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SUMMARY OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Board Action

- Accepted a Resolution expressing support for all the dedicated school personnel in Kansas in recognition of their hard work, sacrifices and commitment for the benefit of students, community and state.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Council and awarded the status of Accredited to USD 229 Blue Valley, USD 267 Renwick, USD 298 Lincoln and USD 313 Buhler.
- Approved the revised Kansas School Wellness Policy Model Guidelines.
- Adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law from the Professional Practices Commission and revoked the license of the individual in case 20-PPC-20.
- Approved updates to the Navigating Change document reflecting new information since State Board approval on Oct. 13.

Updates

- Received information on remote learning grants for community organizations, the updated 1-800-CHILDREN call line and resource directory, kindergarten readiness snapshot tool and other initiatives to strengthen the early childhood system in Kansas.
- Received information on the current status of the dyslexia recommendations to address needs of struggling readers. These include professional learning for educators, timeline for screening and a preview of the draft Dyslexia Handbook, which was developed for educators and families. Board action on the handbook is anticipated in December.
- Commissioner Watson facilitated a discussion on flexibility options for schools, including the possibility of limited relief of the 1,116 hours. Board members will consider recommendations next month.

Recognition

- Members recognized the National Finalists from Kansas for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Honorees are Meg Richard, formerly a science teacher at Summit Trail Middle School, Olathe USD 233, and now science consultant at KSDE; and Luke Henke, a math teacher at Columbus Unified High School, Columbus USD 493.

Next Meeting – Dec. 8 and 9, 2020 and will include acknowledgement of outgoing Board members Steve Roberts and Kathy Busch.

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