



MINUTES
of the
OKLAHOMA STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

November 17, 2023

The Oklahoma State Textbook Committee (STC) held a meeting beginning on November 17, 2023.

Committee Chair designee Kendra Wesson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Shanda Finnell then called the roll.

The committee members that were present:

Kathryn Szallar

Jay Rotert

Kathryn Yarbrough

Jessica Thompson

Holly Helm

Terry Brandenburg

Allison Kidney

Teresa Gerber

Melissa Pearce

Committee Chair designee Kendra Wesson

The committee members that were absent:

Sonya Covalt

Quorum was confirmed.

Committee Chair designee Kendra Wesson requested confirmation of posted agenda in compliance with Open Meeting Act. Shanda Finnell confirmed.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, the minutes for the July 18 – July 20, 2023 meeting. Allison Kidney made a motion to accept the minutes. Kathryn Yarbrough

seconded the motion. It was questioned if the board minutes were not already approved at the previous meeting on October 6, 2023. Bryan Cleveland (counsel): clarified that there was a revision requested at the last meeting. The committee concurred. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, the minutes of the October 6, 2023 State Textbook Committee regular meeting. Kathryn Szallar made a motion to accept the minutes. Jessica Thompson seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 8 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber. Melissa Pearce: clarified that she was not on the October 6, 2023 minutes, but she was present. Shanda Finnell: communicated that Melissa was 23 minutes late. Melissa: responded that that was for the July meeting. Bryan Cleveland (general counsel): advised the committee that the minutes could be amended by adding Melissa Pearce's name to the October minutes. Kendra Wesson: offered the committee the option to amend and vote at the subsequent STC meeting. General Counsel: suggested that if that was the only change, then the committee could add that amendment now as long as there is a motion and a second to that amendment. Shanda Finnell: acknowledged that Melissa was there for the October 6th meeting. Kathryn Yarbrough made a motion to amend the October 6, 2023 and include Melissa Pearce as present. Jay Rotert seconded the motion. Legal advised either roll call or voice vote for the amendment. Kendra Wesson directed the committee to conduct a voice vote. Ayes (Favor)- say "Yes" – 10 Yes – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. Against say "No" – 0 No. The motion carries with the amendment to add Melissa Pearce's attendance.

The next item on the agenda were two presentations, the first by Angela Kwok over the context for the material review process in Oklahoma and its relevance to the decisions of the day. The second was by Bryan Cleveland regarding the different processes that can be taken in giving the final rating of the textbook materials.

Next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, the verification that the 2023 Early Childhood Education and Mathematics textbook review cycle has been conducted in a scrupulous and fair manner. Kathryn Szallar made a motion to verify that the 2023 Early Childhood and Mathematics textbook review cycle has been conducted in a scrupulous and fair manner. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Early Childhood Education materials. Early childhood education has 2 publishers: Frog Street and Teaching Strategies.

Teresa Gerber made a motion that we vote on all the early childhood education materials together. Kathryn Szallar seconded the motion. General Counsel: One clarifier to the motion. Is the motion to vote on them all accepting the chair's recommendations?

Teresa Gerber: restated the motion that we vote to accept the recommendations from the expert reviewers on the early education materials as a whole. Is that clearer/better?

General Counsel: As long as we understand what those are. Is that: 3 Exemplifies quality and then the 1 approaching quality? Teresa Gerber: Yes. General Counsel: Could I get some clarification, are you motioning that we accept these 4 bids or are you motioning that we vote on them together?

Teresa Gerber: I thought that was the option that we vote on them together.

General Counsel: Yes. Sorry. I was being word picky, that's all. I was clarifying that your motion was to accept that rating for all 4 of them together. Kendra: I think that we do need today to be very word picky and very clear because we do not want any mishaps in this it is very important. So the motion is, to vote on the early childhood education, all approved, all in one vote. Teresa Gerber: Yes. Kathryn Szallar: seconded. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, PK-2 Mathematics materials. Chair designee Kendra Wesson: Math in the band of K-2. We have 6 publishers. Four "Not Representing Quality:" Alpha Plus, Curriculum Associates, Open Up Resources and Savvas. Two "Exemplifies Quality:" Big Ideas and McGraw Hill. On this one, my recommendation is that we do them individually. Committee member Jay Rotert made a motion to vote on the publisher's individually. Kathryn Yarbrough seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Alpha Plus PK-2 Mathematics, who received a "Not Representing Quality" rating. Kathryn Yarbrough made a motion that we accept the "not representing quality" recommendation for Alpha Plus K, 1 & 2 math. Melissa Pearce seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Big Ideas Learning PK-2 Mathematics, who received an "Exemplifies Quality" rating. Allison Kidney made a motion to accept the "Exemplifies Quality" rating on Big Ideas K, 1 & 2. Kathryn Szallar seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Curriculum Associates PK-2 Mathematics, who received a "Not Representing Quality" rating. Kathryn Szallar made a motion to accept the recommendation "Not Representing Quality." Kathryn Yarbrough seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, McGraw Hill PK-2 Mathematics, who received an "Exemplifies quality" rating. Chair designee Kendra Wesson: Recommendation is that we do a provisional recommendation with removal of the "Math Thoughts" portion of the book. Discussion followed. Terry Brandenburg made a motion that we provisionally accept the publisher for McGraw Hill K, 1, 2 provided they remove the "Math Thoughts" section. Kathryn Szallar seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 7 – Kathryn Szallar, Kathryn Yarbrough, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Kendra Wesson. No – 3 – Jay Rotert, Melissa Pearce, Jessica Thompson. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Open Up Resources PK-2 Mathematics, who received a "Not Representing Quality" rating. Jay Rotert made a motion that we accept the recommendation of "Not Representing Quality" rating. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica

Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Savvas PK-2 Mathematics, who received a “Not Representing Quality” rating. Discussion was held. A further review was requested since all other materials had higher ratings. Allison Kidney made a motion to give no rating, pending the response from the content review team, once provided with the given information to look at Savvas: K, 1, 2 again. Jessica Thompson seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, grades 3-5 mathematics materials voting protocol. Six publishers; two “Not Representing Quality:” Alpha Plus and Curriculum Associates; one “Approaching Quality:” Open Up Resources; three “Exemplifies Quality:” Big Ideas, McGraw Hill and Savvas. Chair designee Kendra Wesson: my recommendation is that they do them separately. Jay Rotert made a motion that we vote on the six publishers of grades 3-5 materials individually. Jessica Thompson seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Alpha Plus grades 3-5 Mathematics, who received a “Not Representing Quality” rating. Kathryn Yarbrough made a motion we accept the “Not Representing Quality” recommendation for Alpha Plus 3, 4, & 5. Kathryn Szallar seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Big Ideas Learning grades 3-5 Mathematics, who received an “Exemplifies quality” rating. Holly Helm made a motion that we adopt the rating of “Exemplifies Quality” for Big Ideas 3 through 5. Jessica Thompson seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Curriculum Associates grades 3-5 Mathematics, who received a “Not Representing Quality” rating. Jay Rotert made a motion that we accept the recommended rating of “Not Representing Quality” for Curriculum Associates 3 through 5. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, McGraw Hill grades 3-5 Mathematics, who received an “Exemplifies Quality” rating. Chair designee Kendra Wesson: Recommendation is that we do a provisional recommendation with removal of the “Math Thoughts” portion of the book. Discussion followed. Jessica Thompson made a motion that we provisionally accept the publisher McGraw Hill 3 through 5 just like we did for Pre K-2. Kathryn Szallar seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Open Up Resources grades 3-5 Mathematics, who received an “Approaching Quality” rating. Allison Kidney made a motion to

accept the rating of “Approaching Quality” for Open Up Three, Four, Five. Teresa Gerber seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 9 – Kathryn Szallar, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 1 – Jay Rotert. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Savvas grades 3-5 Mathematics, who received an “Exemplifies Quality” rating. Kathryn Yarbrough made a motion that we accept the “Exemplifies Quality” rating for Savvas Three through Five. Holly Helm seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, the voting protocol for the 6 publishers: Alpha Plus, Big Ideas, Curriculum Associates, McGraw Hill, Open Up Resources and Savvas for grades 6-8 mathematics materials. Jay Rotert made a motion to accept the math 6 through 8 as one group. Jessica Thompson seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, the Ratings of the 6-8 mathematics materials. Two -- Alpha Plus and Open Up Resources -- with “Not Representing Quality” and Four – Big Ideas, Cengage, McGraw Hill and Savvas -- with “Exemplifies Quality”. Kathryn Yarbrough made a motion that we accept the recommendations for math 6 through 8. Jay Rotert seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2 mathematics materials voting protocol and ratings of the materials. One -- Open up Resources -- with “Not Representing Quality” and Four -- Big Ideas, Cengage, McGraw Hill and Savvas -- with “Exemplifies Quality”. Jay Rotert made a motion that we vote on Math: Algebra and Geometry as a group and accept the recommendations. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Calculus mathematics materials voting protocol and ratings of the materials. One -- McGraw Hill -- with “Not Representing Quality;” one -- Bedford Freeman and Worth -- with “Approaching Quality;” and Two -- Cengage and Savvas -- with “Exemplifies Quality”. Jay Rotert made a motion that we vote on the math calculus as a group and accept the rating recommendations. Kathryn Yarbrough seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Statistics mathematics materials voting protocol and ratings of the materials. Two -- Cengage and McGraw Hill -- with “Not Representing Quality;” one -- Savvas -- with “Approaching Quality;” and one -- Bedford Freeman and Worth -- with “Exemplifies Quality”. Jay Rotert made a motion that we accept math statistics as a group and accept the recommendations. Allison Kidney seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry

Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Trigonometry mathematics materials voting protocol and ratings of the materials. Two publishers, Cengage and Savvas, with a rating of “Not Representing Quality”. Discussion followed. Jay Rotert made a motion that we accept the Math: Trigonometry books with a rating of “Approaching Quality” and not the recommended rating. Terry Brandenburg seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of, and possible action on, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt request to withdraw HMH 180 Universal System 44 from the 2021 K-5 English Language Arts adoption contract. Kathryn Szallar made a motion to accept the withdraw. Melissa Pearce seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10 – Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.

The next item on the agenda was Adjournment. Kathryn Yarbrough made a motion that we be adjourned. Jay Rotert seconded the motion. Vote was called. Yes – 10- Kathryn Szallar, Jay Rotert, Kathryn Yarbrough, Jessica Thompson, Holly Helm, Terry Brandenburg, Allison Kidney, Teresa Gerber, Melissa Pearce, Kendra Wesson. No – 0. The motion carries.
