

2019 BOARD BRIEFS:

A SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Action by the Board

- Accepted the recommendations for Gemini I and II schools in USD 475 and USD 252 identified as a “go” for launch in the 2019-2020 school year.
- Accepted recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council, awarding the status of accredited to eight public systems, 13 private systems, and moving Zion Lutheran School to a 2022 evaluation year in the accreditation cycle. The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) is a systems review process on a five-year cycle.
- Adopted the Kansas Educator Preparation Program Standards for Driver Education.
- Accepted the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission on two cases, and granted a petition for reconsideration regarding an application for license renewal.
- Appointed Board member Deena Horst to serve as the state’s voting delegate and Ben Jones as alternate for the annual conference of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).
- Approved payment of calendar year 2020 dues to retain membership in NASBE and the National Council of State Education Attorneys.

Recognitions

- Districts recognized as breakfast champions for innovative delivery models to increase school breakfast participation were: Wichita USD 259, Olathe USD 233, Prairie Hills USD 113 and Garden City USD 457.
- Kansas CAN Best Practices Awards were given to child nutrition program recipients for their outstanding and/or innovative practices. These were Wichita USD 259, Haven USD 312, Garden City USD 457, Manhattan USD 383, Prairie Hills USD 113, Dodge City USD 443, Olathe USD 233, Quality Care Services in El Dorado and Social Innovation Laboratory in Emporia.

Discussions and Presentations

- School Safety and Security update highlighted new resources for schools, the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) system in conjunction with the KBI, and a community approach to curb violence in schools.
- Information was presented on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, including new professional development requirements.
- Update from E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force included a report from the Awareness and Education subgroup, plus information and resources distributed to Kansas schools for the start of the school year.
- The Science of Reading overview was a condensed version of teacher trainings on foundational reading skills and instructional strategies.

Next Meeting:

Sept. 10 and 11, 2019 in Topeka.

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