

2019 BOARD BRIEFS:

A SUMMARY OF THE MARCH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Action by the Board

- Approved submitting proposed amendments to the Emergency Safety Intervention regulations to the Department of Administration and Office of the Attorney General for review.
- Approved the recommended changes to requirements for paraprofessionals to become highly qualified paraprofessionals.
- Appointed Stan Ruff, Principal at Skelly Elementary in El Dorado USD 490, to complete a partial term on the Professional Practices Commission representing public elementary school principals, effective from March 12, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- Accepted the Petition for Reconsideration from Mr. Eric Brinkman to be reviewed in April. Recommendations in Mr. Brinkman's licensure case were presented last month by the Professional Practices Commission.
- Named Deena Horst to represent the State Board on NASBE's Public Education Positions committee.
- Named Jean Clifford as the Board's representative on the Task Force on Bullying.

Recognitions and Presentations

- Members received the draft Kansas Computer Science Standards (Grades Preschool-12) for review. The model standards will be considered for adoption at the April meeting.
- Linda Dishman, an educator at Berryton Elementary School, Shawnee Heights USD 450, was recognized as the 2018 Milken Educator Award recipient.
- Members received an overview of the services school counselors, school social workers and school psychologists each provide regarding students' social-emotional growth.
- Information on human trafficking education and outreach was presented, including vulnerability factors in the youth population and resources for services.
- KSDE staff provided an update on the transition plan with the Kansas Board of Regents regarding the federal Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins V)

Discussions

- On Wednesday, Board members participated in a retreat led by Commissioner Watson to discuss Kansans Can vision progress, school redesign and direction moving forward.

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2019 in Topeka, and April 17 for visits to the Kansas State School for the Blind, School for the Deaf, and two of the Mercury 7 redesign schools.

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