

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 27, 2021

9:30 a.m.

This Virtual Meeting is being held consistent with the amendments to the Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. 2011, §301 *et seq.*, signed into law by Governor J. Kevin Stitt on February 10, 2021. *See* Senate Bill No. 1031, 2021 O.S.L 3, §2. This meeting will be conducted via a virtual platform only and will be available for viewing by the press and public through audio and video options at the link below.

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Members of the State Board of Education will attend at remote locations appearing via teleconference and videoconference:

Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent and Chair, via Zoom videoconference
Estela Hernandez, via Zoom videoconference
Carlisha Williams Bradley, via Zoom videoconference
William Flanagan, via Zoom videoconference
Brian Bobek, via Zoom videoconference
Trent Smith, via Zoom videoconference
Jennifer Monies, via Zoom videoconference

AGENDA

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1. Call to order and roll call – 9:30 a.m.

2. **STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

Information from the State Superintendent

(a) Recognition of Department Employee for the month of May: **Kendra Merveldt**

(Action) (b) Discussion and possible action on the minutes of the April 22, 2021, special State Board of Education meeting

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patrons may speak to the Board on any matter set forth on the current board agenda, excluding any matter which may be identified as including and/or pertaining to a proposed executive session. Comments will be limited to the **first ten (10) individuals** who email Terrie.Cheadle@sde.ok.gov by 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2021, advising of their intent to provide public comment to the Board. In the email requesting to provide public comment, the individual or representative must provide their name, email and phone

number, along with the agenda item to be commented on. A time limit of three (3) minutes will be allowed for each speaker. In its sole discretion, the time limit may be extended by consent of the Board. The Board Chairperson may interrupt and/or terminate any presentation during public comment, which does not conform to the procedures outlined under this Section. The Board Chairperson reserves and retains the right to interrupt, terminate, or postpone public comment as necessary to effectuate the management of the public meeting.

4. **CONSENT DOCKET** (Action)

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**

- (Action) (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**
Kellyville Public Schools, Creek County

- (Action) (b) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O.S. §1210.568**
Mounds Public Schools, Creek County
Agra Public Schools, Lincoln County

3 Years

Felt Public Schools, Cimarron County
Bethany Public Schools, Oklahoma County
Beggs Public Schools, Okmulgee County

- (Action) (c) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71**
Grove Public Schools, Delaware County
Checotah Public Schools, McIntosh County
Midway Public Schools, McIntosh County
Nowata Public Schools, Nowata County
McAlester Public Schools, Pittsburg County

3 Years

Grandview Public Schools, Stephens County

- (Action) (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**

- (Action) (e) Request approval of private school accreditation application for **Osage Nation School**

- (Action) (f) Request approval for **Mt. Olive Lutheran School (MOLS)** to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program – [70 O.S. § 13-101.2](#)

- (Action) (g) Request approval for **SNU Lab School** to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities program – [70 O.S. § 13-101.2](#)

- (Action) (h) Request approval for **Tri-City Learning Academy (TCLA)** to create shared Interlocal Cooperative specialized school operating agreement with Newcastle Public Schools, McClain County cooperating school district for the 2021-2022 school year - **70 O.S. § 5-117(b)**

All of the items of routine nature normally approved at board meetings will be approved by one vote unless any board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENTS – Maria Harris, Deputy Superintendent

- (Action) (a) Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to the Oklahoma Office of Management Enterprise Services (OMES) to award a testing contract for a nationally recognized college-and-career-readiness assessment as a part of the statewide student assessment system -**70 O.S. § 1210.508; 74 O.S. §§ 85.7 and 88.5; OAC 260:115-7-32 - Christina McCreary, Executive Director of State Assessment**

6. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE – Brad Clark, General Counsel

- (Action) (a) Report, update and discussion on **Oologah-Talala Public Schools**, new Superintendent including operations, governance, accreditation and quarterly report as required at the June 25, 2020, meeting of the State Board of Education – **70 O.S. § [3-104](#), [3-104.3](#), [3-104.4](#); OAC 210:35-3-201**

- (b) Report, update and discussion on **Sovereign Community School**, including the School's 5-year financial plan, leadership and governance, student enrollment, liabilities and assets, measurements of operational progress from the April 9 and April 22, 2021 State Board of Education meeting – **70 O.S. §§ [3-104](#), [3-104.4](#) and [3-137](#); OAC 210:35-3-201**

- (Action) (c) Discussion and possible action to resolve into Executive Session pursuant to **[25 O.S. §§ 307 \(B\) \(4\)](#)** for the purpose of conducting confidential communication between the State Board of Education and legal counsel concerning *Western Heights Independent School District No. 1-41 of Oklahoma County and Mannix Barnes, Superintendent v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel., Oklahoma State Board of Education, et al.*, Case No. CV-21-9457, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, the State Board having been advised by legal counsel that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the State Board to conduct the litigation in the public interest.

1. Vote to Convene in Executive Session
2. Vote to Acknowledge Return to Open Session
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the matters discussed in Executive Session

- (Action) (d) Discussion and possible action to go into Executive Session pursuant to **[25 O.S. §§ 307 \(B\) \(1\)](#)** regarding the resignation of Brad Clark in the duties and employment as legal counsel to the to the State Board of Education

1. Vote to Convene in Executive Session
2. Vote to Acknowledge Return to Open Session

7. ADJOURNMENT (Action)