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JUNE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Approved FY2005 Tuition, Fees and Operating Budgets for Technical Schools and Colleges.
- Accepted First Annual Proprietary School Activity Report.
- Approved System Performance Agreements.
- Approved FY2006 Unified Budget Request.
- Approved Meningitis Prevention Resolution.
- Approved FY2005 University Tuition Proposals.
- Elected FY2005 Board Chair and Vice Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT:

Dick Bond (Chair)	<i>Overland Park</i>
Donna L. Shank (Vice Chair)	<i>Liberal</i>
Janice DeBauge	<i>Emporia</i>
William R. Docking	<i>Arkansas City</i>
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Frank Gaines	<i>Hamilton</i>
Nelson Galle	<i>Manhattan</i>
James "Jim" Grier, III	<i>Wichita</i>
Deryl Wynn	<i>Kansas City</i>
Reginald L. Robinson (President & CEO)	<i>Topeka</i>

Board Elects New Chair and Vice Chair

On June 24 the Board of Regents elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. The nine-member Board elected Dick Bond, of Overland Park, as the new Chair and Donna Shank, of Liberal, as the new Vice Chair.

"I am honored to be selected by my peers on the Board of Regents to serve as Chair," Bond said. "It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to advocate on behalf of higher education in Kansas and I look forward to a successful year."

"I look forward to my continued work with this dedicated group of professionals who truly believe in the quality, efficient and accessible higher education system that Kansans deserve," Shank said. "As a mother of a child currently attending a Kansas institution, I am anxious to continue exploring funding mechanisms that help reduce the financial stress on our institutions while also addressing the financial burden on our students."

Dick Bond and Donna Shank will both serve one-year leadership terms. Bond is featured in this month's "Regents' Profile" located on Page Four.



Dick Bond

Donna Shank

Board Partners with Department of Commerce To Meet State's Workforce Development Needs

For the first time in more than 30 years, Kansas is implementing a major restructuring of its workforce development system to make it more responsive to the needs of employers and job seekers. This new, market-driven system is called Kansas 1st. It combines business-directed programs with programs directed at job seekers to create a seamless system serving employers, job seekers and educational institutions. The goal of Kansas 1st is to ensure that employers have access to a sufficient number of qualified employees to meet their needs, and that Kansas citizens are being trained for occupations that provide long-term opportunities.

The partners in Kansas 1st include: 1) federally funded workforce training and labor exchange programs; 2) the Kansas Department of Commerce's Business Development Division and Training Programs; 3) the Kansas Apprenticeship Program; 4) the Kansas Board of Regents; 4) Community Colleges; 5) Technical Colleges and Schools; 6) the Business Community; and 7) Local Governments.

The core activities of Kansas 1st are: 1) Marketing – promoting Kansas as an attractive location for business; 2) Recruitment – attracting additional workers; 3) Assessment – measuring the skills of workers; 4) Training – Providing marketable skills targeted to employer needs (through Community Colleges and Technical Colleges and Schools).

Kansas 1st was established with the Legislature's passage of the Kansas Economic Growth Act (House Bill 2647) during the 2004 legislative session and Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Executive Reorganization Order 31. The program is based on the fundamental belief that workforce development is economic development. Communities and states with the best workforce development systems will see their economies recover more rapidly and have stronger, more sustained growth, and Kansas 1st positions Kansas very well for that economic reality.

Ground Broken for Midwest Utility and Pipeline Training Center

On July 16 representatives of Midwest Energy, Barton County Community College (BCCC) and utility and pipeline regulatory agencies ceremoniously broke ground for the new Midwest Utility and Pipeline Training Center to be located on the southwest part of BCCC's campus. The new training center could ultimately fulfill the training needs for utility and pipeline industries within a dozen states.

Representatives from the Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Gas Service, Midwest Energy, Northern Natural Gas Company, Denver's Atmos Energy and the City of Winfield have served on a steering committee with BCCC officials for more than six months to plan the building and its multiple training uses.

The need for a centralized training facility appears so vital that related businesses within utility operations services, led by Midwest Energy, are organizing manpower, equipment and financing to erect the initial training center. The facility will be functional within a few months after the start of construction, and the first training courses have already been scheduled for this fall.

BCCC is suitable to provide training because of its central location within the state, and the school also has a long history of providing customized training within the industry. In addition, BCCC has curriculum established for natural gas training with Field-Technician Level I and II courses.

The Kansas Corporation Commission will coordinate with College officials to develop other curriculum standards for utility and pipeline workers so they can meet operator-qualified certification in compliance with state, federal and industry guidelines. The areas of training would include college-level classes in subjects such as gas measurement, gas pressure regulation, electric, municipal water, waste water, techniques for leak surveys, plastic pipe fusion, trenching and shoring, and line location.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kansas higher education community activities are responsible for almost 116,000 in-state jobs, more than 8% of Kansas' employed workforce.

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Kan-ed To Award Over \$3 Million in Technology Grants

In July, Kan-ed, Kansas' technology networking initiative, announced that it will distribute two different grants to Kansas schools, libraries and hospitals totaling over \$3 million.



Through its Broadband Subsidy Program, Kan-ed will distribute a total of \$706,000 in grants among 335 school districts, higher learning institutions, libraries and hospitals, in 99 counties statewide.

The Broadband Subsidy Program helps grant recipients upgrade to high-speed Internet access. Increased broadband speeds allow institutions to fully utilize the content and services available through the Kan-ed network, including online databases, video conferencing and other resources to help improve information delivery, education, research and health care throughout Kansas.

Through its Enhancing Technology Grant Program (ETGP), Kan-ed will distribute nearly \$3 million in grants to more than 130 Kansas schools, libraries and hospitals, in 92 counties statewide.

The purpose of ETGP is to enhance distance-learning capabilities by upgrading existing video conferencing technologies. This type of funding support and technology has a real-world application and impact. For example, it will allow a student in northwest Kansas to take a Russian language class offered only in eastern Kansas, or allow for a remote telemedicine consultation and diagnosis from a hospital in Kansas City to a sick child in a remote rural location.

Board Adopts Meningitis Prevention Resolution

On June 23 the Board of Regents adopted the following resolution concerning the prevention of meningitis on college campuses:

Kansas, along with other states, has seen an increase in the number of reported cases of the potentially life-threatening bacterial infection known as meningitis, which has been particularly identified as a public health threat on college campuses in recent years.

In our state, there have been twenty-five cases of bacterial meningitis reported since 2000 and 14 deaths associated with the disease since 1989.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American College of Health Associated (ACHA) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that college students, particularly freshmen who plan to live in dormitories, and their parents, take steps to become informed about meningitis and understand the potential benefits of vaccination.

In light of the foregoing, the Kansas Board of Regents hereby urges all of the state's public postsecondary schools to evaluate their efforts to identify strategies that most effectively educate and inform students and their parents regarding the risks for meningococcal disease and the benefits of vaccination. Institutions are particularly encouraged to consider efforts such as reporting inoculation status, making the vaccine easily available to those students wishing to reduce their risk of disease, and working to further the overall public health status of Kansas college students.

The Board commends the many institutions that have undertaken initiatives in response to the January 5, 2004 letter from Governor Kathleen Sebelius on this issue. The steps that some institutions have taken include: 1) The distribution of information about meningitis and immunization to students and their parents during summer orientation sessions; 2) The inclusion of meningitis immunization status in new student health care information forms and the offering of vaccinations on campus or at public health offices serving the institutions; and 3) The inclusion of meningitis immunization status in housing contracts for students living in residence halls, where there is an increased meningitis risk. Emporia State University and a number of the state's community colleges have recently adopted this policy.

The Board encourages all of the state's institutions to consider these particular steps and others that can reduce the risk that a case of meningitis could develop on their campuses.

BOARD OF REGENTS' SYSTEM:

Governed Institutions:

Emporia State University
 Fort Hays State University
 Kansas State University
 Pittsburg State University
 University of Kansas
 Wichita State University

Coordinated Institutions:

Washburn University
 Allen County Community College
 Barton County Community College
 Butler County Community College
 Cloud County Community College
 Coffeyville Community College
 Colby Community College
 Cowley County Community College
 Dodge City Community College
 Fort Scott Community College
 Garden City Community College
 Highland Community College
 Hutchinson Community College
 Independence Community College
 Johnson County Community College
 Kansas City Kansas Community College
 Labette Community College
 Neosho County Community College
 Pratt Community College
 Seward County Community College
 Flint Hills Technical College
 Kansas City Kansas Area Technical School
 Kaw Area Technical School
 Manhattan Area Technical College
 North Central Kansas Technical College
 Northeast Kansas Technical College
 Northwest Kansas Technical College
 Salina Area Technical School
 Southwest Kansas Technical College
 Wichita Area Technical College

*REGENTS' PROFILE***DICK BOND**

Dick Bond was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Bill Graves in 2002 and had served as the Board's Vice Chair since 2003. A former Kansas State Senator, Bond was appointed to the Kansas Senate in 1986 and was elected to three four-year terms. Bond was elected Kansas Senate President in 1996 and retired in 2001.

Bond's civic involvement includes serving as a Kansas Statehouse Restoration Foundation Officer, Kansas Children's Campaign Co-Chair, Youth Friends for Greater Kansas City Board Member, University of Kansas (KU) Edwards Campus Advisory Board Chairman, Shawnee Mission Medical Center Foundation Board and Executive Committee Member, KCPT Public Television Board Member, and as a YMCA Board of Directors Member.

Honors and awards include the KU Law School 2004 James Woods Green Medallion, 2003 Shawnee Mission School District Patron Award, 2001 KU Distinguished Service Citation – the highest honor bestowed by KU, and *Governing Magazine's* 2000 Legislator of the Year in the Nation.

Bond attended KU where he earned both a bachelor's degree and law degree. Bond and his wife, Sue, have two children and three grandchildren. He enjoys playing tennis, hunting and fishing.

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