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Summary of Action and Topics from 2021 State Board of Education Meetings

January 2021 - Virtual

Swearing-in Ceremony, conducted virtually, for Melanie, Ann, Deena, Betty and Jim M.
Board reorganization – Elected new chair Jim Porter; vice chair Janet Waugh
Kansans Can Highlight – Buhler and Hutchinson districts' implementation of Navigating Change guidance
SEAC annual report – no breakfast
Approved KELPA performance levels and cut scores
Approved School Mental Health Advisory Council plan for implementing Bullying Task Force recommendations
IPS and work-based learning status / collaboration with Kansas Board of Regents
Citizenship Day CTSO student presidents
Approved selected Gemini II and Apollo launch plans
Approved KSSB and KSD student/parent handbooks and employee handbook
Approved 2021 State Board meeting dates
Boardmanship retreat with Doug Moeckel

February 2021

Approved new Gating Criteria – MS and HS to reopen with mitigation criteria
Accreditation – Coffeyville and private systems John Paul II, Cure of Ars, St. Thomas Aquinas
Conditionally accredited St. Paul Elementary and Our Lady of Unity
Assessment program update
Civics integration in History Government Social Studies standards
Rep. Steve Huebert spoke about Computer Science, Financial Literacy, Civics test
Approved Navigating Next framework and ESSER distribution plan
Recognition of Certificate in Child Nutrition Management honorees (2)
Dr. Watson announced establishment of Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER II and EANS funding oversight, makeup
Update on vaping and tobacco 21 legislation

February 22 Special Board Meeting

Approved three time-sensitive contracts for ESSER and EANS funding oversight (USA-KS, Boston Consulting Group, Educational Service Agencies)

March 2021

Recognized ESEA Distinguished Schools - Sheridan Elementary School in Geary County USD 475 and Chetopa Elementary in Chetopa-St. Paul USD 505
Commissioner's Report - FastBridge data - learning loss
Approved Microcredential as viable option for licensed educators
St. Patrick KESA upgrade to accredited
Computer Science recommendation / implementation update
Preliminary report from KESA pause of activity
Approved KC Teacher Residency Program
Update on ESSER II and EANS
Work session - outcomes, history of vision

April 2021

Financial Literacy 2021 survey report/comparison
STAR recognition announcement
Senate Youth Delegates from KS
Incarcerated youth services/Restorative Justice KCK
Education Commission of the States overview
CTE Scholars, pathway alignment work
Approved priorities for ESSER III set-aside money
KSHSAA Board of Directors Appointment
Board Attorney Contract - year 1 renewal
ACT WorkKeys information

April 19 Special Meeting

Approved EANS I applications for COVID-19 federal relief (72 applications submitted - 80 percent of requests deemed eligible)

May 2021

Vaping Update - ECHO, recycle program
Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey - Greenbush presented
School Mental Health Advisory Council - implementation of bullying recommendations
Suspend Education Coordinating Council while Advantage Kansas is active
EANS I reconsiderations
ESSER II first batch; consent contracts using ESSER III set-aside funds
PPC and LRC appointments
KSD and KSSB visits

June 2021

Approved Computer Science to be counted as core math or science credit
Update on Dyslexia - training, definition
KESA upgrade to Paola, Our Lady of Unity to fully accredited
Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge finalists - student presenters

Professional Standards Board and SEAC appointments
KSHSAA amendment to Bylaws-classification 3 yr
More ESSER III consent contracts
ESSER II expenditure plans, next group
Legislative discussion
Extended substitute teacher eligibility for one additional year to June 30, 2022

July 2021

Receive report on data collected by systems that paused accreditation activity during pandemic
KESA upgrade for Hope Lutheran and St. Paul Elementary
KESA – Remington-Whitewater approval
Announcement of Apollo III redesign cohort
School redesign and summer activities USD 379 Clay County
Acceptance of Apollo and Apollo II redesign plans
KELI (Kansas Educational Leadership Institute) update
SEAC quarterly update
Approved 2022 and 2023 State Board meeting dates
Approved ESSER III true up increase to \$625 per student
Highland Park student Jaqui Ortega – Social-Emotional growth
Approved SBOE response letter to Division of Budget regarding COVID federal relief funds

August 2021

Best Practices awards in Child Nutrition and Wellness
KESA approval, multiple systems
Update from Vaping Task Force – project ECHO
Seaman MS students and National Women’s History Museum video (Hedy Lamar)
Information on student screen time from whole child perspective
Approved proposed changes to Office of General Counsel screening of PPC cases
SEAC appointments
Action on November 2022 Board meeting dates to avoid election day
Continued discussion on legislative priorities
Information on data from Nat’l Council of Teacher Quality

September 2021

KESA approval, multiple systems
Dr. Watson’s report on Governor’s Safer Classroom Workgroup
Approved higher education prep standards for School Psychologist
Preview of KSDE annual conference
Success implementation of IPS, DeSoto and Piper school districts
Public hearing on accreditation regs
Information on American Rescue Plan – Homeless Youth
Elevate Leadership program for new principals
Jim McNiece’s appointment to ECS planning committee

Approved accreditation regs
Joint meeting with Board of Regents (virtual)

October 2021

ESSER II and EANS II expenditure plans
KESA approval, multiple systems
KSHSAA Annual Report
Commissioner's Annual Report
Perry and Goddard highlight kindergarten readiness
Licensed Personnel Report; TVSC
KESA Regional Pilot
KSD and KSSB updates
HirePaths Kristen Brighton presentation
Roundtable w/ Legislative Education Committee leaders

November 2021

ESSER II and EANS II expenditure plans
KESA approval, two systems
Star Recognition – Commissioner announced recipients
Hearing and action on PPC case
Miss Kansas Taylor Clark
ABC Award to Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE (Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force)
Approved Deaf Hard of Hearing higher ed standards for deaf education endorsement
Approved State Board's legislative positions
Kansans Can Highlight – Civic engagement
Child Nutrition and Wellness updates
SEAC quarterly update

December 2021

Literacy Network of Kansas Final 3-year Report
Commissioner's Report – WorkKeys
State assessment performance levels
PTA School of Excellence recipients (2 from USD 512)
Family engagement with KPIRC Jane Groff, Tamara Huff
KNEA school mental health outreach for educators
Social emotional growth Baldwin City and DeSoto districts
ESSER II approval, last of #2
History Government Social Studies standards and rubrics for classroom-based assessment
Sen. Molly Baumgardner: collaboration and Kansas Promise Scholarship
Resolution in appreciation of KSDE staff
Graduation Requirements Task Force six-month report