

**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 28, 2017**

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:32 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017, 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, September 27, 2017.

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" Flanagan, Claremore  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa  
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 9:32 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**

**First-Year Superintendents**

First-year superintendents attending the meeting included Steve Shiever, Lomega Public Schools; Nicholas Migliorino, Norman Public Schools; Scott Cline, Waynoka Public Schools; Tim Simpson, Wynnewood Public Schools; Kenneth Bridges, Jay Public Schools; and Charles Anglin, Cimarron Public Schools.

**Information from the State Superintendent**

Superintendent Hofmeister updated on the 2018 Teacher of the Year (TOY) ceremony and winner Donna Gradel, environmental science teacher, Broken Arrow Public Schools; National competition for Jon Hazel, Oklahoma 2017 TOY; school visits/achievement/successes; and year-to-date emergency certification requests.

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

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Todd Loftin, Executive Director, Special Education, as the employee for the month September.

Board members were provided the ESSA plan submitted to the United States Department of Education (USDE) on September 15. Superintendent Hofmeister reviewed six goals to accomplish by 2025, and thanked all who participated with their time, expertise and ideas in the 8-Year Strategic Plan.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **August 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education - Approved**

Board member Baxter moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017, regular meeting. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, abstain; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Keating, abstain; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **Proposed 2018 State Board regular meeting**

Board members discussed regular meeting dates/options, and will report availability to board secretary.

### **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) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**

Watts Public Schools, Adair County  
Little Axe Public Schools, Cleveland County  
Clinton Public Schools, Custer County  
Keota Public Schools, Haskell County  
Hollis Public Schools, Harmon County  
Prague Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Valliant Public Schools, McCurtain County  
Choctaw-Nicoma Park Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Harrah Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Quinton Public Schools, Pittsburg County  
Inola Public Schools, Rogers County

**3 Year Request**

Pond Creek Public Schools, Grant County  
Blackwell Public Schools, Kay County  
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County  
Macomb Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Catoosa Public Schools, Rogers County  
Skiatook Public Schools, Tulsa County

(b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**

Merritt Public Schools, Beckham County  
Hydro-Eakly, Caddo County  
Taloga Public Schools, Dewey County  
Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County  
Paoli Public Schools, Garvin County  
LeFlore Public Schools, LeFlore County  
Preston Public Schools, Okmulgee County  
Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County

Hammon Public Schools, Roger Millers County  
Central Public Schools, Stephens County  
Grandfield Public Schools, Tillman County

**3 Year Request**

Springer Public Schools, Carter County  
Keyes Public Schools, Cimarron County  
Milburn Public Schools, Johnston County  
Jennings Public Schools, Pawnee County

(c) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures – 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4**

Dover Public Schools, Kingfisher County

(d) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**

Timberlake Public Schools, Alfalfa County  
Hydro-Eakly Public Schools, Alfalfa County  
Dickson Public Schools, Carter County  
Woodall Public Schools, Cherokee County  
Little Axe Public Schools, Cleveland County  
Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County  
Weatherford Public Schools, Custer County  
Pauls Valley Public Schools, Garvin County  
Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County  
Duke Public Schools, Jackson County  
Shady Point Public Schools, LeFlore County  
Howe Public Schools, LeFlore County  
Meeker Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Greenville Public Schools, Love County  
Ringwood Public Schools, Major County  
Washington Public Schools, McClain County  
Muskogee Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Porum Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Harrah Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Jones Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Quinton Public Schools, Pittsburg County  
Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County  
Vian Public Schools, Sequoyah County  
Guymon Public Schools, Texas County  
Grandfield Public Schools, Tillman County  
Waynoka Public Schools, Woods County

**3 Year Request**

Elk City Public Schools, Beckham County  
Hulbert Public Schools, Cherokee County  
Norwood Public Schools, Cherokee County  
Grove Public Schools, Delaware County  
Fanshawe Public Schools, LeFlore County  
Prague Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Eagleton Public Schools, McCurtain County  
Eufaula Public Schools, McIntosh County

McCord Public Schools, Osage County  
Glencoe Public Schools, Payne County  
Macomb Public Schools, Pottawatomie Public Schools  
Claremore Public Schools, Rogers County  
Strother Public Schools, Seminole County  
Butner Public Schools, Seminole County  
Roland Public Schools, Sequoyah County  
Grandview Public Schools, Stephens County  
Optima Public Schools, Texas County  
Skiatook Public Schools, Tulsa County  
Sperry Public Schools, Tulsa County

(e) **Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption – 70 O. S. § 3-126**

Norman Public Schools, Cleveland County\*  
\*Lakeview Elementary and Dimension Academy  
Meeker Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Muskogee Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma County  
Bixby Public Schools, Tulsa County

**3 Year Request**

Enid Public Schools, Garfield County  
Bethel Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Duncan Public Schools, Stephens County\*  
\*Plato Elementary, Emerson Elementary, and Duncan High School

(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**

(g) Request approval of sponsorship/donation reports and recommendations – **70 O.S. § 3-104(12)**

Gecko Upright Stander, donation by Denise and Mike White  
Children's Books, *Sea Me, See Me*, donation by Cheryl Jones

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding legislative and statutory reporting/requirements of consent docket items.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the Consent Docket. 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.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **Payment of Late Federal Programs Special Education, School Improvement, Title I – Approved**

Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent, Federal Programs & Finance, presented a final request to reimburse Fiscal Year 2018 federal claims for 8 school districts

noncompliant to the August 1 filing deadline. Pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Code Rule 210:25-3-7(12) requirements all school districts provided “good cause” explanations for late submission and no districts were repeat offenders.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve payment of the late federal claims requests. Board member Baxter 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.

**FY 2018 Shared Superintendent Salary Assistance  
Application Report – Approved**

Mr. Holder presented application requests for shared superintendent salary assistance. Applying school districts provided the required local board approved contracts for a superintendent and request for fifty percent (50%) salary or wage assistance not exceeding three (3) consecutive years or no more than \$150,000. Qualified applicants will receive School Consolidation Assistance funding quarterly.

Board members asked questions and discussed sufficient funding for shared salaries and consolidation severance payments.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the shared salary requests. Board member Franks 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.

**One-time FY2018 Severance Allowances payments to  
former employees of Olustee Public School District or  
Eldorado Public School District, which consolidated to  
form Olustee-Eldorado Public School District  
on June 26, 2017 – Approved**

Mr. Holder presented a recommendation request to issue severance allowance payments to former employees whose employment ended due to the consolidation of Olustee and Eldorado Public Schools. Former employees met the eligibility requirements for severance payments.

Renee´ McWaters, Executive Deputy Director, Office of State Aid, reviewed severance eligibility statutory requirements and process.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the recommended severance allowance payments. 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.

## 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 a proposed settlement of the pending  
proceeding to revoke the Oklahoma teaching certificate of  
Willis Alexander - OAC 210-1-5-6; 70 O. S. § 3-104**

**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 James Ross Camden 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**

Board member Price moved to convene into Executive Session at 10:09 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.

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

### **Return to Open Session**

Board member Franks moved to return to Open Session at 11:09 a.m. 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.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session.

Board member Ross moved to approve the settlement of the pending proceeding to revoke Oklahoma teaching certificate of **Willis Alexander**. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion.

Board member Price said the motion should include authorizing Brad Clark, General Counsel to negotiate a settlement.

Board member Ross accepted the amendment. 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.

Board member Ross moved to issue an emergency order summarily suspending the teacher certificate and certificate number of **James Ross Camden**. 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.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Price moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, 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