

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the

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

January 18, 2024

The State Board of Education met in a special session at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday January 18, 2024, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

The following were present:

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

Ms. Cara Nicklas, General Counsel to the State Board of Education
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board

Ms. Sarah Lepak, Claremore

Mrs. Katie Quebedeaux, Guymon

Mrs. Kendra Wesson, Norman

Members of the State Board of Education not present:

Mr. Donald Burdick, Tulsa

Mr. Zachary Archer, Hammon

CALL TO ORDER

State Superintendent Ryan Walters called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

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.

Presentation and discussion on the Department's revocation docket and on the Department's investigations

Superintendent Walters said he appreciated board members meeting to discuss significant issues with sexual predators in Oklahoma schools. The abuse of teachers targeting children and violating parents and children in unimaginable ways will not be tolerated. Proposed policy changes are recommended for OSDE, school districts, law enforcement, and for the legislature to ensure, moving forward, the OSDE and school districts have authority and law enforcement has tools necessary to remove predators from the classroom.

Updates provided included year-to-date revoked teaching certificates, clearing backlog cases, future revocations in Shawnee, Western Heights, Kingfisher, and Ringling Public Schools; OSDE Awareness Complaint System, proposed rule amendments recommendations, school district accountability and accreditation status; Senator Shane Jett's law enforcement school notification bill and recommendation for automatic suspension.

LEGAL SERVICES

**Resolve into Executive Session
pursuant to 25O.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 Hao Jiang pending an
individual proceeding for revocation or other action –
70 O.S. § 3-104; 75 O.S. § 314; OAC 210-1-5-6**

Board member Quebedeaux moved to convene into Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Return to Open Session

Board member Wesson moved to return to Open Session at 2:08 p.m. Board member Quebedeaux seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Lepak, yes; Ms. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

Board member Quebedeaux moved to suspend the teaching certificate and certificate number of Hoa Jiang immediately pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action and appoint a hearing officer to set a time and date to conduct a hearing on the application to revoke the teaching certificate and certificate number. Board member Wesson seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Quebedeaux moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Board member Lepak seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Lepak, yes; Mr. Quebedeaux, yes; Ms. Wesson, yes; and Superintendent Walters, yes.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday January 25, 2025, 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.



Ryan Walters, Chairman of the Board



Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary