BOARD BRIEFS: A SUMMARY OF THE MAY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Action
• Adopted the Kansas Curricular Standards for Dance and Creative Movement.
• Appointed Dayna Miller to serve on the Professional Standards Board, completing a partial term and then a three-year term through June 30, 2020. Ms. Miller is president of the USD 458 school board.
• Approved the new educator preparation program standards for ESOL K-6, 5-8, 6-12, PreK-12.
• In three separate votes, adopted the findings of the Professional Practices Commission and its recommendations to grant a license, revoke a license, and publicly censure a licensee.
• Adopted proposed amendments to the State Board’s Higher Education Accreditation regulations K.A.R. 91-1-70a, 91-1-208, 91-1-221, 91-1-235.
• Authorized reopening the search for a KSSD/KSSB superintendent at some point in the near future and asked Commissioner Watson to bring a recommendation to the Board for an interim superintendent to serve at least one year.
• Appointed Sally Cauble and Ann Mah to assist Deena Horst on the Board’s Student Voice Committee.

Reports and Discussions
• Learned about the early phases of the “Kansans Can School Redesign Demonstration School” project and the creation of two new positions at KSDE to work with the volunteer districts.
• Received an update on the work taking place to support Kindergarten Readiness, one of the five outcomes used to measure progress of the Kansans Can vision.
• Learned about an initiative to promote and advocate teaching as a profession. A new website, EducateKansas.org, has been launched to provide helpful information for future teachers.
• Received a legislative update from Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis.
• Discussed civic engagement initiatives and the Civic Advocacy Network, a program to award schools that intentionally create civic engagement learning opportunities for their students.
• The 2017 Kansas Senate Youth delegates shared their experiences in Washington D.C. They are Tel Wittmer, USD 336 Holton, and Jack Campbell, USD 232 DeSoto.
• Ness City High School students showcased the tiny house living space their construction and entrepreneurship class built. They described how the year-long project enabled them to learn and integrate multiple skills.

Next Meeting
• June 13 and 14 in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building.

More Information
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