SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 2020 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Accepted recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and accredited USD 259 Wichita, USD 393 Solomon, USD 491 Eudora and the Kansas School for the Deaf. The Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA), approved in 2016, shifts accreditation from schools to the district/system level and utilizes a five-year improvement model approach.
- Approved membership on the Special Education Advisory Council as follows: reappointed Dr. Chelle Kemper and Laura Thompson to a second term, and appointed Jennifer Kucinski, Trisha Backman, Amy Zimmerman, Marvin Miller and Jennifer Kurth to serve from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. SEAC is a liaison between the statewide populace and State Board of Education.
- Approved higher education preparation program standards for Building Leadership PreK-12 and District Leadership PreK-12.
- Denied an individual’s application for an Emergency Substitute license in case 19-PPC-50.
- Chairman Busch assigned three State Board members to a temporary committee that will study high school graduation requirements in comparison to Board of Regents’ changes in college admissions. Assignees are: Jim McNiece, Ann Mah and Jim Porter.

Presentations

- Members recognized Tabatha Rosproy, 2020 Kansas Teacher of the Year, as the National Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Rosproy is a preschool teacher for Winfield Early Learning Center’s intergenerational program, which is located in a retirement community.
- School mental health awareness, intervention and education were discussed by separate groups working with pilot programs and addressing recommendations of the Task Force on Bullying.
- Five pilot school districts or cohort of districts are serving as models in regional programs to scale high quality work-based learning. Information about the pilot was presented.
- Haysville USD 261 described a new initiative in its elementary schools based on research finding increased physical activity throughout the school day enhances academic achievement.

Discussions

- KSDE staff led a discussion about guidelines being developed to assist in the reopening of Kansas schools this fall. Teams are working on learning strategies and operations logistics.
- Preliminary look at budget options for education state aid programs for Fiscal Year 2022.


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