

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

**November 12, 2015**

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary  
Mr. Brad Clark, General Counsel

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board  
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton  
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa  
Mr. William "Bill" Flanagan, Claremore  
Mr. Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister called the State Board of Education regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

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

Superintendent Hofmeister led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Employee Service Recognitions**

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized State Department of Education employees Ms. Lori Goldizen for 30 years of service and Ms. Patricia Anderson for 25 years of service to the state of Oklahoma.

**Recognition of Department Employee  
for the Month of November**

Superintendent Hofmeister introduced Ms. Becky Gray, Claims Processing Supervisor, Child Nutrition as the employee for the month of October.

**Information from the State Superintendent**

Superintendent Hofmeister highlighted the start of the Red Tape Taskforce and accountability examination and recommendations; November 30 Christmas Tree Decorating and Lighting Ceremony with Governor Fallin and groups of Oklahoma school children; and the ACT Pilot Program for Juniors.

**BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE**

**October 22, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes  
of the State Board of Education Approved**

Board member Flanagan moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 regular meeting. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **First-Year Superintendents**

First-year superintendents attending the meeting were Jimmie Owens, Moffett Public School and Shelly Shulanberger, Wynona Public Schools.

Superintendent Hofmeister recognized Gary Jones, Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector attending the meeting.

## **CONSENT DOCKET Approved**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2015-2016 school year and other requests:

- (a) **Abbreviated School Day – OAC 210:35-29-2 and 210:35-3-46**  
Hilldale Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Macomb Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
- (b) **Adjunct Teachers – 70 O. S. § 6-122.3 and OAC 210:20-37-2**  
Wellston Public Schools, Lincoln County
- (c) **Administrative and Supervisory Services - OAC210:35-3-46**  
Binger-Oney Public Schools, Caddo County
- (d) **Allow Two School Days in a 24-Hour Period – 70 O. S. § 1-111**  
Terral Public Schools, Jefferson County  
Tipton Public Schools, Tillman County  
Tuskahoma Public Schools, Pushmataha County
- (e) **Cooperative Agreements for Alternative Education Programs – 70 O. S. § 1210.568**  
Texhoma Public Schools, Texas County
- (f) **Early Release of School - 70 O. S. § 1-109**  
Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa County
- (g) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71, OAC 210:35-7-61 and 210:35-9-71**  
Asher Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Ardmore Public Schools, Carter County  
Belfonte Public Schools, Sequoyah County  
Bristow Public Schools, Creek County  
Cache Public Schools, Comanche County  
Carney Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Chandler Public Schools, Lincoln County  
Earlsboro Public Schools, Pottawatomie County  
Guymon Public Schools, Texas County  
Mason Public Schools, Okfuskee County  
Elementary  
Mason Public Schools, Okfuskee County  
High School  
Pioneer Public Schools, Grady County  
Ryal Public Schools McIntosh County

Skiatook Public Schools, Tulsa County

- (h) **Library Media Specialist Certificate Exemption – 70 O.S. § 3-126**  
Fort Gibson Public Schools, Muskogee County  
Meeker Public Schools, Lincoln County
  
- (i) **Planning Period – OAC 210:35-7-41 and OAC 210-35-9-41**  
Cleveland Public Schools, Pawnee County  
Clinton Public Schools, Custer County  
Glenpool Public Schools, Tulsa County  
    Middle School  
Glenpool Public Schools, Tulsa County  
    High School  
Grant Public Schools, Choctaw County  
Lindsay Public Schools, Garvin County  
Ninnekah Public Schools, Grady County  
Purcell Public Schools, McClain County  
    Stillwater Public Schools, Payne County
  
- (j) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates (list attached) – 70 O. S. § 6-187

Board member Price moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board member Franks seconded the motion.

Board members asked questions and discussed statutory requirements and changes.

The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **Proposed FY17 State Department of Education Legislative budget request Approved**

Superintendent Hofmeister advised no changes were made to the proposed budget request presented at the October 22 SBE meeting. A memo addendum was included that highlighted a start to the plan proposed in 2014 requesting the Legislature to address the teacher shortage and competitive pay.

Board member Flanagan said in these economic conditions of Oklahoma what is being requested is a challenge. We recognize the fact that state revenues were down eight percent in October, and asking for an increase in normal times would fall within the norms but this is outside the norms. The State, per the Oklahoma Constitution, must have a balanced budget and cannot spend more than the revenue; and having a balance forwarded from a previous year is a good starting point.

Board member Baxter moved to approve the FY17 budget request. Board member Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

### **Interim Study Update**

Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs, presented an interim study update that included SDE participation, education legislation, and charter school funding formula.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING**

### **Update on the English Language Art/Mathematics State Academic Standards pursuant to the provisions House Bill 3399**

Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent, Academic Affairs and Planning, thanked the writing teams for the hours dedicated to create the standards and assuring they are aligned, rigorous, clear and high quality. Work on the draft is continuous and moving toward finalizing details before presenting to the SBE. A letter of support from the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of Mathematics was included in the SBE packets. Any additional organizational reviews and letters of support will be provided.

## **EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS AND POLICY RESEARCH**

### **Report on Lead to Succeed (L2S)**

Dr. Robyn Miller, Deputy Superintendent, Educator Effectiveness and Policy Research, presented a report on the launch of a development program for school principals or “Lead to Succeed (L2S) leadership program. The intensive comprehensive training will begin with a small group of participants in November with the hopes of raising student achievement and statewide expansion. The program vendor is Criterion Education National Institute for School Leadership.

Board members asked questions and discussed program implementation, trainings, and additional leadership programs.

### **Report on the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Commission**

Dr. Miller provided a handout of the TLE Commission responsibilities and current list of Commissioners. Currently, teachers have a qualitative observation rating for evaluation, and the past six months TLE Commission has been focused on the quantitative build out for implementation. Various measurement tools that emphasize student academic growth have been researched and discussed. Quantitative tools and information from approximately 40 states were reviewed in an effort to recommend quantitative tools that are informative to educators and benefits student learning. Assistance from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and South Central Comprehensive Center at the University of Oklahoma helped identify six measurement

tools. In November, three tools were recommended for measuring academic growth that included teacher created benchmark assessments; State Department of Education approved diagnostic assessments and teacher portfolios.

The three quantitative measures are recommended for inclusion on a list for school districts to have flexibility and select their specific contexts in the 2016-17 school year. The State Board of Education in the coming months will review/analyze the list, and be prepared to publish the quantitative measures list by February 2016.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

### **Swink Public Schools June 30 2015 and prior years' audit reports including but not limited to possible action to withhold state aid payments(s) to Swink Public Schools**

David Kinney, General Counsel presented recommendation request on the June 30, 2015, Audit of Swink Dependent School District review of the Financial Statements-Statutory Basis and Reports of the Independent Auditor. The State Board of Education (SBE) is given jurisdiction to consider the issue per the Oklahoma Public School Audit Law, and authority by SBE Administrative Rules to withhold state aid. Mr. Kinney reviewed the Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett Certified Public Accountants, LLP Audit Report Summary results, Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector findings, and the Oklahoma Accountancy Board approved auditors.

Gary Jones, State Auditor and Inspector for the State of Oklahoma provided information regarding auditor approval criteria and rotation.

Board members asked questions and discussed the audit report/findings of Swink Dependent School District with Chris Gullekson, Lead Auditor and Jeff Hewett, Partner, Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett Certified Public Accountants, LLP; Mark Bush, Superintendent, Swink School District, Laura Holmes, Attorney, and Darrell Stowers, President, Swink Board of Education.

Superintendent Hofmeister concurred with Board member Baxter's suggestion of to report the corrective action recommendations of the audit with a timeline prior to the issuance of the December state aid payment; however the school district's failure to comply will result in the loss of state aid. She recommended Board member Flanagan chair a committee with the support of SDE staff to work with the school district, and report back to the SBE.

Board member Flanagan moved to approve reporting the corrective action recommendations of the audit with the assistance of SBE/SDE committee.

Board member Franks amended the motion to add a timeline of 90 days.

Superintendent Hofmeister agreed in response to Ms. Holtz 90 day corrective action implementation question.

Board member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Flanagan, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## ADJOURNMENT

Superintendent Hofmeister in response to Board member Price's A-F request said at this time school designations are the top priority with the Accountability Office in order to pull resources to accomplish the timeline after which time a specific answer can be made available.

There being no further business Board member Franks moved to adjourn. Board member Keating seconded the motion. Board members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015, 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.

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Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, Chief Executive Secretary