

Minutes
Coalition of Innovative School Districts
August 20, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bev Mortimer-Concordia; Mike Slagle-BV; Deena Horst-State BOE; Adrian Howie-Hugoton; Mark Crawford-McPherson; Randy Watson-KSDE; Jim McNiece-State BOE

Guests Present: Angie McDonald-McPherson; Scott Rothchild-KASB

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Supt. Howie Second: BOE Horst Action: 6-0

2.0 Public Comments

No public comments

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Minutes from July meeting

Motion: Supt. Crawford Second: BOE Horst Action: 7-0

4.0 Reports

4.1 Updates from districts – no updates

4.2 Updates from KSDE-Commissioner Watson provided details about meeting with Blake Flanders on two topics. 1) Possible pilot of high school math course in the fall. 2) Joint effort with KBOR to develop electronic plan of study that would populate from the district's information system.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 KSDE Licensure Changes – Supt. Mortimer gave an update on the excitement in USD 333 on the recent changes to preschool/K licensure. She also expressed appreciation for quick action by KSDE and the KSBOE on this licensure/policy change.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Specialized Certificate Request – McPherson

Supt. Crawford and Angie McDonald, representing McPherson presented information on their potential candidate for a licensure waiver. Copies of her current license, a draft of their application and supporting details were provided to the group. Several group members asked questions and discussed the details of the request. McPherson will be making a decision about moving forward on the request, after considering options available with KSDE. If they decide to move forward the Coalition will consider this as an action item in September.

7.0 Announcements

7.1 September 17th meeting will be held in Salina at the Smoky Hill Education Service Center beginning at 9 am.

8.0 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slagle Second: Supt. Crawford Action: 7-0