SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 2019 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Professional Practices Commission on four cases (three issuances of licenses, and one suspension of a license).
- Approved the recommendations of the Dyslexia Committee for pre-service teacher programs, professional learning, screening and evaluation, and evidence-based reading practices, encouraging compressed timelines as much as possible, and adopted the definition of dyslexia as presented.
- Assigned Board members Kathy Busch and Ann Mah to work with KSDE to review the at-risk practices as amended in 2019 and to report to the State Board by the January meeting.

Presentations and Recognitions

- Members recognized National Finalists from Kansas for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Honorees present were Heibi Albin, Complete High School, Maize USD 266, and Sarah Rand, Central Heights Elementary, Central Heights USD 288.
- Four students from Kansas City Kansas Public Schools USD 500 described their experiences preparing a science experiment selected for flight to the International Space Station. The microgravity researchers wanted to attempt growing mint in space.
- The Educators Rising Kansas student organization helps identify and develop aspiring teachers beginning in high school. Members learned about the growing organization's work with leadership development and to prepare students for a career in teaching.

Discussions

- Policy recommendations from the E-Cigarette/Vaping Task Force were considered. These included prohibited use of any tobacco product, including electronic nicotine delivery systems, on school property. Members also received the latest Youth Risk Behavior Survey results showing an increase in youth use of vapor products.
- A proposed provision to the definition of extraordinary enrollment growth, which impacts criteria to appeal for additional authority to open a new facility, was discussed.
- On Wednesday, Board members conducted a work session to prioritize a legislative agenda.

Next Meeting - Dec. 10 and 11 in Topeka

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