

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

March 10, 2022

The State Board of Education met in a special session at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday March 10, 2022, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

The following were present:

Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel, State Department of Education
Mr. Travis Jett, General Counsel, State Board of Education
Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary

Member of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City
Ms. Sarah Lapek, Claremore
Mrs. Jennifer Monies, Oklahoma City
Mr. Trent Smith, Yukon

Member of the State Board of Education not present:

Mrs. Carlisha Williams Bradley, Tulsa
Mrs. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City

CALL TO ORDER

Newly appointed board member, Sarah Lepak, was sworn in prior to the meeting.

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education special meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

Superintendent Hofmeister welcomed everyone and new board member Sarah Lepak. Ms. Lepak was appointed, after the resignation of former board member Bill Flanagan, to fill the vacant seat for Congressional District 2.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Information from the State Superintendent

Employee of the Month

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Chelsea Hunt, Executive Director of Innovative Program, as the February employee of the month.

Superintendent Hofmeister announced board member Carlisha Williams Bradley is home with her new twins and all are in good health.

She said that \$18.1 million was awarded to 68 school and community partners. The federal relief funds are part of the Ready Together Oklahoma plan; Jennifer Donwerth, Edmond Public Schools and Karla White, Bethany Public Schools were recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and Rebecka Peterson selected as 2022 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. Miss Peterson teaches pre-calculus, trigonometry, and AP calculus at Union High School-Union Public Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Guinn, State Director of Convention of States, signed up for comment on the proposed permanent rule, Consent Docket item 8.(a).

BOARD- ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the January 24, 2022, regular State Board of Education meeting

Board member Monies moved to approve the January 24, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, Ms. Monies, yes; Ms. Lepak, abstain; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

CONSENT DOCKET

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2021-2022 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O.S. § 1210.568**
Middleberg Public Schools, Grady County
- (b) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Pauls Valley Public Schools, Garvin County
Mason Public Schools, Okfuskee County
- (c) **Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption – [70 O.S. § 3-126](#)**
Mustang Public Schools, Canadian County
(Lakehoma ES, Mustang Trails ES)
- (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) General Fund for Capital Expenditures – **70 O.S. § 1-117** and OAC 210:25-5-4
Bishop Public Schools, Comanche County
- (f) Request approval on flexibility to use textbook funds - [70 O.S. § 16-114a\(B\)](#)
Flower Mound Public Schools, Comanche County
Kenwood Public Schools, Delaware County
Deer Creek-Lamont Public Schools, Grant County
Terral Public Schools, Jefferson County
Agra Public Schools, Lincoln County
Morrison Public Schools, Noble County

Board members discussed and asked questions regarding Consent Docker waiver requests on:

6.(e) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures** – Ryan Pieper, Executive Director of Accreditation, provided clarity on **Bishop Public Schools** request to use general revenue funds due to material cost issues for the new middle school construction. General fund balances will absorb the amount stated in the waiver application.

Board member Monies moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Smith seconded the motion.

Travis Jett, General Counsel to the State Board, clarified that item 6. (f) will grant schools flexibility to use textbook funds, on an individual basis, and not add the textbook which moots item 7. (a).

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Mathematics, Physical Education, Health Education and World Languages

Tiffany Neill, Deputy Superintendent, presented the 2023-2024 Oklahoma Academic Standards review and revision process for mathematics, health and physical education and world languages content area standards that included stakeholder committees/responsibilities, revision/review processes, timelines, public comment periods and determinations; Oklahoma Textbook Adoption cycles/review and evaluation timelines, Textbook Committee approvals, and school district evaluations and textbook access.

Ms. Neill then presented the proposed mathematics standards and Board members asked questions and discussed early reviews and evaluations, textbook adoptions, stakeholder committees/responsibilities and standards shifts to strengthen alignment/additions and apply real world emphasis.

Ms. Neill moved to presenting the proposed physical and health education standards. Board members asked questions and discussed executive, writing and draft committees; review of standards out of cycle 6-year due to implementation of “Maria’s Act” legislative requirements and inclusions for the 2022-2023 school year; Department of Health consultation and review; new “Health Education Act” legislative requirements implemented 2023-2024 school year preK-12; standards shifts to strengthen and emphasize physical and mental health emphasis, address new legislation and incorporation.

Board member Smith asked Ms. Neill about a definition of “mental health.” In response, Elizabeth Suddath, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of School Support, addressed the mental health definition as ‘coping skills’ emphasis of the legislation. The mental, emotional, and overall wellbeing of students were addressed, and what they experience, leading to effective teaching of skills to manage emotions.

In response to mental health and coping education lines, Ms. Suddath said educators are provided professional development training on warning signs, and not trained in mental health well-being and mental health providers.

Ms. Neill added the health education and physical education standards are intended for the skills students should have by the end of 12th grade.

Superintendent Hofmeister said the previous standards were vague and subpar compared to meeting the new required state statutes, and not interchangeable.

Ms. Neill presented the proposed world language standards. Board members asked questions and discussed regarding the executive, writing and draft committees, standards shift to increase clarity of proficiency levels and more effective communication.

Board member Monies moved to approve proposed the Oklahoma Academic Standards for mathematics with the caveat they do not go into effect for instruction until the 2023-2024 school year. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Ms. Lepak, yes. Superintendent Hofmeister did not cast a vote.

Board member Monies moved to approve proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for world languages. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Ms. Lepak, yes. Superintendent Hofmeister did not cast a vote.

Board member Bobek moved to modify the proposed standards for health education and proposed standards for physical education by adopting the alternative proposal to retain the existing health and physical education standards currently in effect, but also adds the drafting committees proposed objectives dealing with the mental health education; and further move the board revisit the physical education standards within the next 12 months to implement any potential changes that may be needed for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board member Smith seconded the motion.

In discussion and question, Mr. Jett was asked if he believed the standards, as modified, comply with requirements in law. In response, Mr. Jett said the modification proposed will comply with Maria's law, which must be adopted and go into effect for the 2022-23 school year. Board members asked questions and further discussed the modification, adjustments, legislative compliance, and effects of not adopting any standards.

The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; and Ms. Lepak, yes. Superintendent Hofmeister did not cast a vote.

LEGAL SERVICES

Permanent rule adoption – Approved

- (1) Title 210, State Department of Education
Chapter 10. School Administration and Instruction Services
Subchapter 1. General Provisions
210:10-1-23. Prohibition of Race or Sex Discrimination
[NEW]

Brad Clark, General Counsel to the State Department of Education, presented the process of administrative rulemaking, including publication of the proposed rule in the Oklahoma Register, public comments received (more than 100) and a public hearing held to provide additional opportunity for comment.

Board member Bobek moved to approve the proposed emergency rule. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**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 Kingfisher 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)**

Executive Session

Board member Monies moved to convene into Executive Session at 10:21 a.m. Board member Bobek seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Return to Session

Board member Bobek moved to return to open session at 10:41 a.m. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Monies, yes; Ms. Lepak, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Superintendent Hofmeister said no decisions were made during the Executive Session. Mr. Jett remained in the Executive Session and stated that neither Mr. Clark nor Department staff were present in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Bobek moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday March 24, 2022, 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