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SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER 2019 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Approved the recommended Comprehensive Tobacco-Free School Policy developed by the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force. Members received updated statistics on use and lung injuries.
- Adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission on six licensure cases (two application denials and four license revocations).
- By general consensus, accepted the recommendations from KSDE staff following review of the process to identify and approve evidence-based practices for at-risk students.
- Agreed to send the report from the Special Education Transition Work Group to the Special Education Advisory Council for further review and ask SEAC to report back to the State Board with comments and suggestions no later than February 2020.
- Appointed Shelly Weir, Blue Valley North High School teacher, and John Wyrick, Labette County USD 506 Superintendent, to fill vacancies on the Professional Standards Board.
- By general consensus, finalized the State Board's Legislative Priorities.

Informational Presentations

- Commissioner Watson announced Feb. 4 as the opening date to accept applications for the Apollo II phase of school redesign.
- Students demonstrated computer science skills to celebrate Computer Science Education Week. There was also an update on implementation of the Kansas Model Computer Science Standards.
- The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying presented its draft report and recommendations resulting from months of work to develop strategies for bullying awareness and prevention.
- Board members discussed many components of the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation, including work of the Outside Visitation Teams and Accreditation Review Council.

Recognition

- The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors elementary and secondary schools that have made significant progress in closing the achievement gap. Kansas' 2019 designees are:
 - Central Plains Elementary School, Central Plains USD 112
 - Corinth Elementary School, Shawnee Mission USD 512
 - Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy Elementary School, Hays USD 489
 - Holy Rosary-Wea Catholic School, Bucyrus
 - Lakewood Elementary School, Blue Valley USD 229 and Clear Creek Elementary School, De Soto USD 232 both were unable to attend the meeting.

Next Meeting – Jan. 14 and 15, 2020 in Topeka.

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