

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD
STATE BOARD ROOM, SUITE 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

February 25, 2021

The State Board of Education met in special session at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020, conducted via ZOOM videoconferencing and teleconferencing. The final agenda was posted at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2020.

The following were present at remote locations:

Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel, via Zoom videoconference
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary, via Zoom videoconference

Members of the State Board of Education present at remote locations via Zoom videoconference:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board
Mrs. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City
Mr. Trent Smith, Yukon
Mrs. Carlisha Williams Bradley, Tulsa
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City (arrived at 9:33 a.m.)
Mrs. Jennifer Monies, Oklahoma City

**CALL TO ORDER
AND
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

Superintendent Hofmeister welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the State Board of Education.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Recognition of Department Employee for the month of February

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Lori Jackson, Sooner Start-Guthrie for outstanding leadership, professionalism and going above and beyond in meeting the needs of children, school districts and OSDE.

Information from the State Superintendent

Superintendent Hofmeister updated on COVID-19 vaccine events for teachers and school staff; 2021 Teacher for the Year (TOY) March 4th virtual ceremony, Virtual Trauma Summit and Oklahoma national recognition; Enid Public Schools “Hope Centered Schools”; Black History Month recognizing African American achievements, contributions, education, and ongoing history taught throughout all public education curriculums to build positive school culture united by dignity and respect.

CONSENT DOCKET – Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory Waivers, and exemptions for the 2020-2021 school year – 70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210: 35-1-4:

- (a) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O.S. [§ 1210.568](#)**
Boise City Public Schools, Cimarron County
Ringling Public Schools, Jefferson County
Freedom Public Schools, Woods County
- (b) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Cave Springs Public Schools, Adair County
Empire Public Schools, Stephens County
- (c) Request approval on **exceptions** to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates - **70 O.S. § 6-187**
- (d) Request approval for **Texoma Autism and Behavior Intervention School of Marietta** and **WovenLife, Inc.-Oklahoma City** to participate

in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program – [70 O.S. § 13-101.2](#)

Board member Monies moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Minutes of the January 28, 2021 Regular
State Board of Education meeting - Approved**

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the January 28, 2021, State Board of Education regular meeting minutes. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, abstain; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION

**Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for
English Language Arts (OAS - Approved**

Tiffany Neill, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Curriculum and Instruction presented the proposed 2021 Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS) for English Language Arts (ELA). The standards and standard objective represent the learning goals for students at each grade level related to a subject matter or discipline area. In accordance with the State Textbook Adoption six-year cycle the standards are reviewed and revised with improvements.

Ms. Neill reviewed and Board members discussed and asked questions regarding the PK-12 standards revision process; support committees (Executive, Writing and Draft), members and composition; review/revision timeline; attributes of quality and standard shifts changes (reading alignments/objectives, clarity, proficiency strengths, College Career Ready alignment, and curriculum frameworks); public comment (October-December 2020), feedback and recommendations; professional development, curriculum frameworks development, timeline, utilizations and continuous improvement cycle

Board member Smith moved to approve the proposed English Language Arts (ELA) standards. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Amended Rule Adoption

Brad Clark, General Counsel presented a request to adopt the following amended rules pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, **75 O.S. § 253**:

- (1) Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services
Subchapter 15. Textbook
210:10-15-1. Purpose [AMENDED]
210:10-15-3. Provisions for alternate textbook selection [AMENDED]
- (2) Chapter 40. Grants and Programs-In-Aid
Subchapter 87. Charter Schools
210:40-87-3. Distribution and reporting of state appropriated funds to charter school sponsors and charter schools [AMENDED]
210:40-87-10. Charter school closure fund [NEW]
- (3) Chapter 15. Curriculum and Instruction
Subchapter 13. Special Education
210:15-13-7. Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Program [AMENDED]

Board member Bobek moved to approve the amended rules. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Oklahoma Cost Accounting system late submission and certification penalty waiver requests (OCAS) – Approved

Brad Clark, General Counsel presented school district waiver requests in noncompliance of submissions and certifications of 2019-2020 reporting deadlines pursuant the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System, rules, and regulations. Approximately 11 school districts did not meet the September 1, 2020 submission deadline; 45 did not meet the September 30, 2020 data certification deadline; and three (3) failed to meet both deadlines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Pickens representing Perry Public Schools signed up to address the OCAS reporting challenges occurred at the school that included a 2019 ransomware virus attack and September 2020 school auditor tested positive for coronavirus.

Kathy Black, Director of Financial Accounting, OCAS and Auditing and board members asked questions and discussed school district waiver applications, penalty calculations and 'Good Cause' letters of explanation and determinations; COVID-19 challenges, and noncompliance consequences.

Board member Flanagan moved to deny all waiver requests with the exception to approve the Chandler Public Schools waiver request. Board member Williams Bradley seconded.

The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Grant flexibility in the operation and implementation of
Summer Academy Reading Programs - Approved**

Mr. Clark presented a recommendation request for summer academy reading programs to have operations and implementation flexibility. The Reading Sufficiency Act provides that reading programs operate for students prior to the third grade.

Board member Smith moved to grant the flexibility request in the implementation of Summer Academy Reading Programs. Board member Bobek seconded. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) and (7) to discuss confidential
communications with legal counsel concerning a pending investigation,
claim, or action, concerning **Epic Charter Schools (Epic One-on-One and Epic-
Blended)**, when advised by legal counsel that disclosure of any additional
information could seriously impair the ability to process or conduct the pending
investigation and/or claim in the public interest –25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) and (7)**

**Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) and (7) to discuss confidential
communications with legal counsel concerning a pending investigation,
claim, or action, concerning **Oolagah-Talala Public Schools**, when advised
by legal counsel that disclosure of any additional information could seriously
impair the ability to process or conduct the pending investigation and/or
claim in the public interest –25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) and (7)**

Board member Flanagan moved to convene into Executive Session at 11:27 a.m. Board member Monies seconded the motion: The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board member Flanagan moved to return to Open Session at 12:09 p.m. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions were made on the matters discussed in the Executive Session. Brad Clark, General Counsel, remained in the Executive Session.

No action was taken on any other matter(s) discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 1:00 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