

## **2018 BOARD BRIEFS:**

### **A SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

#### **Action**

- Directed Commissioner Randy Watson to seek a qualified contractor to fully, completely and comprehensively audit the computation and distribution of the major categories of K-12 state aid programs authorized by the 2017 Kansas Legislature under the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act. This act was funded by 2017 Senate Bill 19 and Senate Substitute for House Bill 2002. The Commissioner shall work to define the entire scope of the proposed audit. This work shall begin no later than 60 days from this motion.
- Directed Commissioner Randy Watson to establish a commission to give oversight, guidance and recommendations to the Kansas State Department of Education, the State Board of Education and the legislature. The commission shall be charged with reviewing the computation and distribution of the major categories of K-12 state aid programs authorized by the Kansas Legislature, including highlighting and examining all changes in state law, policy and/or economic factors that affect the distribution of state aid to Kansas school districts.
- Adopted the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission on three licensure cases for revocations.
- Approved the higher education educator preparation program standards for Family and Consumer Science 6-12.
- Appointed Janet Waugh as a Board representative on the Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Advisory Committee.
- Appointed Ann Mah as a Board representative on the Kansas Fire Marshal's advisory review committee for fire safety building codes.

#### **Reports and Recognitions**

- Received recommendations from Interim Superintendents at the School for the Deaf and School for the Blind regarding expansion of outreach and field services.
- Recognized the National Title I Distinguished Schools from Kansas: Pleasant Ridge Elementary (USD 449) and Valley Heights Elementary at Blue Rapids (USD 498)
- Heard from this year's Kansas Teacher of the Year Team.

#### **Work Session**

- Discussed updates on the vision outcome Kindergarten Readiness, which is to ensure that each child enters Kindergarten at age 5 socially, emotionally and academically prepared for success.
- The Kansas Human Rights Commission provided awareness training to Board members on discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace.

**Next Meeting:** March 13 and 14 in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building.

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