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SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 2020 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Approved the Kansas Model Standards for Handwriting K-6 as recommended by the Kansas Handwriting Model Standards review team.
- Approved the higher education preparation program standards for both Health Education PreK-12 and Physical Education PreK-12.
- On separate votes, adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission on four licensure cases.
- Accepted a Resolution expressing support for Public Schools Week, Feb. 24-28, 2020.
- Adopted the recommendations of the Computer Science Implementation Task Force and requested further work to report back to the Board for specifics on recommendations for approval and implementation.
- Authorized KSDE to continue the formal adoption process of the proposed amendments to the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation regulations.

Reports and Recognitions

- Three instructors currently participating in the Visiting International Teacher program described their experiences teaching students in rural Kansas communities.
- Members of the 2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year Team were recognized and shared remarks.
- Ruth Clark Elementary in Haysville USD 261 and New Stanley Elementary in KCK USD 500 were honored as ESEA Distinguished Schools for gains in student achievement at their schools.
- The first Kansas certificates in Child Nutrition Management were awarded. Recipients were Kay Cox, Buhler USD 313; Martha Ohnick, Inman USD 448; Sheila Carinder, Caney Valley USD 436.
- A report from the Special Education Advisory Council provided recommendations for improving postsecondary transition for students with disabilities in Kansas.

Discussions

- Recommendations from the Computer Science Education Implementation Task Force, particularly allowing Computer Science to fulfill a core high school graduation requirement.
- Recommendations from the Special Education Advisory Council for changing the Emotional Disturbance term in special education to Emotional Disability.
- Potential impact of changes in qualified admissions to high school graduation requirements.

Next Meeting – March 10 and 11, 2020 in Topeka.

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