

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATE CAPITOL, SENATE ROOM 535
2300 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

November 19, 2014

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, in the Senate Room 535 of the State Capitol at 2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 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
Ms. Amy Ford, Durant
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City
Mr. William "Bill" Shdeed, Oklahoma City

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt

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 10:04 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.

**OCTOBER 23, 2014 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2014, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Proposed 2015 State Board of Education Meeting Dates Approved

Board Member Ford made a motion to change the July 23 date to July 30 and approve the 2015 SBE meeting dates. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi said throughout my tenure OSDE instructional directors have taken professional development to thousands of Oklahoma teachers and school administrators in statewide academies, workshops and trainings. Continuing with the tradition as a service agency not a regulatory agency we have given teachers a greater understanding of the state's academic standards, and a renewed focus on translating these standards into evidence based activities that can be shared with students.

The Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) will be in place this school year and next school year while new academic standards are being developed. At the same time the science teacher workshops have been held to help transition to the new state standards adopted into law earlier this year. Advanced placement (AP) trainings were held for secondary English, math, social studies, and science teachers. We acknowledge and thank the Department of Career and Technology Education for making the various CareerTech sites available for the trainings.

OSDE staff has begun work on 'educator equity' the new directive by the United States Department of Education (USDE) aimed at exploring the shortage of highly qualified teachers at schools with large minority and or low income populations. The USDEs overriding goal is for states to ensure low income and children of color are not

taught at higher rates by teachers who are deemed inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field. Educator equity means analyzing data, determining the root causes for such an inequity, and creating a plan to eliminate any identified equity gaps. We will reach out in consultation with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation in efforts to develop a plan by the department.

A list of 20 proposed recipients will be presented today to receive a System Changing Oklahoma Reading Expectations (SCORE) grant. The SCORE grants will help schools develop comprehensive reading programs and provide funding for support, guidance and professional development to improve literacy rates. These programs will act as pilots, and the best practices that teachers develop will be shared statewide.

The annual Christmas Tree Lightening will be held Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. Please join Governor Fallin and me on the south steps of the Capitol for the lighting ceremony. Elementary school classes representing 23 Oklahoma school districts will decorate three foot trees throughout the Capitol.

**Recognition of Kathy Hunt, Edmond Doyle Elementary School Principal,
Winner of the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership**

Superintendent Barresi recognized Ms. Kathy Hunt, Principal, Edmond Doyle Elementary School-McAlester Public School on receiving the Terrel H. Bell Outstanding School Leadership Award. The award is in memory of the former Secretary of Education presented by the USDE, National Association of Elementary School Principals, the Association of Middle-Level Education and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy White, Assistant Superintendent and Shane Boothe, Superintendent, Tipton School; Mickey Hurndun, SWOJC; and Senator Dan Barrington signed up to address/discuss the Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs charter school sponsorship application by the State Board of Education (SBE).

CONSENT DOCKET APPROVED

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2014-2015 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – 70 O.S. § 1210.567 and OAC 210:35-29-2**
 - Boone Apache Public Schools, Caddo County
 - Catoosa Public Schools, Rogers County
 - Kellyville Public Schools, Creek County
 - Luther Public Schools, Oklahoma County
 - Midwest City Del City Public Schools, Oklahoma County
 - Okemah Public Schools, Okfuskee County
 - Prague Public Schools, Lincoln County
 - Ringling Public Schools, Jefferson County
 - Skiatook Public Schools, Tulsa County
 - Sperry Public Schools, Tulsa County
 - Watts Public Schools, Adair County
 - Western Heights Public Schools, Oklahoma County

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- (b) **Adjunct Teachers – 70 O.S. § 6-122.3**
Roff Public Schools, Pontotoc County
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
- (c) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Amber-Pocasset Public Schools, Grady County
Dibble Public Schools, McClain County
Greenville Public Schools, Love County
Lookeba-Sickles Public Schools, Caddo County
Mannsville Public Schools, Johnston County
Soper Public Schools, Choctaw County
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
Whitesboro Public Schools, LeFlore County
- (d) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**
Dewar Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Felt Public Schools, Cimarron County
Hollis Public Schools, Harmon County
Jennings Public Schools, Pawnee County
Merritt Public Schools, Beckham County
Okay Public Schools, Wagoner County
Rattan Public Schools, Pushmataha County
Tonkawa Public Schools, Kay County
- (e) **Length of School Day - 70 O. S. § 1-109**
Checotah Public Schools, McIntosh County
Cottonwood Public Schools, Coal County
Fort Gibson Public Schools, Muskogee County
Newcastle Public Schools, McClain County
Pryor Public Schools, Mayes County
- (f) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and OAC 210:35-9-71**
Ardmore Public Schools, Carter County
Chandler Public Schools, Lincoln County
Chelsea Public Schools, Rogers County
Coyle Public Schools, Logan County
Duke Public Schools, Jackson County
Grandview Public Schools, Stephens County
Greasy Public Schools, Adair County
Greenville Public Schools, Love County
Heavener Public Schools, LeFlore County
Lookeba-Sickles Public Schools, Caddo County
Marble City Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Okemah Public Schools, Okfuskee County
Owasso Public Schools, Tulsa County
Ryal Public Schools, McIntosh County
Union Public Schools, Tulsa County
White Rock Public Schools, Lincoln County

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- (g) **Library Media Specialist – 70 O.S. § 3-126**
Cherokee Public Schools, Alfalfa County
Deer Creek Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Enid Public Schools, Garfield County
Holdenville Public Schools, Hughes County
Laverne Public Schools, Harper County
Midway Public Schools, McIntosh County
Oologah Talala Public Schools, Rogers County
Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County
Watts Public Schools, Adair County
- (h) **Planning Period – OAC 210:35-7-41 and OAC 210-35-9-41**
Ardmore Public Schools, Carter County
 Middle Schools
Ardmore Public Schools, Carter County
Broken Bow Public Schools, McCurtain County
Brushy Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Checotah Public Schools, McIntosh County
Cleveland Public Schools, Pawnee County
 High School
Cleveland Public Schools, Pawnee County
 Junior High
Eagletown Public Schools, McCurtain County
Miami Public Schools, Ottawa County
Midwest City Del City Public Schools, Oklahoma County
 Midwest City High School, Del City High School, and Mid-Del Tech Center
Ninnekah Public Schools, Grady County
 Junior High
Ninnekah Public Schools, Grady County
 High School
Oologah Talala Public Schools, Rogers County
Sperry Public Schools, Tulsa County
Vanoss Public Schools, Pontotoc County
Walters Public Schools, Cotton County

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the Consent Docket with exception Consent Docket item 6 (a) and (i) for more clarification. Board Member Shdeed seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Kimberly Richey, General Counsel, said Jennifer Wilkins, Alternative Education Director, Educator Effectiveness, reviewed the applications and she will present the information today. It was determined that there is a problem with the existing rule that defines the abbreviated school day. Ms. Richey reviewed Administrative Rule 35-29-2 abbreviated school day inconsistency in the manner in which the SDE reviews applicant requests.

Ms. Wilkinson presented an alternative education review of the program requirements after applications are processed by the Office of Accreditation.

Ms. Richey recommended approving the abbreviated school day application request because the rule is vague and unclear in specifying the requirements for the four hour and twelve minutes time period. In the meantime, we will simultaneously begin the

process of amending the rule to clarify specifically what the hours should look like in an alternative education program.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve Consent Docket item 6 (a). Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Ms. Richey said it was discovered after the agenda posted that Consent Docket item 6 (i) was not appropriately posted on the agenda. The school district and county were inadvertently converted. In an effort to provide the public with notice of the action item we request the SBE postpone to the next meeting.

Board Member Ford made a motion to table Consent Docket item 6 (i). Board Member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Office of Instruction

Presentation on the Oklahoma Education Town Hall Meetings regarding Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) Standards and the loss of the No Child Left Behind Waiver

Chris Zervas, Summit Solution Group, presented a review of the trainings, work and activities at the education town hall meetings that focused on learning more about the priority academic student skills (PASS), No Child Left Behind Waiver, State Board of Education/Legislature, funding, testing, creative teaching, education enhancement, teacher impact and vision, and student successes.

Proposed System Changing Oklahoma Reading Expectations (SCORE) Grant Recipients Approved

Superintendent Barresi said the SCORE reading conference was led by Dr. Lawrence Tihen who is a reading leader for Oklahoma. Dr. Tihen effectively changed 86,000 school systems from a “D” to an “A” by effecting system change. He is a retired superintendent from Lee County School District-Florida, and the primary author of the Florida Reading Model.

Dr. Tihen said the SCORE grant is important for the state of Oklahoma because it introduces a systems component into the process for improving student reading achievement. Systems issues, challenges, considerations and future changes were reviewed.

Michele Sprague, Director, Literacy and English Language Arts-Elementary Schools, presented a recommendation request for SCORE grants to be awarded to elementary schools per House Bill 3513 for third grade readiness. Proposed recipients included Ada, Barnsdall, Battiest, Caney, Central-Putnam City, Cottonwood, Hawthorne-Tulsa, Hildale-Putnam City, Holdenville, Hydro-Eakly, Konawa, Leach, McLoud, Pawhuska, Pleasant Grove, Rollingwood-Putnam City, Tenkiller, Tishomingo, Vian, and Yale.

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

RECESS

Superintendent Barresi recessed the State Board of Education meeting at 11:38 a.m.

RECONVENE

Superintendent Barresi reconvened the State Board of Education meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Office of School Turnaround

Office of Juvenile Affairs' application seeking sponsorship of a Charter School by the State Board of Education Approved

T. Keith Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA), said following the State Board of Education (SBE) October 23, 2014, meeting an addendum was submitted to the OJA charter school application primarily in response to questions, input, and suggestions from other individuals and a letter from David Domenici, Executive Director, Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative settings. Mr. Wilson updated on proposed 2015-2016 charter school program initiation, visitations to COJAC and SWOJAC; legislative authority, school funding, staff retention.

Other OJA representatives present included Mr. John Pugh, Education Coordinator; Tina Kershner, Director, Human Resources; Dorothy Brown, General Counsel; Stacy Pederson, Assistant General Counsel; Robert Morey, Director of Institutional Services; Janelle Britten, Chief of Programs; Kevin Klegg, Director of Financial Services; J'Lyn Hartman, Director, Governmental Relations; Lynn Morris, Director, Information Technology; and Dr. Donnie Nero, Board Chairman.

Board Member Ford made a motion to approve the OJA charter school application request. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Report on Priority, Focus, and Targeted Intervention Schools and their A-F Grade Comparison

Richard Caram, Assistant State Superintendent, School Turnaround, presented a report and results on the comparison of priority school report card grades in the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. Mr. Caram reviewed priority, focus, targeted intervention high school, middle and elementary schools A-F comparisons.

Office of Educator Effectiveness

Districts that have not completed the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Other Academic Measure (OAM) Report, including possible Withholding of State Aid Payments- Approved Extension

Superintendent Barresi said presented school districts that have not completed the TLE Other Academic Measure (OAM), reasons, circumstances and recommendations.

Board Member Ford made a motion to extend the deadline for schools in the “needs more time to complete” category until the next SBE meeting. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Report on the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) Annual Program Evaluation

Michelle Reeves, Director, OPAT was present to answer questions regarding the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers Annual Program Evaluation.

LEGAL SERVICES

Emergency Rule Adoption

Kimberly Richey, General Counsel, presented an emergency rule request relating to process, procedure, and how the SBE receives, accepts, and determine emergency exemptions from Oklahoma School Testing Program assessments for the winter trimester and spring testing windows.

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

CONSENT DOCKET – ACE APPEALS

Denial based upon lack of verified evidence meeting the criteria for granting an exception to ACE graduation requirements 70 O.S. § 1210. – Haileyville 14-004

Discussion and possible action to Convene into Executive Session for purposes of engaging in deliberations in ACE appeals listed in Consent Docket Agenda Item 13 (a) - 25 O. S. Section 307(B)(8)

Executive Session

Board Member Ford motion to move into Executive Session at 1:07 p.m. Board Member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Superintendent Barresi requested Richard Caram and General Counsel remain for the Executive Session.

Reconvene from Executive Session

Board Member Ford made a motion to return to open session at 1:28 p.m. Board Member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

Superintendent Barresi said no action was taken during Executive Session.

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Board Member Shdeed made a motion to reject the recommendation to deny and grant the diploma to Haileyville 14-004. Board Member Keating seconded the motion.

Board Members requested the special education department participate with Haleyville school district, and for the Haleyville Board of Education to look into the school and accept responsibility.

Superintendent Barresi said for the record, denial of the recommendation will grant a young person a piece of paper that actually denies the student the opportunity to feel they completed high school. To accept the recommendation of the denial of the application would simply allow the student to return to school, complete the requirements for graduation and the achievement of gaining a diploma. It would compel the district to serve the student appropriately in the way they should be served. I respectfully disagree with the recommendation.

Superintendent Barresi and Board Members concurred there should be consequences for districts that repeatedly fail their students and putting them in impossible and cruel situations.

The motion passed with the following votes: Ms. Ford, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; and Mr. Shdeed, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Shdeed made a motion to adjourn and Board Member Price seconded the motion. There being no further business Board Members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Capitol, Senate Room 535, State Capitol, 2300 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board

Kalee Isenhour, Secretary to the State Board