

**Minutes of Joint Meeting of
Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education and the KCKCC Board of Trustees
January 27, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.
Board Room of the Kansas City, KS Central Office & Training Center**

*The Purpose of this meeting was to serve as a joint-collaborative discussion between the Board of Education and Board of Trustees to include an update on current initiatives and programs and plans to establish common targets to support the Diploma+ Initiative.

- The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by USD 500 Board Chair, Dr. Evelyn Hill. Dr. Hill asked for roll call of both Boards. Roll indicated the following present: Trustees Ash, Breidenthal, Daniels, Maddox, Rios and Townsend. Trustee Flunder was unable to attend. Cabinet members present were Dr. Doris Givens, President of KCKCC, Dr. Susan Lindahl, CFO/COO, and Dr. Mike Vitale, VP for Academic and Student Services and Dr. Baz Abouelenein, Chief Information Services.
- A motion was requested to approve the Special Agenda. Trustee Daniels motioned to approve the Special Agenda. Trustee Townsend seconded and the motion carried.
- Dr. Givens was asked to introduce her committee. Along with the attending Board of Trustees and Cabinet were the following: Teresa Mata, MVP college attorney, Dr. Stacy Tucker, Ms. Marisa Gray, Dean Leota Marks, Dr. Ed Kremer, Dr. Michael Burns, and Dr. Cherilee Walker.
- After Dr. Lane introduced her committee and welcomed everyone, Dr. Evelyn Hill gave an overview of the meeting objectives. The partnering hopes to “develop a deeper understanding of each organization’s programs, celebrate, and identify areas to strengthen collaboration.”
- Chairman Maddox gave a KCKCC update on initiatives and programs. Dr. Givens spoke on the KCKCC vision of student success and Dr. Mike Vitale talked about the way to achieve this goal. Dr. Vitale had Dr. Michael Burns, Interim Dean for Enrollment Management, address some of the ways Admissions is assisting students from the time they enroll and throughout their time at KCKCC; but, Dr. Burns also spoke of the vision of working with those students, in high school, with a 2.5 GPA or lower and how best to help them be successful. Chairman Maddox stated that this was a starting point but that “no conclusions would be reached today but good ideas were out on the table.”

Trustee J.D. Rios referred to students as “lifelong learners.” Trustee Rios stated that this is not the traditional definition but that it measures what unites KCKCC. Chairman Maddox suggested a joint committee to gather information and bring to the next meeting and suggested Trustee Rios chair the committee. Dr. Hill suggested Asst. Superintendent, Dr. Strickland, Dr. Vitale and Irene.

Dr. Vitale spoke of the 4-year transfer articulation agreements and stated this is an initiative to make sure students don’t lose credit upon graduation. Ms. Leota Marks, Dean of Workforce at TEC, stated there were 139 students in the workforce program at TEC. Ms. Marks also reported on the number of middle school students who came to TEC for Career Fair Day. This gives middle school students the opportunity to see what jobs are available, in the technology field, upon graduation. Dr. Vitale reported on “HOT Career Days...Hands on Training.” Dr. Givens suggested that the idea of getting a diploma begin with kindergartners, i.e. diplomas for graduating from kindergarten. Dr. Michael Burns briefly gave an update on the 2.5 Initiative where every student, with grade point average lower than 2.5, have a plan for their

future. Dr. Givens stated that this program came out of the Innovation Proposal Initiative which had been launched after the 2015 Spring In-service.

One of the ideas for the Diploma+Initiative is to start with Early Childhood through elementary school, from 5th grade through middle school and on to high school. This would allow familiarity with that student by the counselors and advisors. Dr. Strickland reported that USD 500 has a Career Academy within the school system which contains fourteen different Academies within high school. They will be partnering with different colleges to get students college ready. Dr. Strickland reported on dual/concurrent enrollment...the schools are obligated to “build a student to be successful in post-secondary.” Dr. Strickland reported on their scholarship program with several universities. Dr. Vitale spoke of the Presidential Scholarship offered at KCKCC and introduced Dr. Stacy Tucker, Director for Honor Students and Phi Theta Kappa at KCKCC. Dr. Tucker spoke of the scholarship and honors’ program offered to students and the opportunities available. Scholarships are based on ACT scores and a student’s GPA. Dr. Ed Kremer reported on the success of the Saturday Science and Math Academy and its many opportunities for students. Trustee Ray Daniels stated there needed to be further discussion on joint scholarships. It was suggested that the theme, for the next meeting, on Student Success be planned by Trustee Rios, Dr. Mike Vitale and Dr. Strickland. The Agenda also needs to include further information on Pell Grants.

Dr. Cynthia Lane will give an update at the February 16 Board of Trustees meeting followed by a KCKCC update by Dr. Givens at the March 8 meeting.

It was suggested that another joint meeting be scheduled with the KCKCC Board of Trustees and the KCKPS Board of Education.

- Being no further discussion, Chairman Maddox asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Brenda Jones motioned to adjourn the joint meeting. Trustee Daniels seconded and the motion carried.
- The joint meeting of the Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education and the KCKCC Board of Trustees adjourned at **5:08 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Wendell Maddox, Board Chairman

Dr. Doris Givens, President