Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:

The South Dakota Board of Education Standards (BOES) was called to order by President Sly at approximately 10:00 a.m. Central Time.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Schallenkamp and second by Guffin to adopt the January 27, 2020, agenda. Roll call vote. Westra abstained. All others present voted in favor. Voting aye: Guffin, Herman, Schallenkamp, Sly, and Wagner. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion by Wagner second by Herman to approve the November 18, 2019, minutes. Roll call vote. Westra abstained. All others present voted in favor. Voting aye: Guffin, Herman, Schallenkamp, Sly, and Wagner. Motion carried.

**Installation of Officers**

Sly and Guffin were installed as president and vice-president of the board, respectively, for calendar year 2020.

Julie Westra, newly appointed member, introduced herself and gave a brief autobiography to the board.

**Conflicts Disclosures (SDCL 3-23):**

No conflicts of interest were disclosed, or waivers requested.

**Public Comment Period:**

No public comment was offered.

**Hearing: Perkins State Plan**

The Board of Education Standards convened a public hearing on the Perkins State Plan at approximately 10:07 a.m. CT.

**PROPONENT Testimony:**

Laura Scheibe, director, Division of Career and Technical Education, DOE, presented on the work going into the review and preparation of the new State Plan as part of a public hearing on the state plan, as required by law. Scheibe noted that the DOE has taken input on the plan from stakeholders and the public over the course of the past year and is seeking to engage in a more supportive, collaborative process with this iteration of the plan to help schools provide the best opportunities for their students. Questions included how CTE is addressing the needs of Native American students, to which Scheibe responded that meeting the needs of Native American learners, and all “special population” learners, is a renewed focus of the work of the DOE moving forward. Board members currently in schools were asked regarding their thoughts about the plan, to which they responded that the new plan requires a lot of work, and Perkins does not offer a lot of funding. Scheibe addressed the funding issue by outlining opportunities schools have to join forces and maximize resources in consortia, as well as the two competitive grant opportunities (Perkins Reserve and Workforce Education Grants) available to schools with approved programs. It is a four-year plan and will be revisited in 2024. Following a 30-day public comment period, the BOES will vote on the proposed plan at the March 16, 2020 meeting.

**OPPONENT Testimony:**
No opponent testimony.

Perkins State Plan hearing closed at approximately 10:37 a.m. CT.

**Board of Technical Education Report:**

Nick Wendell, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Technical Education (BOTE), presented an update to the Board regarding the Technical Institutes, including recent accolades they have received. There is growth in the dual credit program. Hybrid programs help with nontraditional students. The retention rate for 2019 is about 78%.

Wendell said that there was a bill before the 2020 legislature to change the names from institutes to colleges.

Wendell also related that common course numbering is a hot topic, as well as modernizing programs, working on partnerships, and employability in South Dakota.

**Educator Preparation Program: Oglala Lakota College**

Kathy Riedy, Administrator of Accreditation, Division of Accreditation, Certification and Data Management DOE, presented the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) accreditation review findings and recommendation for Oglala Lakota College.

Riedy outlined the accreditation process background: within a seven-year period, each institution of higher education in South Dakota that offers an EPP must complete a review of its educational unit and programs to determine if it meets required standards. The EPP may choose a state review or Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) review. Oglala Lakota College underwent a State accreditation review. All individual programs were approved. The EPP and individual programs were approved for accreditation through 2026.

Motion by Guffin and second by Wagner to approve the Oglala Lakota College program accreditation. Roll call vote. Westra abstained. All others present voted in favor. Voting aye: Guffin, Herman, Schallenkamp, Sly, and Wagner. Motion carried.

**First Reading: Special Education proposed rules**

Linda Turner, Director, Special Education, DOE, presented a first reading of proposed changes to Article 24:05 (Special Education Programs) rules. Turner stated that the changes would update state rules to accurately reflect the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) rules amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and correct the definition of preschool age and preschool program to align with the IDEA preschool age, and ensure federal and state rule reference and language aligns.
Motion by Herman and second by Guffin to move the rules to a hearing. Roll call vote. Westra abstained. All others present voted in favor. Voting aye: Guffin, Herman, Schallenkamp, Sly, and Wagner. Motion carried.

**Board of Education Standards (BOES) Mission Statement revision review**

Diane B Roy, General Counsel, DOE, presented proposed changes to the BOES Mission Statement; after discussion at prior meetings of the need to revise the language and the content of the BOES Mission Statement. The board will review the proposed changes and will revisit the issue at the next meeting.

**Secretary’s Report**

Dr. Benjamin Jones gave an update on the 2020 legislative session, the Governor’s Week of Work scheduled in April, the progress of the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG). He stated that DOE now has a Social Studies program manager. Jones also presented the DOE Strategic Plan to the board.


**Adjournment:**

Motion by Schallenkamp and second by Wagner to adjourn. Roll call vote. Westra abstained. All others present voted in favor. Voting aye: Guffin, Herman, Schallenkamp, Sly, and Wagner. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:59 a.m. CT.

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