

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the

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

February 23, 2023

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023, 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 22, 2023.

The following were present:

Mr. Bryan Cleveland, General Counsel to the Oklahoma State Dept. of
Education (OSDE)

Mr. Travis Jett, Counsel to the Board

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Ryan Walters, Chairperson of the Board

Mr. Donald Burdick, Tulsa

Ms. Sarah Lepak, Claremore

Mrs. Suzanne Reynolds, Oklahoma City

Mr. Trent Smith, Yukon

Mrs. Kendra Wesson, Norman

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Walters welcomed everyone to the meeting and led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and Prayer.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

First-Year Superintendents

Superintendent Walters recognized first-year superintendents attending the meeting that included Margaret Coates, Owasso Public Schools; Dr. Channa Byerly, Duncan Public Schools; Nicole Price, Lone Wolf Public Schools; Jennifer Purvis, Oilton Public Schools; Dr. Robert Schornick, Catoosa Public Schools; Corey Holland, Marlow Public Schools; Dr. Sayra Bryant, Barnsdale Public Schools; Amanda Tucker, Carlton Landing Public Schools; Mark Williams, Fox Public Schools; and Trevor Rogers, Friend Public Schools.

**Recognition of Department Employee
for the month of February: Heidi Rusinek**

Superintendent Walters recognized Heidi Rusinek, Resource Coordinator, Early Childhood Intervention-SoonerStart, for outstanding leadership, professionalism and going above and beyond in meeting the needs of children, school districts and OSDE.

Superintendent Walters said House of Representatives approved the School Choice Education Bill and Initiative; announced forming new Blue Ribbon Committees that will include a committee of statewide religious leaders and community leaders for a deep look at prayer in schools and roll of faith in K-12 schools; and a Teacher Advisory Committee comprised of Oklahoma teachers and both committees to ensure students have good schools and education they deserve. Updated decision on the Educator Hall of Fame portraits replaced with student/parent pictures; concerns and questions regarding the role and ideology of state universities in preparing student success and/or continue recommending students attend state universities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals signed up to address items on the agenda included Randy Gardner, Superintendent, Afton Public Schools, #6(c); Stephanie Canada, University of Central Oklahoma, #7(c); and Levi Patrick, Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance, #7(a).

Individuals signed up to address items not on the agenda included Gary Holt, resident, Elgin School District addressed teacher misconduct/OSDE failure to investigate; Ashley Daly, parent, Tulsa Public School addressed smaller class sizes/better teacher pay; Jan Barrick, Alpha Plus, addressed 'Oklahoma Top Ten'; Maria Seidler, Attorney, Legal Overwatch, addressed bullying; and Reverend John Karlin, Ph.D., Yukon, OK, addressed concerns on Diversity Resolution.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the January 26, 2023, regular State Board of Education meeting - Approved

Board member Smith moved to approve minutes of the January 23, 2023, regular State Board of Education meeting. Board member Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes and Superintendent Walters, yes.

CONSENT DOCKET - Approved

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2022-2023 school year and other requests:

- (a) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education Teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates – **70 O.S. § 6-187**
- (b) Request approval for St. John Nepomuk Catholic School (SJN) to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program - **70 O.S. § 13-101.2**
- (c) Request approval for Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) late penalty waiver requests for school districts not meeting the September 1 submission deadline - **70 O.S. § 5-135.2**

- 1. Bethany
- 2. Bokoshe
- 3. Goodwell
- 4. Konawa
- 5. Lexington
- 6. Lone Wolf
- 7. Mulhall-Orlando
- 8. Nowata
- 9. Pioneer
- 10. Pocola
- 11. Poteau
- 12. Schulter
- 13. Terral
- 14. Tishomingo
- 15. Western Heights
- 16. Deborah Brown

17. Afton
18. Ninnekah
19. Hanna

Board member Smith requested to pull Consent Docket item **6 (c) Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) late penalty waiver request** for further discussion.

Board member Smith moved to approve Consent Docket item 6.(a)-(b) waiver requests. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Wesson; yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes, and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Ryan Pieper, Executive Director, Accreditation Standards and Kathy Black, Executive Director, OCAS, clarified deadline specifics, dates certified, penalty waiver amounts/payouts; and board members discussed and asked questions regarding penalty approvals, penalty waiver list and schools in compliance versus repeated noncompliance; school districts encouraged to do better; and board members encouraged to visit districts for better understanding.

Board member Smith moved to approve Consent Docket item 6(c). Board member Burdick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Wesson; yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes, and Superintendent Walters, yes.

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science – Approved

Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Fine Arts – Approved

Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Health and Physical Education – Approved

Todd Loftin, Interim Division Administrator, overviewed the recommendations of the proposed academic standards for Computer Science, Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education, legislative timelines, committees and members, education and professional partnerships, and letters of support.

Christine Koerner, Executive Director of STEM presented a recommendation request to approve the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science;

Dr. Elizabeth Maughan Director of Fine Arts presented a recommendation request to approve the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Fine Arts; and

Shana Classen, Director of Health and Physical Education presented recommendation request for the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Health and Physical Education that specify what students will learn and are able to do at the end of each grade level; ensure instructional materials reflect Oklahoma Academic Standards, and Oklahoma State Department of Education complies textbook adoption cycle deadlines required by

The Health Education Act 70 O.S. § 11-103.6, 70 O.S. § 11-103.6a and 70 O.S. § 11-103.13. The expectations identified in the standards are critical for knowledge and citizenship skills students are expected to master entering college and career. Approval of the standards will meet state requirements by the 2023-24 school year.

(Board member Smith stepped out at 10:44 a.m. and returned at 10:46 a.m.)

Board members asked questions and discussed standards process, taught and incorporated, curriculum frameworks guidance, professional development; and students equipped with critical thinking skills and abilities successful in the workforce.

Board member Smith moved to approve the Academic Standards for Computer Science, Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education. Board member Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Burdick, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; Ms. Reynolds, yes and Superintendent Walters, yes.

LEGAL SERVICES

Monthly report on complaints filed, and status thereof, regarding alleged violations of 70 O.S. § 24-157 and Administrative Code Rule 210:10-1-23, prohibiting race and sex discrimination

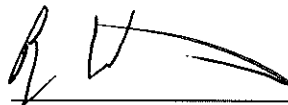
Bryan Cleveland, General Counsel, State Department of Education (OSDE), advised no action required on agenda item 8. (a).

Resolve into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. § 307 (B) (4) to discuss pending litigation, Midwest City-Del City Independent School District #52, et al., and Western Heights Independent School District #I-1 v. Oklahoma State Department of Education, Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Oklahoma State Board of Education, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, CV-2016-1965, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Case No. 117,081, 2020 OK 56.

Mr. Jett advised no Executive Session for agenda items 9 (a) was required.

Board member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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.



Ryan Walters, Chairperson of the Board



Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary