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## SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 2022 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

### Action

- Approved public school district ESSER III expenditure plans and ESSER II change requests as recommended by the Task Force for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- In two separate votes, the Board approved recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission (one suspension and eight denials or revocations). Another motion was made to reject the findings of the PPC and deny the license of 21-PPC-19, the motion was approved.
- Approved the revised recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for higher education new program approval for Ottawa University.
- Approved all items on the consent agenda; with the addition of Makayla Auldridge being appointed Interim Board Secretary.

### Reports and Discussions

- Elementary students from Sabetha Elementary School USD 113, involved fourth and fifth- grade students across Kansas (from twenty-four different school districts) to help designate the sandhill plum as the state fruit. Students shared testimony before the House Federal and State Affairs Committee on House Bill 2644; and the bill was signed by Governor Kelly on Tuesday, April 12 naming the sandhill plum as the state fruit.
- KSDE staff provided an update on the work of the TVSC. This presentation included select data from the vacancy reports collected in the Fall and Spring of the 2021-2022 School Year.
- The State Board of Education received an update on current work of the Special Education Advisory Council from SEAC leadership and KSDE staff. This update included current discussion topics, decisions made and upcoming council vacancies due to fulfilled terms of service.
- Nathan McAlister, KSDE Humanities Program Manager provided important information concerning Kansas History, technical reporting clarifications concerning the student data category labeled "other," and a report from discussions with the House Education Committee.

### Recognition

- Annual announcement of Kansas students were recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Scholars.
- Through the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program, two of the Gold Award honorees in Postsecondary Success (Salina Catholic Diocese and USD 372 Silver Lake) were recognized and described how they were meeting the postsecondary needs of their students.

**Next Regular Meeting** – May 10<sup>th</sup> in Topeka; May 11<sup>th</sup> at Kansas State School for the Deaf, Olathe West High School (tentative).

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