

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

**April 23, 2015**

The State Board of Education met in regular session at 9:33 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 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 9:28 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, Secretary to the Board

Members of the State Board of Education present:

State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Chairperson of the Board  
MG (R) Lee Baxter, Lawton  
Ms. Cathryn Franks, Roosevelt  
Mr. Daniel Keating, Tulsa  
Mr. William "Bill" Price, Oklahoma City  
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 9:33 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**

**Information from the State Superintendent**

Prior to the meeting Superintendent Hofmeister introduced and swore in Mr. Robert J. "Bob" Ross to the State Board of Education.

**First 100 days**

Superintendent Hofmeister reported the accomplishments of the first 100 days of her office. The State Department of Education (SDE) leadership team is complete with the addition of Mr. Matt Holder, Chief Operations Officer who is currently the Superintendent at Weatherford Public Schools; and Ms. Heather Griswold, Deputy Chief of Staff.

**Testing update**

Superintendent Hofmeister said the grades 6-8 Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT) testing windows had complications with the raw score and performance band ratings appearing immediately on a pop up screen. The occurrence was due in part to the Request for Purchase (RFP) with the vendor, Measured Progress, submitted by the prior administration. The vendor was requested to deactivate the pop up feature, and they assured there was no instability on Monday, April 20.

**Arts Awards**

Superintendent Hofmeister said tonight she will be attending Awards for Arts Excellence celebrating the creativity and talent of approximately 100 Oklahoma students and educators at the Masonic Temple in Guthrie.

**EngageOK Conference**

Superintendent Hofmeister said the EngageOK Summer Conference is scheduled for July 7-9 and will be held at the Cox Convention Center. Registration information will be coming very soon.

Superintendent Hofmeister said the agency organizational chart will be made available to Board members. Ms. Griswold will oversee all of the stakeholder advisory groups. It is our hope to have two-way communications with the stakeholders, and have the opportunity to glean from their information/feedback but also to utilize their recommendations. Legislators will have accessibility to the stakeholder groups as well.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **February 26, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education Approved**

Board member Baxter moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 regular meeting. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; Mr. Ross, abstain; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **March 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes of the State Board of Education Approved**

Board member Franks moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 special meeting. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Ross, abstain, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **Presentation on Superintendent's Policy for Preparing the State Board of Education Agenda**

Superintendent Hofmeister said the State Board of Education (SBE) policy provided to members at the January 15, 2012, Board retreat did instruct Board members should communicate agenda item requests directly to the State Superintendent and the Secretary. The timeline to communicate agenda items at that time was 48 hours but now the timeline is one week prior to a board meeting in order to ensure time for discussion and possible inclusion. She advised Board members to feel free to communicate all items of interest. Should there be a reason item(s) cannot be included she will have a conversation to explain the decision.

Board members discussed the SBE policy for the inclusion of agenda items.

Janis Preslar, Assistant Attorney General, Chief of General Counsel Section-Office of the Attorney General Office concurred that items of interest should be communicated to the Chair for placement on the agenda.

### **Resolution Honoring Amy Ford, State Board of Education Member Approved**

Board member Baxter moved to approve a Resolution honoring Board member Amy Ford. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

**Resolution Honoring Kimberly Richey,  
General Counsel Approved**

Board member Price and Franks said corrections were needed to their names.

Board member Price moved to amend and approve the Resolution honoring Kimberly Richey, General Counsel. Board member Baxter seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Ross, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

Kimberly Richey thanked Board members for the opportunity to work with them. She said it was a rewarding and exciting experience of her professional career and wished all the best.

**First-Year Superintendents**

First-year superintendent(s) attending the meeting were Cheryl Garrison, Darlington Public School; Pete Hisely, Ketchum Public Schools; Sammy Jackson, Cashion Public Schools; Tyler Locke, Pioneer Public Schools; Robert Neu, Oklahoma City Public Schools; Brandon Voxx, Robin Hill Public Schools; Brian Walker, Harmony Public Schools; James Miller, Coleman Public Schools; Scott Bynum, Keystone Public Schools and Travis Gates, White Rock Public Schools.

**CONSENT DOCKET Approved**

Discussion and possible action on the following deregulation applications, statutory waivers, and exemptions for the 2014-2015 school year and other requests:

- (a) **General Fund for Capital Expenditures – 70 O.S. § 1-117 and OAC 210:25-5-4** Shawnee Public Schools, Pottawatomie County
- (b) **Library Media Services – OAC 210:35-5-71 and 210:35-9-71** Stillwater Public Schools, Payne County
- (c) Request approval on exceptions to State Board of Education teacher certification regulations to permit issuance of emergency (provisional) certificates – 70 O. S. § 6-187

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

**EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS AND POLICY**

**Overview of the Oklahoma Educator Equity Plan**

Dr. Robyn Miller, Deputy Superintendent, overviewed the Oklahoma Educator Equity plan required by the United States Department of Education (USDE) June 2014.

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All states were required to develop state plans by June 2, 2015 that ensured equitable access to excellent educators and include six expectation components.

Board members asked questions and discussed components of the state equability plan.

**Superintendent Hofmeister recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.  
(Mr. Keating returned at 10:39 a.m.)**

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and PLANNING**

### **Update on Assessments**

Sonya Fitzgerald, Assistant Director, State Testing, presented an overview of test on the Oklahoma State Testing program, federal and state mandated, that included math and reading grades 3-8; science grades 5-8; social studies grades 5, U.S. History grade 8; Geography grade 7; and writing grades 5 and 8. State law requires seven end-of-instruction (EOI) exams Algebra I, Biology I, English II (federal mandates); Algebra II, Geometry, English III and U.S. History (additional state mandates). Measured Progress is the testing vendor for Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test (OCCT) grades 3-8 and end-of-instruction assessments. Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment program administers the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) math and English Language Arts assessments. Pearson Access administers the science and social studies portfolio.

Dr. Lisa Ehrlich, Senior Vice President, State Client Services, Measured Progress was present at the meeting.

Board members asked questions and discussed the state program of mandated testing.

### **Composition of the Steering Committee formed to Implement Provisions of the Steering provisions of H.B. 3399**

Superintendent Hofmeister said the Steering Committee Chair has resigned from the State Board of Education (SBE). The SBE at the August 27, 2014, meeting approved to form the Steering Committee, named three SBE members to the Steering Committee and appointed Amy Ford as the Chair. At that time a State Department of Education designee (SDE) position was created but not filled.

Board member Baxter moved to approve Dr. Cindy Koss, Deputy Superintendent, and Board member Franks as members of the Steering Committee, and Superintendent Hofmeister as Chair. Board member Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; General Baxter, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

### **Update on Standards Steering Committee**

Dr. William Radke, Executive Director said the standards writing teams have been formed with the exception of one final member for the English Language Arts assessments making a total of 18; and 19 team members for mathematics. Meeting venues have been selected, first draft of the standards is due in early May; and the process timetable is on-track. Additionally, co-chairs were updated, the first draft review is due in June, and two-day team meetings are scheduled.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Carolyn Thompson, Director, Government Affairs, presented the legislation sent to or signed by the Governor-House Bill 1154, 1330, 1331,1423,1521,1691,1749 and 2157; Senate Bill 5, 20, 50, 162, 189, 262, 346 and 782.

The status of current legislation effecting the State Department of Education (SDE) provided included **Curriculum and Assessments Testing**-House Bill 1321, 1622 and Senate Bill 707, 708 and 784; **RSA**-House Bill 1065 and Senate Bill 630 and 785; **Special Education**-House Bill 1268 and 1690; **Teachers/Employees**-House Bill 1326, 2014 and Senate Bill 71; **Schools/Professional Development**-House Bill 1684, 1685, 2049, 2069 and Senate Bill 674, 239; **Charters**-House Bill 1034, 1696 and Senate Bill 136; **Teacher Certification**-Senate Bill 29, 454 and House Bill 1270; **Funding and SDE (agency directives)**-House Bill 1512, 1604, 1748, 1823, 2088 and Senate Bill 285; and **Funding**-House Bill 1498, Senate Bill 786 and HJR 1024.

Board members asked questions and discussed legislation pertaining to the SBE and SDE.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

#### **Contract for Legal Services with the Office of the Attorney General Tabled**

Ms. Preslar presented a legal service contract for the SBE to engage with the Office of the Attorney General to have a SBE dedicated attorney. The Attorney General provides legal services to approximately 100 boards, commissions and agencies.

Board members asked questions and discussed the terms, conditions duties and options of the proposed legal services contract.

Board member Franks moved to table the proposed legal services contract. Board member Keating seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Ross, yes; General Baxter, yes; Ms. Franks, yes; Mr. Keating, yes; Mr. Price, yes; and Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Superintendent Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Thursday, May 28, 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, Secretary to the Board