. Katie Dunlap, Deputy Superintendent, Assessment and Accountability introduced Angela Bilyeu, Assistant Executive Director of Assessment, to present aggregate statewide results of the 2015-16 Oklahoma testing program.

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Ms. Bilyeu reviewed reading and math results/data on Grades 3-8 assessments; Grades 5-8 science assessments; Grade 5 social studies assessment; Grade 8 U.S. History assessment; and Grade 7 geography assessment.

Board members asked questions and discussed test/assessment process and proficiencies; standards measurement, student exclusion clarification and performance comparisons.

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS and POLICY RESEARCH

Report on the Equitable Access to Excellent Educator Plan

Dr. Robyn Miller, Deputy Superintendent, Educator Effectiveness and Policy Research, presented an updated report on Oklahoma's equity plan for the USDE. Equity gaps calculations are required to show rate comparisons at which minority/impooverished children are taught by inexperienced, unqualified or out-of-field teachers versus other children taught by the same teachers. Dr. Miller reviewed USDE expectations, yearly gap calculations and percentages, plan strategies and public reports.

Board members asked questions and discussed qualitative observation rating data, teacher descriptors, state accountability, and funding frameworks.

Adopt the Recommendations by the Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center for alternative education programs

Dr. Miller reviewed the criteria for funding an effective alternative education program, and the evaluation responsibilities of the Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center (OTAC). Pursuant state statutes OTAC provides program evaluation and technical assistance to state-funded alternative education programs, and recommend noncompliant school districts to the State Department of Education (SDE) and State Board of Education (SBE).

Jennifer Wilkinson, Director of Alternative Education, said there were 274 programs in the state serving approximately 520 school districts, 12,054 students Grades 6-12; and 3,019 senior students with a graduation rate of 83.4 in 2015. The Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center (OTAC) recommendation request was to deny 2016-2017 funding to school districts that did not serve students and/or had no alternative education program in place during the 2015-2016 school year for one-three years included Allen-Bowden, Avant, Balko, Burlington, Central High School, Felt, Freedom, Goodwell, Oaks-Mission, Okay, Temple and Waurika. All districts were notified and could request a hearing to appear before the SBE.

Board members did not object to Mr. Ross' proposal to proceed to item 10 (a) FY16 budget reallocation before the Alternative Education Program hearing item 9 (b) Educator Effectiveness and Policy Research

(Superintendent Hofmeister recessed at 11:28 and returned at 11:35)

FINANCIAL SERVICES

FY16 State Board of Education budget to address the Office of Management Enterprises Services (OMES) reallocation of FY16 state funding - Approved

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs, and Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Federal Programs said as a result of state allocated fund cuts that were greater than the amount needed to cover the budget shortfall \$40,229,479.02 was returned to Department of Education for common education. State Board of Education adopted the FY16 budget June 25, 2015 after which time the state endured two general revenue failures and common education was reduced by \$74,463,714.90. A supplemental appropriation was granted in March 2016, to assist with the drastic cuts.

Public School Activities Fund originally was appropriated for FY16 purposes and \$3,358,538.26 is requested to be reallocated to the area overcut in FY16.

Board members asked questions and discussed allocation determinations.

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

(Board member Ross left at 11:51 a.m.)

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS and POLICY RESEARCH continued

Adopt the Recommendations by the Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center (OTAC) for alternative education programs – Approved

Administrators signed up for a hearing to address OTAC recommendations included Braden Naylor, Interim Superintendent, Balco Public Schools; John Sheridan, Oaks Mission Public Schools; Mark Perry, Principal, Central High Public Schools; and Glen Elliott, Burlington Public Schools.

Board members asked questions and discussed OTAC recommendations, coop participation, reporting issues.

Superintendent Hofmeister recapped two (2) districts did not serve students for three (3) years, four (4) did not for two (2) years; and six (6) did not for one (1) year.

Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Federal Programs asked for consideration of the one year districts with 400 or fewer students who typically do not have an alternative student to serve every year even with an alternative education system in place. Districts not serving more years are a concern and need to question whether to have the alternative education program and funding.

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Mr. Holder responding to Board member Price's question confirmed he recommends funding the one year districts based on the cost to set up the alternative education program.

Superintendent Hofmeister recommended including Balko Public School District on the two year district due to having an interim superintendent and will participate in a coop.

Board member Baxter moved to waive all school districts on the one year no student served list and Balko School District on the two year list. Board member Franks seconded the motion.

Mr. Wilkinson reported the Superintendent of Okay Public School on the two year not served list was in route to the meeting but had to return to school due an emergency. Currently two students are being served in the Okay alternative education program. In past years there were two students but did not define them as alternative education students.

Board member Keating amended to motion to include waiving Okay Public Schools on the two year not served list. Board member Flanagan 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.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Late claim federal program claims - Approved Special Education – Jones Public Schools

Mr. Holder presented a late federal claim payment recommendation request for Jones Public Schools due to a personnel issue.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the federal late claims. 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.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Update on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Carolyn Thompson, Chief of Government Affairs, said Congress passed ESSA in December 2015 and is the reauthorization amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. New ESSA law and program requirements were highlighted.

Dr. Miller reviewed feedback from statewide EngageOK summer conferences. A full data report, prepared by Lynn Xiang, Data Analyst, is available on the SDE website.

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Phil Bacharach, Senior Policy Advisor, reported on the success of soliciting education stakeholder feedback including, as of July, an online survey. We are thankful for the diverse opinions of many organizations, non-profits and other groups underserved or underrepresented who in turn assisted in the distribution of the online survey to their respective members/clients.

Town hall meeting series are scheduled beginning October 18 in Duncan to reach out to parents, community members and anyone concerned with improving our schools. The schedule of town hall meetings in November and December were provided.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §§ 307 (B) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action to reinstate the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of Curtis Lowe, Gregory Durbin, Brandon Parker, Shelley Duncan and Joseph Palmer.

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Flanagan moved to convene into Executive Session at 12:32 a.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.

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 1:01 p.m. Board member Price 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.

Superintendent Hofmeister stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Board member Price moved to suspend the teaching certificates of Curtis Lowe, Gregory Durbin, Brandon Parker, Shelley Duncan and Joseph Palmer. 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.

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendent Jeff Colclausurd, Dickson Public Schools, Ardmore, OK attended the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Board member Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Board member Keating seconded the motion. Board member unanimously agreed.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, October 27, 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