

## 2018 BOARD BRIEFS:

### A SUMMARY OF THE APRIL STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

#### Action by the Board

- Adopted recommendations of the Board Policy Committee as presented for updating the Guidelines and Board Policy #2001. This included simplifying restrictions for sixth grade participants in interscholastic athletics.
- Approved renewal of the contract with Gates Shields Ferguson Swall Hammond P.A. for legal services to the State Board for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with no increase in rates.
- Approved the appointments of Jim Porter and Kathy Busch to serve on the Governor's Education Council (GEC) and voted to suspend the current Education System Coordinating Council while the new GEC is active.
- Approved the appointment of Jim Porter to the Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia and authorized him to make other appointments as categorized in the bill with input from the Board and agency.
- Adopted recommendations from Kansas State School for the Blind for Goal Three: Improving communications and visibility around services and supports.
- Adopted recommendations from Kansas School for the Deaf for Goal Two: Expanding statewide resources and outreach services.

#### Reports and Announcements

- Received proposed updates to Kansas Curricular Standards for Driver Education
- Received update on Kansas assessments, including mini tests and the release date for score reports.
- Learned that 58 students applied and met the criteria to be named Career and Technical Education Scholars for 2018.
- Welcomed the announcement of 50 schools in 19 districts as Gemini II participants in the School Redesign Project. Personnel from those schools were in attendance. Anticipated launch of redesign is 2019-20.
- Heard from students at Olathe North High School about their civic engagement initiatives advocating for respect, acceptance and equality.
- Learned about the Culturally Relevant Pedagogy Seminar for educators organized by Rep. Winn, Rep. Alcalá and Christina Valdivia-Alcalá. The seminar will occur June 25-July 21 at Washburn University.
- Announced May 14 as a Special Board meeting for a work session and tours, beginning at Textron Aviation in Wichita.

#### Visits to School for the Blind and School for the Deaf

- Visited classrooms at KSSB, had a panel discussion that included alumni and a parent, and talked about impact of field services.
- Visited classrooms at KSD, learned more about deaf culture and partnership involving CTE programs.

**Next Meeting:** May 8 and 9 in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building.

**More Information:** <http://www.ksde.org/Board>