

2019 BOARD BRIEFS: A SUMMARY OF THE JUNE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG.

Action by the Board

- Accepted the recommendations of the e-cigarette/vaping workgroup to improve the health of youth in Kansas schools. Discussions will continue as a regular agenda item to monitor progress of recommendation implementations and education outreach. The workgroup will be expanded to address the complexity of this health concern for youth.
- Appointed three individuals to fill open positions on the Special Education Advisory Council, each representing specific categories: Troy Pitch (homeless children), Amy Wagoner (private schools) and Kari Wallace (vocational, community or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services)
- Reappointed Mike Martin and Becci Werner to three-year terms on the SEAC.
- Tabled the appointment of a representative from Institutions of Higher Education unit heads to fill a vacancy on the Professional Standards Board (PSB).
- Reappointed Elizabeth Clum, James Johnson and Lisa Lower to terms on the PSB.

Recognitions

Kansas Principals of the Year were recognized. They are:

- Eric Sacco, principal at Clifton-Clyde Elementary and Middle Schools (Clifton-Clyde USD 224), the 2019 National Distinguished Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals
- Lura Jo Atherly, principal at Jardine STEM and Career Exploration Academy (Wichita USD 259), the 2018-2019 Kansas Middle School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators
- Greg Rosenhagen, principal at Cheney High School (Cheney USD 268), the 2018-2019 Kansas High School Principal of the Year as named by the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Informational Presentations

- Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas, in partnership with KSDE and Department for Children and Families, has implemented a multi-phase pilot project to help increase successful outcomes for Kansas students in foster care. Beverly Mortimer, Vice President of Programming for JAG-K, provided an overview of the program.
- The Student Council Leadership Workshop, sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, is an experiential leadership training program for high school students. Rod Garman, KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director, described activities of the week-long event and explained how State Board members could participate to hear from student leaders.
- Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis reviewed budget options for education state aid programs for FY 2021. Members will vote on budget recommendations at the July meeting.

Next Meeting: July 9 and 10, 2019 in Topeka.