

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

August 25, 2016

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:32 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2016, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

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
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore
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

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Hofmeister said the 2016-2017 school year is in session. Many new students have been added to the rolls and come with a variety of challenges to overcome. Approximately, 180 languages are spoken in the homes of our Oklahoma students.

First-Year Superintendents

First-year superintendent's attending the meeting were Aurora Lora, Oklahoma City Public Schools District; Earl Dalkey, Hugo Public Schools District; Richard Haynes, Spiro Public Schools District; Cindi Hemm, Avant Public Schools District; Jeremy Hogan, Miami Public Schools District; Chuck McCauley, Bartlesville Public Schools District; Beverly Moore, McCord Public Schools District; Janet Neufeld, Pawhuska Public Schools District; Mark Newton, Timberlake Public Schools District; Deward Palmer, McCurtain Public Schools District; and Melissa White, Oklahoma Juvenile Authority.

EngageOK "On the Road" Highlights

Superintendent Hofmeister said the six regional EngageOK "On the Road" conferences were in many of these school districts around the state. We accomplished six cities in eight days with over 6,000 attendees and a registration waiting list at every conference site. The State Department of Education (SDE) took the annual conference to the school districts due to budget cuts. The SDE budget saved \$350,000 over the 2015 budget, as well as reaching a broader audience. The most popular session was the new math and English Language Arts standards that are currently being implemented statewide. We were grateful for the 275 participants in the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) survey discussions.

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The ESSA Advisory Task Force meetings are ongoing to look at details that will shape the State Plan to be submitted to the United States Department of Education (USDE). The ESSAY survey is online and available for everyone.

The 2017 Teacher of the Year Ceremony is scheduled on Tuesday, August 30 at the State Fairgrounds.

Recognition of Department Employee for the Month of August

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Ms. Vickie Hale, Division Support Coordinator, Office of Instruction as the employee for the month of August.

Employee Service Recognitions

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized State Board of Education General Counsel Mr. Brad Clark for 5 years of service to the state of Oklahoma.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

July 28, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education - Approved

Board member Baxter moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016, regular meeting. Board member Price 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.

Proposed 2017 State Board Regular Meeting dates

Superintendent Hofmeister advised Board members to review the proposed 2017 dates and report any changes with Ms. Cheadle, State Board Secretary.

Presentation of "ELEVATE"

Phil Bacharach, Senior Policy Advisor presented the "Booker T. Men of Power" special program at Booker T. High School-Tulsa Public Schools. The program vision is to change negative stereotypes of African American male students, increasing their academic achievement, emphasizing community service and spiritual growth.

CONSENT DOCKET - Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2016-2017 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Anadarko Public Schools, Caddo County
Choctaw/Nicoma Park Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Clinton Public Schools, Custer County

Hominy Public Schools, Osage County
Midwest City/Del City, Oklahoma County
Noble Public Schools, Cleveland County
Putnam City Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Academy Evening & SOAR
Stilwell Public Schools, Adair County
Stroud Public Schools, Lincoln County

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

Bishop Public Schools, Comanche County
Carney Public Schools, Lincoln County
Central Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Central High Public Schools, Stephens County
Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County
Keyes Public Schools, Cimarron County
Maud Public Schools, Pottawatomie County

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

Bethany Public Schools, Oklahoma County

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

Adair Public Schools, Mayes County
Anadarko Public Schools, Caddo County
Bishop Public Schools, Comanche County
Blair Public Schools, Jackson County
Carney Public Schools, Lincoln County
Cheyenne Public Schools, Roger Mills County
Collinsville Public Schools, Tulsa County
Middle School, High School, Early Childhood,
Herald Elementary, and Upper Elementary
Crowder Public Schools, Pittsburg County
Cyril Public Schools, Caddo County
Deer Creek-Lamont Public Schools, Grant County
Depew Public Schools, Creek County
Dover Public Schools, Kingfisher County
Fairview Public Schools, Major County
Cornelsen Elementary-Middle School &
Fairview High School
Forest Grove Public Schools, McCurtain County
Frontier Public Schools, Noble County
Glencoe Public Schools, Payne County
Gracemont Public Schools, Caddo County
Guymon Public Schools, Texas County
Hardesty Public Schools, Texas County
Haldton Public Schools, Carter County
Hinton Public Schools, Caddo County

Jay Public Schools, Delaware County
Ketchum Public Schools, Craig County
Latta Public Schools, Pontotoc County
Marble City Public Schools, Sequoyah County

Three Year Request

Maud Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Minco Public Schools, Grady County
Morrison Public Schools, Noble County
Moseley Public Schools, Delaware County
Noble Public Schools, Cleveland County
Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Murray County
Pauls Valley Public Schools, Garvin County
Pawnee Public Schools, Pawnee County
Ponca City Public Schools, Kay County
Shawnee Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
Stilwell Public Schools, Adair County
Turner Public Schools, Love County
Tuttle Public Schools, Grady County
Twin Hills Public Schools, Okmulgee County
Waurika Public Schools, Jefferson County
High School
Webbers Falls Public Schools, Muskogee County

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

Butner Public Schools, Seminole County
Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools, Mayes County
Coweta Public Schools, Wagoner County
Jay Public Schools, Delaware County
Millwood Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Muldrow Public Schools, Sequoyah County
Oologah-Talala Public Schools, Rogers County
Osage Public Schools, Mayes County
Putnam City Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Stilwell Public Schools, Adair County
Elementary, Middle & High Schools
Tahlequah Public Schools, Cherokee County
Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County
Academy Central ES, Bell ES, Celia Clinton ES, Cooper ES,
Eisenhower ES, Lindbergh ES, Patrick Henry ES, Porter Early
Childhood, & Whitman ES
Verdigris Public Schools, Rogers County

(f) Discussion and possible action on amendments to the 2016-2017 school year accreditation status recommendations approved by the State Board of Education July 28, 2016 – **OAC 210:35-3-201**

(g) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates – **70 O. S. § 6-187**

- (h) Request approval for First Lutheran Church and School, an accredited private school, to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program - **70 O. S. 13-101.2**

Board member Franks questioned the cause for the accreditation amendments/status changes on item (f) and a possible proposed simpler way to determining deficiencies.

Lynn Jones, Executive Director, Accreditation Standards Division, said the amendments occurred due to clerical errors in the editing process of data transference and designation. During the editing and review some people did not have appropriate information but the issue was addressed.

Board member Flanagan pointed out the 19 and 20 year deregulations on Consent Docket item (a) Abbreviated Day. Confirmed that item (c) General Fund Expenditures was authorizing Bethany School district to make expenditures from their general fund, which the law requires state Board approval to do, and that after review there were adequate funds for the current fiscal year.

Board members discussed options to review calculations/determine information by SDE and school districts; and Red Tape Task Force review/ recommendations for cost and time efficiencies.

Board member Franks moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Price 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.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING

Report on the New Skills for Youth Grant

Maridyth McBee, Program Manager, New Skills for Youth (NSFY), presented a report on the New Skills for Youth initiative \$100,000 grants funded by J. P. Morgan Chase awarded to 24 states to plan and implement career readiness programs. Planning is the first phase of the grant towards receiving a \$1.5-2 million grant to implement and assess over three years. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) performed a needs assessment and Six Key Objective Workgroups developed a 3-5 year action plan to meet the grant goals. Ms. McBee reviewed workforce outlook/improvements, partnership systems, preK-12 career path actions and state accountability system revision.

Gifted and Talented Education (GT) Annual Report for 2015-2016 Academic Year

Rebecca McLaughlin, Director, Gifted Talented (GT), AP and Arts in Education, presented the 2015-16 annual report for the Gifted and Talented education program.

The school district self-reported data included child count, state enrollment data, gifted/talented category identifiers and statistics, student comparisons, gender/ethnicity/population, equity measures, and funding.

Board members asked questions and discussed GT program data comparisons nationwide, special education students served, multiple year trends and demographics.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Add Infinite Campus to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) vendor list - Approved

Nancy Hughes, Executive Director, Financial Accounting/OCAS and Auditing presented a recommendation request to add Infinite Campus to the OCAS software vendor list. Cost accounting systems require State Board of Education approval pursuant Title 70 O.S. § 5-135J. Infinite Campus financial software system exceeds the OCAS minimum software criteria, and has successfully been utilized by school districts statewide.

Board member Baxter moved to approve Infinite Campus. 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.

Payment of late Federal Program Claims - Approved Title I, Elementary and Secondary School Act, Section 1003(g) – School Improvement Grants (SIG); Special Education; Titles I, II, VI, Migrant; and Title IV, Part B - 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Federal Programs, presented a request to reimburse federal claims for 15 school districts noncompliant to the August 1 filing deadline. The school districts provided reasons for late claim submission and no districts were repeat offenders.

Board members asked questions and discussed expenditure guidelines and claim processes.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the federal late claims. Board member Price 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.

FY2017 Shared Superintendent Salary Assistance Application Report – Approved

Mr. Holder presented six applications for shared superintendent salary assistance for State Board review. School districts provided required local board approved contracts for a superintendent and requests for fifty percent (50%) salary or wage assistance not

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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 adequate available funding and consolidation trends.

Board member Price moved to approve the report and 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.

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Report on the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Board of Education presented a report on the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School. School campuses include Manitou and Tecumseh, and as of June serving approximately 120 students grade nine through twelve. Students are assessed by the Star Benchmark Assessment at enrollment, mid-year and end of the year. Academic scores, college enrollment, school competitions, ACT access, career pathways and business partnerships were reviewed.

Melissa White, Superintendent for the schools said the school year calendar consisted of 225 days which includes educational opportunities provided by Career and Technology partnerships in the summer. The school receives state aid funding.

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. §§ 307 (B) (7) and (8) for the purpose of discussing possible action to reinstate the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of Jake Cox and Kathy Boen

Convene into Executive Session

Board member Flanagan moved to convene into Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. Board member Baxter 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 Flanagan moved to return to Open Session at 11:29 a.m. Board member Price seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed to return to open session.

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Board member Price moved to reinstate the teaching certificates of Jake Cox and Kathy Boen. Board member Franks 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.

Board member Flanagan duly noted no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 9:30 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary