

**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**

May 23, 2013

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:47 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013, 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, May 22, 2013.

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
Mr. Brian Hayden, Enid
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. William "Bill" Shdeed, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Ms. Joy Hofmeister, Tulsa

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 9:47 a.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.

**APRIL 25, 2013 REGULAR BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2013, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board Member Ford seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Shdeed, yes; General Baxter, yes; Mr. Hayden, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Ms. Ford, yes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi said school districts throughout the state were damaged in the recent tornadoes but none as bad as those in the Moore Public Schools District. Outreach to them is ongoing on how we can assist and there are action items relative to the needs of the districts on today's agenda. On Tuesday, she visited with Ms. Susan Pierce, Superintendent of Moore Public Schools, and commends Ms. Pierce and her staff on their heroism and recovery efforts. Superintendent Barresi recounted her visits with school district personnel regarding their bravery, commitment, the losses at Briarwood and Plaza Towers Elementary Schools. She said Highland East Junior High School and Moore Public Schools Administration offices sustained heavy damage and are not useable. The administration command center is currently housed at the Moore High School media center and at Moore-Norman Technology Center to help host the media.

Superintendent was appreciative of Mr. Robert Sommers, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, Dr. Tom Friedemann, Superintendent, Francis Tuttle Technology Center, and Ms. Jane Bowen, Superintendent, Moore-Norman Technology Center and their trained emergency and communications personnel.

The Capitol Complex campuses closed Tuesday afternoon due to low water pressure but our SDE staff went to work to see what they could do to help. A request for water and supplies donations was sent via the SDE Website and other social media. We talked with the Red Cross Oklahoma Chapter who told us they were out of storage space for supplies and instructed them to bring supplies to the SDE. So as you may have

observed our normally sterile, official, bureaucratic looking SDE is beautifully decorated with supplies and water. Staff members who worked tirelessly throughout the day and evening hours were Amanda Hall, Vivian Baber, Sophia Hacker, Brandon Smith, Jeff Smith, Kelly Curtright, Marty Fulk, Derk Watson, Rachel Ellison-Nalliah, Lance Allee, Cara Cusick, Leigh Ann Rausch, Pam Thompson, Martha Eaves, Charles Wilcox, Iona Martin, Colleen Flory, and Richard Caram. She was inspired by their work and grateful for their spirit of service within the department.

Recently, a public relations firm awarded a request for proposal (RFP) contract for SDE communications purposes around the Oklahoma Academic Standards asked what they could do to help without charge. We told them we wanted to advise people on how to help kids emotionally to deal with this. They came up with a mini media information campaign called "Give Oklahoma Children a H.U.G." The simple things parents can do to help the children cope after the storm is to H-HUG often, U-help them UNDERSTAND, and G-focus on the GOOD.

Governor Fallin will hold a 6:00 p.m. prayer service at the First Baptist Church, 301 North East 27th Street in Moore. President Obama will be in the state on Saturday, May 24 and Secretary Napolitano was here on May 22. The academic and city teams from Joplin, Missouri were contacted to come and the Superintendent of Joplin Schools will arrive today. Their advice has been helpful particularly to those from Moore Public Schools, as well as, other school districts that been affected.

Recognition of Mark Williams, American Red Cross

Superintendent Barresi recognized and commended Mr. Mark Williams, Board Chairman, American Red Cross of Central and Western Oklahoma.

Mr. Williams thanked everyone for their time and efforts. All that the SDE has done for Oklahomans is appreciated. The outpouring of love everywhere we go is incredible and can be seen at the Moore Community Center overnight shelter, too. Residents affected by the storm are volunteering and asking what more can they do because they know there are more people worse off than themselves. As they are allowed to return their neighborhoods which started today we will start to see the need for what the SDE has done.

CONSENT DOCKET APPROVED

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years, and other requests:

- (a) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Atoka Public Schools, Atoka County
Pocola Public Schools, LeFlore County
- (a) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210-.568**
Grandfield Public Schools, Tillman County
- (b) Request approval on recommendations from the Teacher Competency Review Panel for applicants to receive a license – **70 O. S. § 6-202**

- (c) Request approval for Moore Public Schools to maintain less than a full 1080 hour school year – **70 O. S. 1-109**
- (d) Request approval for Moore Public Schools to obtain a 30 day extension for submission of the Annual Statistical Report – **70 O. S. § 5-128**
- (e) Request approval for Moore Public Schools to obtain a 30 day extension, if necessary, for submission of any outstanding end of fiscal/school year reports due to the State Department of Education – **70 O.S. § 3-104 and 70 O.S. § 3-104.4**
- (f) Request approval for Moore Public Schools to obtain a 30 day extension for submission of cohort graduation rate data – **70 O. S. § 3-151.1**

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

LEGAL SERVICES

Adoption of Emergency Rule: OAC 210:10-13-16. Student Exceptions and Exemptions related to Graduation Requirements for End-of-Instruction Exams (“ACE Appeal”) to implement Rule Changes adopted by the Board on March 28, 2013 and Amendments Enacted Pursuant to House Bill 1756

Ms. Kim Richey, General Counsel presented an emergency rule for adoption. She reviewed the reason for the ACE appeal emergency rule, timeline schedule for approval, inclusion of House Bill 1756 provisions, and rule effective date.

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

Revocation of Teaching Certificate and Teacher Number of Maurice Alonzo Parker Postponed

Revocation of Teaching Certificate and Teacher Number of Gary Ray Cartwright Postponed

Superintendent Barresi asked for a continuance with the Board’s indulgence on Agenda Item 7. (a) and (b) because it did not seem appropriate today to review them.

Board Member Ford made a motion to postpone Agenda Item 7. (a) and (b) until the June 27, 2013, SBE meeting or a special meeting. Board Member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Hayden, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jim Beckhem, Superintendent, Blanchard Public Schools said I appreciate the opportunity to address the State Board of Education. I am representing my local school board, students, staff, and tax paying citizens of Blanchard Public Schools. This address is information only and not a complaint or anything to take action on. In 2008, Blanchard passed a bond issue in order to build a new high school. We have been making annual sinking fund payments to the bond purchaser to tune of approximately \$2.5 million due each September 1. This year for the first time we will not have the appropriate sinking fund revenue acquired from both ad valorem taxes, both personal and intangible, to make the payment. As a matter fact we will be \$228,000 short on September 1 because of this shortfall with the drop in the Oklahoma economy starting in 2009 until now. Sadly, not only will we be \$228,000 short this year, my projection for subsequent years are a deficit of \$351,750 in 2014, \$525,000 in 2015, \$698,250 in 2016, \$965,550 in 2017, \$1,079,402 in 218, and \$1, 351,650 in 2019 when the bond is retired. The accelerated increases in the sinking fund deficit will be due to the elimination of intangible property tax, and State Question 766 will have no choice to increase personal property taxes or millage to make up this deficit. I have spoken to our County Assessor so that when property owners discover that their taxes have increased by a minimum of 15 percent or more, she could explain the reason why. An appropriate way for us to prevent millage increases for personal property owners in Blanchard would have been the passage of House Bill 1742. The bill would have increased our maximum allowable general fund balance carryover from 14 percent to 20 percent. In summary, two actions could have prevented the dramatic increases in personal property millages, failure of State Questions 766 or the passage of House Bill 1742. Just as in the cases of previous and ongoing cases of inadequate school funding, school security issues, and now school safe rooms, those across the street with the obligation and moral responsibility to help are either ignorant or they do not give a damn. Like any educator I would like to stamp out at least half of the ignorance. Thank you.

Board Member Shdeed asked what the annual budget for Blanchard Public School was. Mr. Beckman said with the sinking fund included with the bond issue it is around \$14 million and about \$10-12 million general expenditure without the bond issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Ford made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. and Board Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 9:30 a.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