

2018 BOARD BRIEFS:

A SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Action

- Adopted the short and intermediate metrics, specific to Goal 1, for the Kansas School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind as presented by the Interim Superintendents.
- Approved the recommendation of the Teacher Vacancy and Supply Committee for a two-year pilot of alternative pathways for elementary education and high incidence special education, including issuance of a Limited Apprentice license to eligible candidates.
- Adopted the recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission on two cases.
- Approved submitting the proposed amendments to the Professional Practices Commission regulations, K.A.R. 91-22-1a, to the Dept. of Administration and Office of Attorney General for review.
- Adopted the Resolution establishing the 2018 calendar of Board meeting dates and time, with optional locations to be considered as needed.
- Confirmed these designations: Deena Horst as the Board representative for the Kansas Master Teacher Selection Committee, Kathy Busch as the Board rep for NASBE's Public Education Positions Committee, and Jim Porter as Chair of NASBE's Governmental Affairs Committee.

Reports and Presentations

- Received annual report from the Special Education Advisory Council. SEAC members voluntarily meet to study issues and advise KSDE's Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services team as well as the State Board on matters of concern regarding special education.
- Recognized the 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools for significantly raising student achievement.
Honorees are: Eisenhower Elementary School, Geary County USD 475
Gardner Elementary School, Gardner-Edgerton USD 231
Ruth Clark Elementary School, Haysville USD 261
Sheridan Elementary School, Geary County USD 475
Wineteer Elementary School, Derby USD 260
- Received information on a comprehensive training plan from the School Mental Health Advisory Council. This includes work to strengthen partnerships, identify resources and coordinate trainings.
- Student leaders with Career and Technical Student Organizations (such as Future Business Leaders of America) spoke at the meeting during their annual Citizenship Day.
- Commissioner Watson introduced Mischel Miller, new Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation.

Next Meeting

- Feb. 13 and 14 in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building.

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