

## 2018 BOARD BRIEFS:

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

#### Action

- Accepted the school redesign plans of Fowler USD 225 for the Gemini I phase, which is a part of the Kansas Can School Redesign Project in support of Kansas' vision for education to lead the world in the success of each student.
- Approved submission of additional proposed amendments to licensure regulations 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204 and 91-1-209 through the formal adoption process.
- Recognized and endorsed the desire of all current members of the Coalition of Innovative School Districts to cease participation in the Coalition effective immediately. The Coalition was created by the legislature in 2013.
- Approved the Safe and Secure Schools Standards as required in 2018 House Substitute for Senate Bill 109, Section 76. The law requires that all Superintendents be notified of the standards before Jan. 1, 2019.
- Adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission on two licensure cases.
- Appointed Ashlie Jack, Associate Dean at Wichita State University, to complete a partial term on the Licensure Review Committee representing Chairperson of a Department of Education of a Teacher Education Institution, effective Dec. 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
- Approved a base salary adjustment for the Commissioner of Education in FY 2019 and FY 2020.

#### Reports and Recognitions

- Received Commissioner Watson's report on vision outcomes regarding graduation and postsecondary progress, application period for Apollo phase of school redesign, and audit findings.
- Received an update on requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act regarding identification of schools receiving technical assistance.
- Learned about the integration of Family and Consumer Science instruction and FCCLA with social emotional learning.
- Recognized National Finalists of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Honorees are Heidi Harris, Union Valley Elementary School teacher in Buhler USD 313 (math), and Nancy Smith, Bentwood Elementary School teacher in Olathe USD 233 (science).
- Recognized Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400, who is the 2019 Kansas Superintendent of the Year as named by the Kansas School Superintendents' Association.
- Honored outgoing Board members John Bacon (Dist. 3), Sally Cauble (Dist. 5) and Ken Willard (Dist. 7)

#### Discussion

- Discussed information resulting from the Special Education Advisory Council's public discussions regarding Emergency Safety Interventions, including clarification of the seclusion definition; authorized a task force on ESI be convened.

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 15 and 16, 2019 in Topeka; Swearing-In Ceremony Monday, Jan. 14

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