

2018 BOARD BRIEFS:

A SUMMARY OF THE MARCH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Action

- Approved proposed recommendations from the Kansas State School for the Blind for developing more outreach services and supports to meet the needs of students, parents and staff within their local communities and schools.
- Authorized the Kansas School for the Deaf to hire personnel for three new outreach positions – two blended learning instructors and a family/community engagement facilitator.
- Approved submission of proposed amendments to licensure regulations K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204 and 91-1-209 to the Department of Administration and Attorney General's office for review.
- Adopted recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission on three cases.
- Appointed Deena Horst as the State Board representative on the Kansas State High School Activities Association's Board of Directors and Kathy Busch to another term on KSHSAA's Executive Board. These are two-year terms and begin July 1.
- By consensus, agreed to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 424 during a hearing on the bill Thursday. The bill would create an Education Inspector General to monitor KSDE and school districts in Kansas.

Reports and Discussions

- Board members and Commissioner Watson discussed student safety in Kansas schools, including elements of HB 2773, and increased promotion of the Kansas School Safety Hotline operated by the Kansas Highway Patrol.
- Interim Superintendents from the School for the Blind and School for the Deaf continued outlining proposals for addressing five main goals for school improvement and outreach. They focused on plans to provide more services in other parts of the state and to increase communication and visibility.
- KSDE staff gave updates on work to develop Kansas model standards for computer science, the accreditation process, the Every Student Succeeds Act, and Kansans Can School Redesign Project.

Guests

- Shelley Staples and students from Olathe USD 233 provided information on the Future Educators Academy, a 21st Century learning model that opened this fall at Olathe East High School.

Next Meeting: April 17 in Topeka; April 18 annual visits to Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City and Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe

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