

Minutes of the Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING:
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

February 24, 2011

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

The following were present:

Ms. Connie Holland, Chief Executive Secretary
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Administrative Assistant

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Janet Barresi, Chairperson of the Board
Mrs. Sue Arnn, Ardmore
Ms. Gail Foresee, Shawnee
Mr. Tim Gilpin, Tulsa
Mrs. Betsy Mabry, Enid
Ms. Gayle Miles-Scott, Oklahoma City (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Herb Rozell, Tahlequah

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

Superintendent Barresi called the State Board of Education meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Holland 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, and a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND RULES –
ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER, TENTH EDITION**

Superintendent Barresi said we have determined that administrative rules regarding the *Open Meeting Act* stipulate the Robert’s Rules of Order are to be followed. Therefore, the item is mute and no action is required. She reminded Board members during the meeting all statements and questions be addressed to the Chairperson, and that Robert’s Rules of Order regarding debate, time of debate, and the amount of debate also be followed during that time.

**JANUARY 27, 2011 REGULAR
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED**

Board Member Mabry motioned for approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2011, regular Board meeting. Board Member Foresee seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mrs. Mabry, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; Ms. Foresee, yes; and Mrs. Arnn, yes.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Barresi said due to the many snow storms school districts were closed. The State Department of Education (SDE) staff did a wonderful job visiting with the individual districts to assess days out of the classroom. There were mixed situations where some districts counted instructional time based on hours versus days and some districts had included days/time at the beginning of the school year for inclement weather. Due to the varied amounts of time throughout the year some districts have deficits of instructional time.

Superintendent Barresi said the applications for the Chief General Counsel position were available and instructed Ms. Linda Hall, Executive Director, Human Resources, to distribute to Board Members Gilpin, Mabry and Rozell. She asked Board Members Gilpin, Mabry and Rozell to provide Ms. Connie Holland, Chief Executive Secretary, State Board Office, a list of dates for scheduling a special Board meeting to review the applications for General Counsel.

Board Member Mabry asked how many applications were received?

Superintendent Barresi said at last count there were 30 applications.

Report on Department Activities

Superintendent Barresi said she had been meeting on many initiative items, which include encouraging advanced placement within districts. Regular meetings on the Reading Initiative are scheduled throughout the state and work preparing for the grant continues. As soon as the grant guidelines are received we will move forward.

We have been working with the Chief Information Officer for the state on updating the SDE email system and information technology. Currently, a group of SDE employees are part of a pilot project using Google Apps. Once the bugs are worked out, Google Apps will be made available throughout the entire building, and possibly in the future to the entire state. She has discussed that possibility when visiting with various superintendents and received positive responses. The Google Apps for Education email system and application is being offered for free.

Superintendent Barresi said she will meet with other agency heads to discuss how different agencies can cooperate to enhance services to students. She recently visited with 14 superintendents at the Fargo School District in northwest Oklahoma, and received many ideas on how to improve services to the districts. Superintendent Barresi said it was a wonderful experience to be amongst excited and motivated teachers and staff when she spoke at the Great Expectations conference in Edmond. The Great Expectations program has grown through the years and is still doing very well.

This was a report only no action was required.

CONSENT DOCKET APPROVED

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2010-2011 school year, and other requests:

- (a) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**
Latta Public Schools, Pontotoc County
- (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs - 70 O. S. § 1210.568**
Grant-Goodland Public School, Choctaw County

- (c) **Library Media Specialist Exemption – 70 O. S. § 3-126**
Choctaw-Nicoma Park Public Schools, Nicoma Park Elementary, Oklahoma County
- (d) Request approval of statutory waiver to change school calendar to 1,080 hours – 70 O. S. Supp. 2009 § 1-109
- (e) Request for **Shawnee Public Schools**, Pottawatomie County, to use \$50,000 of its general fund to make expenditures for capital needs – OAC 210:25-5-4
- (f) Approval requested to award Advanced Placement Incentive training grants – 70 O. S. § 1210.701.703
- (g) Approval requested to award Advanced Placement First-Time Materials and Equipment grants – 70 O. S. § 1210.701.703
- (h) Approval requested to award Advanced Placement Second-Time Materials and Equipment grants - 70 O.S. § 1210.701-703
- (i) Approval requested to award Advanced Placement Vertical Team grants - 70 O.S. § 1210.701-703
- (j) Report on Department personnel changes

Board Member Mabry asked if items (g) (h) and (i), the Advanced Placement Materials and equipment grants were competitive grants or was the money just available?

Ms. Perri Applegate, Executive Director, Library Media, said the grants are competitive grants.

Board Member Mabry asked how many applied for the grants?

Ms. Applegate said she did not have the information at this time but would provide the information to the Board.

Board Member Arnn made a motion to approve the Consent Docket items, and Board Member Mabry seconded the motion. The motion was carried with the following votes: Mrs. Arnn, yes; Ms. Foresee, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; Ms. Miles-Scott, yes; and Mrs. Mabry, yes.

LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

Adoption of Permanent Rules Approved

Ms. Belinda Tricinella, Legal Counsel Assistant, presented a request for permanent adoption of the following rules:

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Title 210: Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services; Subchapter 9. Lifelong Learning – will increase GED testing fees and administrative fees associated with administering the GED Testing Program

Title 210: Chapter 20. Staff; Subchapter 9. Professional Standards Teacher Education and Certification – pertains to a credential in early childhood specifically for infants and toddlers through age three (3)

Title 210: Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services; Subchapter 13. Student Assessment – establishes an Academic Assessment Monitoring Program (AAMP) for federal and state required academic assessments

Title 210: Chapter 15. Curriculum and Instruction; Subchapter 3. Priority Academic Student Skills; Part 21. Information Literacy – revises the subject matter curriculum to address the changes in information literacy

Board Member Mabry, referring to the Professional Standards Teacher Education and Certification rule, asked what higher education institutions were prepared to give the credential?

Ms. Erin Nation, Coordinator, Early Childhood/Family Education said the credential is given by any regionally or accredited higher education institution recognized by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. The rule states a bachelor's degree in the area of child development or family relations with an emphasis in the development of infants and toddlers through age three. The degree program is offered at each institution in the state and at some institutions the child development or family relations programs are called differently.

Board Member Mabry asked if approved, the credential will be called Early Childhood-Infants, Toddlers, and Three-Year Olds. The Board will call it one thing but the institutions may call it something else?

Ms. Nation said the credential is called the Child Development Plan to Teach Early Childhood-Infants, Toddlers, and Three Year-Olds but the actual degree might be called something different based on wording at the universities.

Board Member Mabry asked will that be a problem?

Superintendent Barresi said she thought this rule was written after consultation with the Commission for Teacher Preparation and would reflect communication with higher education as well.

Ms. Nation said because the degree is called something different at every institution the rule wording “in the area of child development or family relations” is intentionally vague in order to cover the broad spectrum of the degree program.

Board Member Mabry said it is a great idea for teachers who work with younger children to be certified. She was concerned and wanted to assure that higher education institutions are prepared to provide the programs for certification.

Board Member Mabry made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Arnn seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mrs. Mabry, yes; Ms. Miles-Scott, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; Ms. Foresee, yes; and Mrs. Arnn, yes.

ACCREDITATION/STANDARDS DIVISION

Update on White Oak Public School

Dr. Sharon Lease, Assistant State Superintendent, Accreditation/Standards Division, introduced Mr. David Money, Superintendent, White Oak Public School. She said Board members have reports for the month of February 2011.

Mr. Money said as of February 15, 2011, Oklahoma Virtual Academy (OKVA) has 939 students enrolled, 54 students withdrew for various reasons, and 56 students were added. At this time, there are 54 students on site at White Oak Public School.

Board Member Gilpin asked did Mr. Money have information on the reasons for the withdrawals?

Mr. Money said the reasons were in the report provided to the Board and listed at the bottom of the first page.

Board Member Gilpin said he and Board members appreciate Mr. Money attending each Board meeting and providing informative reports. The information will be helpful to the SDE and state when dealing with future virtual education issues.

Board Member Miles-Scott said in reviewing the February 15, 2011, current active first grade and special education enrollment, January 14, 2011, active student and special education student enrollments, and the withdrawals and new enrollments from January 14, 2011 to February 15, 2011, how are new enrollments reflected?

Mr. Money said the OKVS has a waiting list per student. As a student drops a student is added when space is available. Special education requires a different set of considerations depending on the disability of the student.

Board Member Miles-Scott asked they could have been switching throughout that January 14, 2011 through February 15, 2011 period?

Mr. Money said yes. If they had a reevaluation on the student and the disability placement changed, that would affect enrollment as well.

Board Member Foresee asked if the new enrollments were active in another school and placed on a waiting list? They have not just been at home, correct? She said she was concerned about the testing for new students.

Mr. Money said he did not know if any of the students were waiting at home to be placed. Each enrollment is a different situation but all students will be tested.

Mr. Rick Mansheim, OKVA, said a new student is given a Scantron test to determine reading, math, and grade level to provide information needed to get them where they need to be for state standards. This is done weekly for all students and students are constantly monitored. Prior to enrolling at OKVA new students must have been enrolled in a school. Enrollment closed January 21, 2011, because OKVA needed to properly prepare new students for testing.

Board Member Mabry said she is impressed how well students are performing and noticed that eighth grade math scores were down. She asked if Mr. Mansheim and Mr. Money could address why OKVA students were having some of the same problems as regular students?

Mr. Money and Mr. Mansheim said if they find the answer they would share it with the rest of the state.

This was a report only and no action was taken.

FIRST-YEAR SUPERINTENDENTS

First-year superintendents attending the meeting were Mr. Tom Betchan, Superintendent, Billings Public Schools; Mr. Dale Bledsoe, Superintendent, Cement Public Schools; and Mr. Jay Edelen, Superintendent, Pioneer Public School.

Superintendent Barresi recognized Dr. Phyllis Hudecki, Secretary of Education.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

Office of Standards and Curriculum

Focused Field of Career Study, Caddo Kiowa Technology Center, Pre-Engineering Career Academy Approved

Dr. Cindy Koss, Assistant State Superintendent, Office of Standards and Curriculum, presented the focused field of career study application for a pre-engineering academy at the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center. Dr. Koss reviewed the requirements for technology centers to offer such programs, higher education institutions, school district board and Oklahoma State Board approvals. Board Members were provided the

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pre-engineering SDE review, requirements, participant agreement from Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center to review.

Board Member Gilpin asked this is an opportunity for students to seek the education at the technology center and to supplement their ordinary school?

Dr. Koss said the pre-engineering and partnering with higher education institutions allow for many students to have relevant, hands-on application, pre-Advanced Placement (AP), and AP guides of content courses so that they can also have the connection with the higher education institution, and hopefully move into the engineering field.

Ms. Tina Fugate, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, said this is a partnership with sending schools because some of the smaller sending schools do not have an AP teacher in math or science. It is a great opportunity to partner with sending schools to give students a more focused direction if they are interested in pre-engineering.

Board Member Gilpin said how is the common school notified, by application?

Ms. Fugate said applications are sent out in the spring for recruitment the next fall. Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center has had a two-year program for several years. State Board approval will be requested to add the 10th grade component. We have seen the benefits of offering math and science at an earlier level.

Board Member Mabry said this is STEMS at its finest. It is difficult for some of the smaller schools to have highly qualified math and science teachers. This provides a service for all those school districts.

Ms. Fugate said Superintendent Barresi had an opportunity to hear the presentation on her visit with superintendents at Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center.

Superintendent Barresi said if any wanted to attend a FIRST robotics competition in March 2011, they would see the value of these types of programs. It is inspirational to see the enthusiasm of the students and their level of preparation.

Board Member Gilpin made a motion to approve the request and Board Member Foresee seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mrs. Arnn, yes; Ms. Foresee, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; Ms. Miles-Scott, yes; and Mrs. Mabry, yes.

Office of Accountability and Assessments

**Report on Schools and Districts Identified
with Excessive Erasures from the 2009-2010
Test Administration**

Ms. Jennifer Stegman, Assistant State Superintendent, Office of Accountability and Assessments, presented the annual assessment report of excessive erasures. The analysis flags the schools that have over four standard deviations of erasures above the state average. The specific type of erasures consists of a student going from a wrong answer to a right answer. However, this does not mean something was not correct with the way the test was administered. Once the SDE receives the analysis, schools are contacted for feedback. The report summarizes all the findings, numbers, and improper test administration which does not mean the school(s) were cheating but that the visual aid was not taken down at the school(s).

Board Member Gilpin asked the concern is could the student potentially be cheating or a school administrator wanting a better score for their school?

Ms. Stegman said the analysis is done at a class level. If the tests are flagged, and were given to a large class then the probability is the erasure did not occur by changes and would require checking into. One school, for example, used a certain testing strategy and was flagged because the students first marked out the answer choices they knew were incorrect before circling the dark one, then the students would erase the ones marked out. This is also an online assessment tool and therefore is a valid strategy to use. The scanner is looking for these types of issues.

Board Member Mabry asked what is done about them, are they investigated?

Ms. Stegman said the SDE will perform an investigation at the school and the school is also required to investigate. The types of flagging investigated were how students were arranged in the assessments because there could have been cheating or if test administrators and monitors were observing throughout the testing. Ms. Stegman said everything the SDE requested of the schools for the investigation was included in the report provided to Board members.

This was a report only and no action was required.

REPORTS

Alternative Placement Certification and Troops to Teachers

Professional Standards Production

Board Member Miles-Scott asked did any new teachers apply for certification?

Mr. Jeff Smith, Assistant Director, Professional Standards, said the new teacher numbers are listed in the production report under initial certificates.

Board Member Mabry asked if there were any library media specialists within the list?

Mr. Smith said he did not have the information but could provide Board Members a list.

Superintendent Barresi asked if Board Member Mabry would like that information included in the future?

Board Member Mabry said yes.

This was a report only and no action was required.

BUDGET

Governor Fallin's FY2012 Education Budget Proposal

Board Member Gilpin asked if Mr. Jack Herron, Assistant State Superintendent, Financial Services Division, could present Board members with the budget proposal figures? He asked Superintendent Barresi if she had information on the budget proposal?

Superintendent Barresi said the Governor's budget had been proposed to the Legislature. The SDE was asked to reduce the budget by 2.9 percent from Fiscal Year 2011. At this time, the Department is looking for efficiencies in procedure to allow us to meet the requirement.

Board Member Gilpin asked what are the differences between what was appropriated the last fiscal year and the Governor's current proposal?

Mr. Herron said as of yesterday the proposal was reviewed and it appears the current appropriations may be \$1.9 million greater than what was appropriated last year.

Board Member Gilpin asked the Governor's proposal is \$1 million more?

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Mr. Herron said yes.

Board Member Gilpin asked where does the federal stimulus funds fit into the proposal?

Mr. Herron said reviewing what the SDE appropriations were, it was determined the ARRA 2, which was stimulus money for this year, is included in the budget. But the Ed Jobs stimulus money for this year was not included in the ARRA 2 figures.

Board Member Gilpin asked how much federal stimulus money was received last year?

Mr. Herron said approximately \$169 million. The Education Jobs (Ed Jobs) Fund Program allocation was \$117 million.

Board Member Gilpin asked will both funds be available for this fiscal year?

Mr. Herron said the remaining amount of ARRA 2 funding will be spent this fiscal year. The Ed Jobs Program funds will extend to September 30, 2012.

Board Member Gilpin asked of the \$169 million and \$117 million in stimulus funds does the SDE estimate to have this fiscal year?

Mr. Herron said the appropriations amount will not be known until the Legislature adjourns. At this time, ARRA 2 is included in the budget so the cut to education appears to be 2.9 percent. The Ed Jobs money is not included in the cut and would be available.

Board Member Gilpin said the Ed Jobs money was \$117 million, and is it still available?

Mr. Herron said yes. The schools/local education agencies had the option as to when they spent the money. At this time schools have submitted plans to spend \$84 million of the program money this year. The difference between the \$117 and \$84 million would be what has not been budgeted and that could technically be carried forward until the September 30, 2012 deadline.

Board Member Gilpin asked so there might be \$84 million that the districts are still ready to spend this year?

Mr. Herron said the districts are spending the money. The schools are required to first establish a plan or budget and submit their claims based on their plan to the SDE. The SDE has a process in place to check each claim twice and then submit payment requests to the Office of State Finance. The Office of State Finance submits a request to the United States Department of Education (USDE) to draw down the funds, and the Office of State Finance will make payments to the schools.

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Board Member Gilpin said the Governor's proposal is approximately a 3 percent cut.

Mr. Herron said as of yesterday the cut was 2.9 percent.

Board Member Gilpin asked this is what was appropriated from the last fiscal year?

Mr. Herron said his office determined it was about \$1 million more than what was appropriated to this current fiscal year.

Superintendent Barresi asked Mr. Herron if efforts were made to clarify that number with the Office of State Finance?

Mr. Herron said the Board of Equalization met yesterday and his staff determined \$1 million more was appropriated for this fiscal year.

Superintendent Barresi said again as a point of clarification, had he confirmed the information with the State Budget Director or Office of State Finance?

Mr. Herron said no, he had not had an opportunity to speak with Ms. Jill Geiger, State Budget Director, Office of State Finance.

Board Member Gilpin asked has the \$169 million in federal stimulus money already been used?

Mr. Herron said the money is being used this fiscal year.

Board Member Gilpin asked so what we are planning for is next fiscal year, right?

Mr. Herron said yes.

Board Member Gilpin asked if all the federal stimulus funds are not available is it made up in the Governor's proposal with state funds?

Mr. Herron said after the Board of Equalization meeting it appears there will be an attempt to make-up the ARRA 2 funds. There will be no attempt on the Ed Job funds.

Board Member Gilpin asked will it be the \$117 million we have to worry about?

Mr. Herron said yes.

Board Member Gilpin asked if it is a \$117 million hole this fiscal year compared to next fiscal year how much of a cut would that be?

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Mr. Herron said percentages would have to be applied. Schools know they should plan on the 3 percent or 2.9 percent cut of the Governor's budget. Plus the schools have the ability to take their qualified amounts of Ed Jobs money for this year and put it in on top.

Board Member Gilpin asked for clarification, the schools should plan on the 2.9 percent of the current proposal? In addition to that the education budget as a whole will be missing \$117 million?

Mr. Herron said yes.

Board Member Gilpin asked after taking the 2.9 percent cut how do you determine the amount needed as it relates to the \$117 million hole in the budget?

Mr. Herron said each school has an allocation of how much they qualify for of the \$117 million. If the school chooses to spend it this year that should free up their own money or have potential revenue for carryover. If they did not choose to budget or use the Ed Jobs money this year then it is available to spend through the September 2012 deadline.

Board Member Gilpin said for SDE purposes on the state level it does appear the Governor's proposal makes up for the \$169 million.

Mr. Herron said correct, based on the figures received.

Board Member Gilpin asked if he understands correctly, he and Superintendent Barresi agree, the figures need to be checked because they do not appear to be what was expected?

Mr. Herron said we will not know the budget cuts until the Legislature adjourns and makes the final appropriations. He agreed with Board Member Gilpin that at this time the 2.9 to 3 percent is less than last year's appropriation and the \$117 million will be in addition.

Superintendent Barresi asked if Mr. Herron stated the Ed Jobs money would carry over to September 2011?

Mr. Herron said September 30, 2012 not 2011.

Superintendent Barresi asked this would be in fiscal year 2013?

Mr. Herron said it would be in fiscal year 2011-2012. We are currently in fiscal year 2010-2011.

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Board Member Miles-Scott said the Board has nothing to review. Without something to look at it makes it difficult to follow the figures being discussed.

Superintendent Barresi said perhaps next month firmer numbers can be available. The Board of Equalization just met Tuesday this week and the numbers are continuing to come down. Every month we receive a clearer vision about the totality of funds that will be available to budget and their impact. We continue to plan and move forward as we can.

Mr. Herron said the projected appropriations versus last year's appropriations are about \$1 million more. Based on information received yesterday, the three percent cut is included in the stimulus. The \$117 million for Ed Jobs could not be included in the budget cut. Allocations of the \$117 million have not been calculated. Districts have received regular monthly payments and revenue projections currently show we can continue with payments.

Board Member Gilpin asked are there any plans for the budget to make-up for the \$117 million?

Superintendent Barresi said she would have firm and definite plans concerning the budget at the March 24, 2011, Board meeting. At this time division reviews are being conducted.

Board Member Gilpin asked if Superintendent Barresi was talking about savings within the SDE?

Superintendent Barresi said correct. A meeting is scheduled soon to go over the entire budget.

Board Member Gilpin said he was not speaking about the agency budget but more to the general education budget which is losing \$117 million plus the 2.9 percent. Has there been any discussion with the Governor as to how to make up \$117 million of the money that goes to the school districts?

Superintendent Barresi said there have been no discussions with the Governor. Discussions will continue with the Office of State Finance and the information will be communicated in a more specific fashion at the March 2011 State Board meeting. Next year will be very challenging for all and the reality is unfortunately even though we have a slight uptake in revenues it will still be a challenging budget year. We will continue to get as many dollars to the districts and also take a more flexible posture with districts giving them the freedom to make choices. Some school districts have sizeable carryovers and planned well in past years to prepare for budget cuts.

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Board Member Gilpin asked Mr. Herron if the \$117 million in stimulus funds could be switched for the \$169 million? This does not appear to have been made-up in state money in the Governors proposal.

Mr. Herron said in looking at the numbers it became apparent that the Governor's budget appropriation recommendation is within \$1 million of last year's appropriations, and it appears the stimulus was included in that budget.

Board Member Gilpin asked how could the stimulus money be included?

Mr. Herron said he was not sure because he was not privy to how the decisions were made.

Board Member Gilpin said he understood but Mr. Herron is the best person to help figure out the numbers besides Board Member Miles-Scott. The \$169 million will not be received again from the federal government, right?

Mr. Herron said it was his understanding the federal government still has half of the stimulus money available. The \$169 million will be spent in this fiscal year 2010-2011. We are not counting on receiving any funds for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Board Member Gilpin said the Board wants the Legislature to know there may not be any more federal money, so when they appropriate funds something needs to fill the hole which is much greater than 2.9 percent.

Mr. Herron said superintendents are concerned about cuts to their allocations monthly for the remainder of the year. Based on last year's volatility of one cut after another we cannot tell superintendents that anything is certain. However, they have been told no cuts are expected and collections look good but other decisions may be made that will cause adjustments.

Board Member Gilpin asked if last year's collections went down on a monthly basis and payments were reduced to the schools?

Mr. Herron said yes.

Board Member Miles-Scott said last year, on the last day of the Legislative Session, Legislators changed the appropriations from the previous year. Do you remember that?

Mr. Herron said yes.

Board Member Miles-Scott asked whatever happened about that issue? The money was appropriated two years prior then Legislators placed the appropriations in the back end of a bill at the end of this past Legislative Session in May 2010. The

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Legislature cannot go back and un-appropriate money. An appropriation is for a particular period of time and that year was over a year ago.

Mr. Herron said that is one of the issues we have meetings scheduled to discuss.

This was a report only and no action was required.

Board Member Gilpin thanked Superintendent Barresi for including this discussion on the agenda.

Superintendent Barresi said if it so pleases the Board the budget item will be included on the March 24, 2011 State Board meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Board Member Arnn made a motion to adjourn and Board Member Gilpin seconded the motion. The motion was carried with the following votes: Mrs. Mabry, yes; Ms. Miles-Scott, yes; Mr. Gilpin, yes; Ms. Foresee, yes; and Mrs. Arnn, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011, 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

Connie Holland, Chief Executive Secretary