

2018 BOARD BRIEFS:

A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Action by the Board

- Adopted the Kansas Standards for English Learners. These revised standards are intended to serve as a guide and provide direction for schools in developing effective English Learner programs.
- On a 6-3 vote, revoked the professional teaching license of Cheryl McDonald based on findings of the Professional Practices Commission and new findings.
- Approved appointment of James Tod Johnson to the Professional Standards Board representing Career and Technical Education teachers, serving a partial term through June 30, 2019. Mr. Johnson is an instructor at El Dorado High School.
- Approved appointment of Daniel Brungardt to the Licensure Review Committee representing district level administrators, serving a three-year term through June 30, 2020. He is superintendent at Bonner Springs USD 204.
- Recommended Victor Lenz Jr. of Missouri for a second term as a Central Area Director for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), and confirmed support of Brooke Axiotis, Iowa, for the position of NASBE Chair-Elect. Kansas is a voting member in the national association.
- Accepted the redesign plans of Gemini I schools in Dighton USD 482, North Ottawa County USD 239, plus Santa Fe 5/6 Center (Newton USD 373) for implementation during the '18-19 school year.

Presentations and Discussions

- Received a summary report on Kansas Reading Success from program vendor Istation and three of the participating schools. The overview included information on enrollment, usage and research findings.
- Received the Commissioner's monthly update, in which he compared the state's regional workforce needs with career pathways currently offered in school districts.
- Received information on resources available to schools that utilize evidence-based best practices for at-risk services.
- Received proposed revisions to the Kansas model standards for both Health Education and Physical Education.
- Several members participated in an optional Professional Development session on Kansas School Mental Health. Topics included highlights of the Blue Valley USD 229 / Children's Mercy social work partnership, initiatives centered on prevention of youth suicide and child sexual abuse.

Next Meeting: Oct. 9, 2018 in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, Topeka. Oct 10 is a tour of Mercury 7 schools in McPherson USD 418, Tescott and Bennington in Twin Valley USD 240.

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