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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - VIDEO CONFERENCE

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10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order — Chair Jim Porter
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda

10:05 a.m. (AI)

4. Act on requests to contract with the United School Administrators of Kansas, the Boston Consulting Group and the Kansas Association of Educational Service Agencies for administrative oversight of ESSER II and EANS federal COVID relief funds.

10:30 a.m.

Adjourn

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 - References: (AI) Action Item, (DI) Discussion Item, (RI) Receive Item (IO) Information Only
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 - Next regular monthly meeting: March 9 and 10, 2021

Item Title:

Act on requests to contract with the United School Administrators of Kansas, the Boston Consulting Group and the Kansas Association of Educational Service Agencies for administrative oversight of ESSER and EANS federal COVID relief funds.

Recommended Motion:

It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and enter into contracts with the United School Administrators of Kansas, the Boston Consulting Group and the Kansas Association of Educational Service Agencies for the purpose of administrative oversight of ESSER II and EANS federal COVID relief funds in the amounts and contract periods specified.

Explanation of Situation Requiring Action:

The COVID-19 pandemic's initial impact to the Kansas education system occurred in mid-March 2020, resulting in the temporary closure of school buildings. Throughout the past year, efforts have focused on continuous learning models; Navigating Change guidance to support schools, students and families; and preparations for transitioning out of the pandemic. The U.S. Department of Education has awarded federal assistance through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS). These funds are intended to help state schools safely reopen, measure and effectively address learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on students and families.

The federal funds flow through state educational agencies. In Kansas, the Commissioner of Education has established a 19-member task force to provide oversight and help ensure expenditures meet the federal criteria. Part of this process involves technical assistance, leadership training and processing of funds. The following contract requests reflect work to move forward and meet federal guidelines and deadlines.

United School Administrators of Kansas -- KSDE is requesting to contract with United School Administrators of Kansas (USA-Kansas), Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), and the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) to develop and implement a Leadership Training framework to support Kansas educational leaders as they come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically using the Navigating Next resources developed by KSDE and approved by the State Board of Education in February 2021. This work will detail how to structure summer school, extended school year and tutoring services by using the Navigating Next framework.

The contract will begin March 1, 2021 and is effective through June 30, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$700,000. USA-Kansas will be the lead organization to handle contract requirements and distribution of funds to consultants and trainers.

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Boston Consulting Group – The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) was approved by Office of Recovery in Governor Kelly’s office and taken to the State Finance Council for final approval. Upon that approval, the state of Kansas has an umbrella contract to do work related to the pandemic. Other agencies have developed specific contracts with BCG to aid with recovery and COVID relief. KSDE is requesting to contract with the Boston Consulting Group to assist with oversight of allocation, spending and reporting of ESSER funding and EANS, and to provide technical assistance with the Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER II and EANS funding oversight.

The contract will begin Feb. 23, 2021 for five weeks for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

Kansas Association of Educational Service Agencies – KSDE is requesting to contract with the Kansas Association of Educational Service Agencies (KAESA) to give direct oversight of services to any private school applications and services as defined in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS).

The contract will begin March 1, 2021 and is effective through June 30, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$26,667,139. The service centers will handle contract requirements and distribution of services and funds to the private schools who receive approval from the Task Force.