

**Regular Meeting of the**  
**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER,**  
**CHESAPEAKE EVENT CENTER**  
**800 NAZIH ZUHDI**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**December 17, 2020**

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020, in the Chesapeake Event Center of the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

The following were present:

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

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board  
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City  
Mrs. Carlisha Williams Bradley, Tulsa  
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore  
Mrs. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City  
Mrs. Jennifer Monies, Oklahoma City

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

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

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Information from the State Superintendent**

**Recognition of Department Employee for the Month of December –  
Lesa Rohrer, Director of Data Literacy, Accountability**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Les Rohrer, Director, Data Literacy-Accountability as the December employee for the month.

Superintendent Hofmeister updated on hosting the Fourth trauma summit (virtual conference) “Awareness to Action: Creating Trauma Informed schools Through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support” February 15, 2021 and registration available on SDE website.

**Presentation of ELEVATE chronicles of the positive,  
inspiring and innovative matters in Oklahoma public Schools**

Superintendent Hofmeister highlighted Elevate Series presentations by videographer Craig Gaglio and Broken Arrow Public Schools therapy dog/student interaction program; and Shawnee Early Childhood Center “Empowering Littlest Learners.”

**Minutes of the November 12, 2020  
Special State Board of Education - Approved**

Board member Monies motioned to approve the November 12, 2020, State Board of Education special meeting minutes. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Workman, Tulsa Oklahoma signed up to address ethical, discrimination and political concerns and actions allowed at Kiefer Public Schools and Kiefer School Board.

## **First-Year Superintendents**

First-year Superintendent attending the meeting included Terry Zink, Coyle Public Schools, and Matt Wilson, Sovereign Community Charter School.

### **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) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**  
Keota Public Schools, Haskell County

#### **3 Years**

Watonga Public Schools, Blaine County  
Stigler Public Schools, Haskell County  
Perry Public Schools, Noble County  
Idabel Public Schools, McCurtain County

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

Cherokee Springs Public Schools, Alfalfa County  
Fox Public Schools, Carter County  
Taloga Public Schools, Dewey County

#### **3 Years**

Grand View Public Schools, Cherokee County

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

Gracemont Public Schools, Caddo County  
Wetumka Public Schools, Hughes County  
Carney Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Liberty Public Schools, Tulsa County

#### **3 YEARS**

Hulbert Public Schools, Cherokee County  
Oklahoma School for the Blind Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Glencoe Public Schools, Payne County  
Albion Public Schools, Pushmataha County  
Wewoka Public Schools, Seminole County  
Optima Public Schools, Texas County

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

- (e) Request approval on flexibility to use textbook funds – 70 O.S. 16-114a(B)  
Hobart Public Schools, Kiowa County  
Woodward Public Schools, Woodward County
- (f) Discussion and possible action on the application of **Christian Heritage Academy** to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program - **70 O.S. § 13-101.2**

Ryan Pieper, Executive Director of Accreditation and Board members discussed and asked questions regarding Consent Docket 5 (a) **Abbreviated Day** waiver request commending **Watonga Public Schools** on detailed application and requested **Stigler Public Schools** provide further program details on virtual alternative program additional flexibility.

Consent Docket 5(b) **Cooperative Agreements** waiver request commended **Grandview Public Schools** on good detailed application.

Consent Docket 5(c) **Library Media Services (LMS)** waiver requests pulled for **Gracemont Public Schools** to require more specifics and **Albion Public Schools** to present library schedule and regularity for making teachers responsible for library to be open; request justification for **Wewoka Public Schools** three-year waiver per COVID protocol for library book checkouts and recommended one year waiver only.

Board member Monies moved to deny the LMS waiver requests for **Gracemont** and **Albion Public Schools**, and grant a one-year LMS waiver for **Wewoka Public Schools**. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS & FINANCE**

### **Payment of federal program claims - Approved**

Monty Guthrie, Deputy Superintendent presented federal program claim payment request for **Earlsboro Public School District** of CARES Act federal funding. The school complied with procedure and provided the required good cause letter of explanation and approval is recommended.

Board members discussed claim invoices for CARES Act funding expenditures, application timeline/submissions, carryover funds, and program waiver process.

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

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Focused Field of Study for an Entrepreneurship Academy at Francis Tuttle Technology Center Academy - Approved**

Levi Patrick, Assistant Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, presented a recommendation request to approve a focus field of study for an entrepreneurship academy application for entrepreneurship at Francis Tuttle Technology Centers. Francis Tuttle provided all required application content and met qualification for a first entrepreneurship academy this fall. The new academy will be located in Edmond. Jared Scott, Assistant Superintendent, Francis Tuttle was present.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding monitoring and success of existing programs, studies, and graduates; request State Career and Technology Education Board provide program and student success update.

Board member Bobek moved to approve the France Tuttle Career and Technology focus field of study request. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **LEGAL SERVICES/STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE**

### **Teacher Leader Effectiveness for the 2020-21 school year - Approved**

Mr. Clark advised that the State Board of Education adopted criteria for the evaluation of certified educators (teachers and administrators) and recommended providing a one-year option to waive the qualitative component for the 2021 school year and requires districts continue submitting assurance documentation for review and approval. Mr. Clark reviewed the annual evaluation system, qualitative assessment, teacher objective observance, measurable characteristics, classroom practices and student performance; and administrator site practices/management and student performance; also includes professional development (PD) individualized program or PL Focus for teachers and administrators.

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding continual teacher evaluation, virtual teaching evaluation consideration, PL Focus component inclusive of virtual student engagement and professional learning; qualitative component waiver timeline through 2021 school year; SDE virtual environment content specific trainings/resources, EngageOK virtual PD and Network of Learning/support, EDGE Platform PD sessions and Project ECHO.

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

**Statewide System of Student Assessments and the statewide Accountability system (Oklahoma School Report Cards) - Approved**

Maria Harris, Deputy Superintendent of Assessment and Accountability, presented a recommendation request to suspend the statewide student assessments and accountability system for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ms. Harris and board members discussed and asked questions regarding importance and purpose of assessments, components, federal and state student assessment requirements and effects of no assessments performed for 2019; effects of school accountability COVID-19 disruptions, transparency, data collection, report card labels, difference of academic growth indicator calculation, academic achievement looks different, and accountability system's numerous variable and moving pieces, reliability and 2022 valid, accurate reporting; clarity on disentangling accountability and assessment system, student learning focus, 2021 spring assessment and report schedule.

Board member Williams Bradley moved to suspend the issuance of State of Oklahoma report cards for the 2020-2021 school year. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the 2021 school year  
70 O.S. § 1210.199 – Approved**

Mr. Clark presented a waiver request recommending waiving the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and course completion requirements for students prior to graduation for the 2020-2021 school year. In March 2020 the SBE approved a deregulation waiver and provided school districts flexibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic and nature of the CPR course involvement.

Board member Monies moved to approve CPR waiver request for the 2020-21 school year. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

(Superintendent Hofmeister called for a recess at 12:03 p.m. and resumed at 12:22 p.m.)

**Permanent Rule Adoption – Approved**

Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel, presented a request to adopt the following permanent rules:

- (1) Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services  
Subchapter 13. Student Assessment and School Accountability  
**210:10-13-23. Emergency exemptions from assessments required  
by the Oklahoma School Testing Program  
[AMENDED]**

- (2) Chapter 10. School Administration and Instructional Services  
Subchapter 13. Student Assessment and School Accountability  
**210:10-13-25. Determination of the chronic absenteeism indicator**  
[NEW]
- (3) Chapter 20. Staff  
Subchapter 9. Professional Standards: Teacher Education and  
Certification  
**210:20-9-94. Period of validity of certificates [AMENDED]**
- (4) Chapter 35. Standards for Accreditation of Elementary, Middle Level,  
Secondary, and Career and Technology Schools  
Subchapter 21. Alternative Instructional Delivery Systems  
**210:35-21-2. Alternative instructional delivery systems**  
[AMENDED]

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

**Report by Sovereign Community School accreditation, audit,  
finance, operations and governance of the school - Approved**

Mr. Clark presented an overview of the SBE November 12, 2020 terms of probation that included Sovereign Community School (SCS) charter school fiscal management plan, incurred debts to Santa Fe South Development Corp, Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System, and other outstanding obligations; required school board and governing board independent review and capacity examination; OSDE reporting compliances, all reconciled financials completed and repayment timelines; current board, teacher and staff resignations; improved communications and cooperation.

(Board member Hernandez left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.)

Matt Wilson, Superintendent, Sovereign Community School reported current occurrences of position cuts, staff resignations, COVID-19 interruptions and impacts; low student moral and transfers; financial forecast, future student enrollment, and SBE authorizer obligations.

Board members asked questions and discussed sustainability and termination timeline; graduation requirements/credits, student transfers; and school closure timeline.

Mr. Clark said as a charter sponsor advised on steps and procedure prior to a Notice of Proposed Termination would include providing evidence for no closure, a required due process public hearing within 90 days, termination timeline, loan repayments and reconciled finances, and school closure schedule/planning.

Board member Williams Bradley moved to begin the 90-day window to have the hearing and to declare next steps for the status of opening the school. 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; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Board members granted next step conditions to allow extended time for local board participation and fundraising, monthly reporting required throughout the 90-day window; move forward with proposed termination steps and scheduling a March 2021 hearing date.

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to **25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8)** for the purpose of discussing possible action to issue an **emergency order summarily suspending** the teacher certificate and certificate number of **Jacob Collins** pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action – **70 O.S. § 3-104; 75 O.S. § 314; OAC 210-1-5-6**

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to **25 O.S. §§ 307 (B) (4) (7) and (8)** for the purpose of discussing possible action on the Hearing Officer's proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders on the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Joyce M. Churchwell**; and 2) **Jason D. Larremore** - **70 O.S. § 3-104; OAC 210-1-5-6**

### **Convene into Executive Session**

Board member Bobek moved to convene into Executive Session at 1:29 p.m. Board member Williams Bradley seconded the motion: The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **Return to Open Session**

Board member Flanagan moved to return to Open Session at 1:53 p.m. Board member Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Brad Clark, General Counsel and Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel remained in the Executive Session.

Board member Bobek moved to suspend teaching certificate and number of **Jason Byrd**. Board member Monies seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Board member Bobek moved to accept the **Hearing Officers** proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders to revoke the teacher certificates and certificate numbers of **Joyce M. Churchwell** and **Jayson D. Larremore**. Board member Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Williams Bradley, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Clark updated Board members on receiving the Attorney General Opinion formal opinion request regarding Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH)-Consent Docket item 5(f), implementation, rulemaking process and procedure explained by Lori Murphy, Assistant General Counsel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Williams Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 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; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education-State Board Room, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary