

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

March 25, 2014

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014.

The following were present:

Ms. Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board of Education
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Administrative Assistant

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Ms. Amy Ford, Durant (left at 3:23 pm)
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt (left at 3:25 returned at 3:27)
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. William "Bill" Shdeed, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barresi called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Isenhour called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Barresi 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.

**MARCH 4, 2014 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014, special State Board of Education meeting. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, abstain; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi announced Lisa Chandler is the new Assistant State Superintendent of Assessments beginning Monday, March 31, 2014. Ms. Chandler held different positions with the Texas Education Agency including Director of Student Assessment of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, 2003-2007.

School districts are preparing to participate in the OCCT and EOI statewide testing with testing vendor CTB-McGraw-Hill. School districts that report problems with software, the vendor is diligent to resolve any issues that may occur. A updated report on the school sites preparedness and plans for those needing additional assistance is provided by Kurt Bernhardt, Executive Director of Research and Development, State Department of Education (SDE).

Some school districts have older computers and cannot accommodate the new technology-enhanced tests. Matt Singleton, Office of Management and Enterprises Services (OMES), is completing an agreement with Hewlett-Packard to provide a virtual desktop infrastructure in order for students to take the testing at no cost to the districts.

The Vision 2020 Conference is scheduled July 15-17 at the Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City. The conference theme is "Stepping Up," which is our goal to make all Oklahoma students college, career and citizen ready. The conference is free, but everyone is required to register which can be accessed on the SDE Web site. School administrators, teachers and parents are encouraged to attend and be a part of the experience.

Governor Fallin is hosting the National Governors Association “American Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow’s Jobs,” Summit this week. At her request, Superintendent Barresi has been invited to speak and participate on a panel with Robert Sommers, Secretary of Education, Chancellor Glen Johnson, Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education-CEO of Oklahoma System of Higher Education, and Steve Hendrickson.

The State Senate Education Committee voted on House Bill 3399 yesterday is headed for the Senate vote. Board Members will be updated on the process. We are informing educators we are planning the transition and looking for scenarios as we wait on the will of the legislature to move forward.

Recognition of the 2013 Love’s Creative SPARKS! Recipients

Superintendent Barresi recognized the 2013 student recipients of the Love’s Creative SPARKS! Award in elementary, middle school and high school levels. Students submit creative ideas that envision a more creative learning environment that could be put into action in their school community. Students and their school awarded cash prizes were Amy Meta and Channing Hill, Clegern Elementary School; Mark Wendleboe, Oakdale Middle School; and Baylee Lakey, Sayre High School.

Presentation on the 2013-2014 Teach for America Oklahoma Annual Review

Mr. Lance Tackett, Executive Director, Teach for America (TFA) Oklahoma presented the annual review of the Teach for America Oklahoma PreK-12 program and reviewed the TFA corps membership, percentages, academia data, and training; Tulsa and Oklahoma City programs, other city expansions; subject areas taught, students, classroom, and schools data; academic and community partnerships; summer programs and expansions; state funding/matches and donor contributions.

RECESS

Superintendent Barresi recessed the State Board of Education meeting at 1:40 p.m.

RECONVENE

Superintendent Barresi reconvened the State Board of Education meeting at 1:58 p.m.

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendent(s) attending the meeting were Rachel Collins, Gypsy Public Schools; Danielle Deere, Bearden Public School; Wade Detrick, Ringwood Public Schools; Aaron Espolt, Olive Public Schools; Robert Florenzano, Crowder Public Schools; Christopher Bryan, Justice Public School; Beatrice Butler, Wilburton Public Schools; Wayland Kimble, Chandler Public Schools; Matthew Riggs, Macomb Public Schools; Cecilia Robinson, Millwood Public Schools; Patrick Turner, Krebs Public School; Donna McGee, Wetumka Pubic Schools; and Greg Faris, Hardesty Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals signed up to address/discuss Administrative Cost criteria and Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science included Jim Dominick, Coleman Public Schools, Coleman, Oklahoma and Julie Angle, Director, Secondary Science Education Program, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

CONSENT DOCKET APPROVED

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2013-2014 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Wewoka Public Schools, Seminole County
- (b) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Allen Public Schools, Pontotoc County
Kingfisher Public Schools, Kingfisher County
Marietta Public Schools, Love County
Navajo Public Schools, Jackson County
Noble Public Schools, Cleveland County
Porter Consolidated Public Schools, Wagoner County
Wewoka Public Schools, Seminole County
- (c) **Length of School Day - 70 O. S. § 1-109**
Skiatook Public Schools, Tulsa County
- (d) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures – 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4**
Lone Star Public Schools, Creek County
South Rock Creek Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Shawnee Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Marietta Public Schools, Love County
- (e) Request approval on recommendations from the Teacher Competency Review Panel for applicants to receive a license - 70 O. S. § 6-202
- (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 Ford made a motion to approve the Consent Docket with the exception of item (c). Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

In response to questions regarding Consent Docket item (c) waiver request, Lynn Jones, Executive Director, Accreditation, said the “Flexible Friday” bill is within the days-to-hour law. The bill allows a school to request the waiver for rewarding students who perform well and incentivize other students to perform well, too. Typically, the last

hour of the school day is waived but it has not been a common practice for schools. School districts include the information along with the required end of year reports.

Board Member requested Ms. Jones to provide additional information for Skiatook Public Schools.

Board Member Baxter made a motion to table Consent Docket item (c). Board Member Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

General Fund Balance Penalties Approved

Renée McWaters, Executive Director, State Aid, presented waiver requests for school districts for the seconded consecutive year, which exceeded their general fund balance allowable amount for the 2012-13 school year. These districts only receive transportation funding through the daily average membership formula. They do not receive federal, financial support or salary incentives. School districts included Sayre, Kiowa, Hammon, Freedom and Taloga Public Schools. Taloga Public Schools has not responded to their notification.

Board Member Shdeed made a motion to approve the waiver requests with the exception of Taloga Public Schools. Board Member Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

School Districts who did not meet the Administrative Cost criteria for 2012-2013 school year Approved

Nancy Hughes, Executive Director, Financial Accounting presented a request for school districts not meeting the Administrative Cost criteria that included Coleman Public Schools, Discovery Charter School, Dover Public Schools, Fanshawe Public School, Freedom Public Schools, Greasy Public Schools, Mannsville Public schools, Oaks Mission Public Schools and Straight Public Schools.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the waiver requests due to coding errors for Coleman, Fanshawe, Freedom, Oaks Mission and Straight Public Schools.

Board Member Ford withdrew the motion to approve the waiver requests for Coleman, Fanshawe, Freedom, Oaks Mission and Straight Public Schools.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the waiver requests for Coleman, Fanshawe, Freedom, Oaks Mission Public Schools, and to waive Straight Public Schools with the exception of \$10,633.02. Board Member Franks seconded the motion.

Ms. Hughes clarified various reasons for overages and penalty waivers due to coding errors, no communication prior to November 15 deadline, and contract terms.

Board Member Price requested to amend the motion to include waiving the penalty for Greasy Public School. Board Member Ford accepted the amendment. Board Member Franks accepted and seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Office of Instruction

Adoption of Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science Approved

Tiffany Neill, Director Science Office of Instruction presented a request to adopt the Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS) for Science. Ms. Neill reviewed the performance expectations and clarification statements; public comments regarding K-5, middle schools, high school biology, chemistry, earth and space science; general concerns addressed by OAS writing committee; and Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB) letter of support.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve adoption of the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science. Board Member Franks seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

LEGAL SERVICES

Proposed Administrative Rules Approved

Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel presented requests for the following proposed permanent rules for adoption:

Chapter 40. Grants And Programs-In-Aid; Subchapter 87. Rules For Payments to Charter Schools – 210:40-87-3. Distribution and reporting of state-appropriated funds to charter school sponsors and charter schools Guidelines for payment Approved

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Chapter 15. Curriculum and Instruction; Subchapter 3. ~~Priority Academic Student Skills~~ Oklahoma Academic Standards, Part 3. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten – 210:15-3-5.6 Science. Part 9. Science Approved

Board Member Franks made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

*Shannon Ainsworth and Wendy Pratt vs Oklahoma, ex rel,
The Oklahoma State Board of Education, and the
Oklahoma State Department of Education (CJ-2012-7089)*

Executive Session

Board Member Ford motion to move into Executive Session at 3:02 p.m. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Reconvene from Executive Session

Board Member Ford made a motion to return to open session at 3:19 p.m. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

Superintendent Barresi said no action was taken during Executive Session.

Board Member Price made a motion to give settlement authority concerning Shannon Ainsworth and Wendy Pratt vs. State of Oklahoma. Board Member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Legislative Update

Joel Robison, Chief of Staff, updated and reviewed legislative House Bill 2408, House Bill 2625, House Bill 2640, House Bill 2773, House Bill 2885, House Bill 2921, House Bill 3399 and House Bill 2730; Senate Bill 1348, Senate Bill 1462, Senate Bill 1463, Senate Bill 1653, Senate Bill 1654, Senate Bill 1655, Senate Bill 1661, Senate Bill 1971 and Senate Bill 1148.

Mr. Robison said budget preliminary meetings are currently being conducted and at this time it does not look good. The Governor addressed the budget in her state-of-the-state speech that the new money appropriated to common education was not enough to cover the health insurance increases, nor additional money needed for schools or programs. There is continuing concern as to whether we exit this fiscal year without seeing cuts. As long as the fiscal issues remain the same without any changes it will not be a good budget year for anybody and common education will be in that nix as well.

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ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Shdeed made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Keating seconded the motion. There being no further business Board Members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board

Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board