

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

(00:15:02)

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

ROLL CALL

All Board members were present:

- Betty Arnold
- Jean Clifford
- Michelle Dombrosky
- Melanie Haas
- Deena Horst
- Ben Jones
- Ann Mah
- Jim McNiece
- Jim Porter
- Janet Waugh

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Porter read both the Board’s Mission Statement and Kansans Can Vision Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Chairman Porter asked to vote on consent agenda items c, d, j, k and i separately. Dr. Horst moved to approve the day’s agenda as amended. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 14 AND 15 MEETING MINUTES

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(00:17:45)

Mrs. Mah moved to approve the minutes of the June 14 and 15 regular Board meeting. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

(00:18:00)

Dr. Randy Watson highlighted a number of topics in his monthly report to the State Board, many of which would be covered on the agenda. He started by highlighting the 15th Anniversary of the Kansas City STEM Alliance and how the Advanced Placement program has found that students do better in AP History courses of which students are learning through project-based curriculum verses traditional curriculum. The KC STEM Alliance has based their programs on this principle. Tomorrow he will present to the Board additional information on the data collected during the Kansans Can Success Tour and how it provides us with a clear picture of what Kansans feel is

necessary in order to prepare children for a successful future. Dr. Watson also briefed the Board on the recent success of the "Campout with the Commissioner" at Milford Lake that was part of KSDE's Sunflower Summer program. Lastly, he shared what he recently learned about the health assessment "Life's Essential 8" and how that philosophy relates to the STAR recognition quantitative and qualitative measures that determine the likelihood of success of Kansas students. He concluded with maps showing how Kansas school districts are doing in relation to the 8 STAR recognition measures.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:31 a.m. There were no speakers this month. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:32 a.m.

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ACTION ON ESSER EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

Assistant Director Tate Toedman reported on the most recent ESSER Task Force recommendations, which included thirteen ESSER II change requests. Mr. Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER II change requests as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining. As for ESSER III, one of the conditionally approved districts, USD 461 Neodesha, has met all of the stakeholder pieces so their funds are going to be released. There are still nine conditionally approved districts that the need to finish that piece in order to receive their funds. Sixteen new districts have submitted ESSER III plans with a total value \$18.9M. There is one ESSER III change request from USD 447 Cherryvale for an HVAC project. Mr. Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approve the public school district ESSER III expenditure plans as presented for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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ACTION ON FINANCIAL LITERACY STANDARDS

In June, Helen Swanson, an Education Program Consultant and Nathan McAlister, Humanities Program Manager both from the Career Standards and Assessments Services team at the department, provided an update to the Board on the Financial Literacy Standards that are in place. Ms. Swanson and Mr. McAlister reviewed the previous standards and gave a brief summary for the recommended updated financial literacy standards. The data shown throughout their presentation focused on grades K-8. The 2021 standards replace previous separate standards from both organizations, including National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education which were adopted by the Kansas State Department of Education. A group of Kansas teachers, higher education specialists, and professional organizations from across the state came together to create a new crosswalk document, teacher resources and plan for future professional development opportunities. Dr. Horst moved to approve the Financial Literacy Standards as presented and Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-1, with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.

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PRESENTATION ON ALL IN FOR KANSAS

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Melissa Rooker, the Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund provided an update to the State Board of Education on the "All in for Kansas Kids" work; which is funded by the three-year renewal of the federal Pre-School Development Grant B-5. She also gave a brief overview of the Kindergarten Readiness subgrants, the ASQ, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and other projects of interest.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2022 KANSAS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

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2022 Kansas Principal of the Year, Caleb Smith (Newton High School, USD 373 Newton), shared some of the things being done in his school to meet the State Board of Education's outcomes for measuring progress toward achieving the board's vision of "Kansas leads the world in the success of each student." He faced the challenge of accepting the position of Principal during the initial Covid-19 outbreak when schools were closed and everything was done virtually. He immediately focused on building a culture of family amongst his staff and believes that is key to the success of Newton High School. He is also extremely proud of the Individual Plan of Study efforts in his school including their Health/Science and Agriculture academies.

ACTION ON ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL'S KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA) RECOMMENDATIONS

(03:57:45)

During the State Board meeting in June, Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, presented information on twenty-nine systems that were ready for review of an accredited status recommendation. The twenty-nine systems presented to the Board for accredited status were USD 217 Rolla, USD 218 Elkhart, USD 225 Fowler, USD 251 North Lyon County, USD 254 Barber County North, USD 257 Iola, USD 281 Graham County, USD 285 Cedar Vale, USD 286 Chautauqua County Community, USD 321 Kaw Valley, USD 325 Phillipsburg, USD 352 Goodland, USD 357 Belle Plaine, USD 371 Montezuma, USD 372 Silver Lake, USD 374 Sublette, USD 384 Blue Valley, USD 394 Rose Hill, USD 404 Riverton, USD 405 Lyons, USD 411 Goessel, USD 415 Hiawatha, USD 421 Lyndon, USD 426 Pike Valley, USD 429 Troy, USD 461 Neodesha, USD 493 Columbus, Z0029-8572 Hayden, and Z0031 Wichita Diocese. Jay Scott brought these twenty-nine systems back to the Board for action. Dr. Horst made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council and award the status of accredited to the twenty-nine systems as presented. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIPT OF ACCREDITATION REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KANSAS EDUCATION SYSTEM ACCREDITATION (KESA)

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The Accreditation Review Council (ARC) has recommended an accreditation status for the next thirty-four systems awaiting recommendation. Executive summaries, accountability reports and other narratives were provided to Board members for the twenty-seven public systems and five private systems. The ARC considers compliance and foundational structures to support a five-year process of continuous improvement. Board members will act on the ARC recommendations in August. The systems that were received by the Board in July are USD 103 Cheylin, USD 215 Lakin,

USD 246 Northeast, USD 247 Cherokee, USD 248 Girard, USD 255 South Barber, USD 264 Clearwater, USD 265 Goddard, USD 266 Maize, USD 271 Stockton, USD 283 Elk Valley, USD 305 Salina, USD 310 Fairfield, USD 315 Colby, USD 316 Golden Plains, USD 326 Logan, USD 344 Pleasanton, USD 373 Newton, USD 400 Smoky Valley, USD 436 Caney Valley, USD 438 Skyline, USD 447 Cherryvale, USD 467 Leoti, USD 476 Copeland, USD 487 Herington, USD 501 Topeka, USD 511 Attica, Z0006-9001 Brookridge Day School, Z0029-8434 Bishop Ward High School, Z0029-8999 St James Academy, Z0029-9892 Corpus Christi Catholic School and Z0030-0000 Salina Diocese. The Board also received two systems that are recommended for conditional accreditation, USD 209 Moscow and USD 480 Liberal.

ACTION ON LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

(04:10:45)

Shane Carter, Director of Teacher Licensure, discussed options during the June meeting for easing the burden of the renewal process as an incentive for retired teachers with lapsed licenses to renew. Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize any person who has retired into the KPERs system after a career of teaching, whose license has expired, to receive a transitional teaching license for the 2022/2023 school year upon submitting an application and successfully passing a KSDE background check. Mr. McNiece seconded and the motion carried 10-0.

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PRESENTATION FROM KANSAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (KAEA)

(04:27:46)

Elizabeth Madden (outgoing KAEA President), and Katie Morris (KAEA Board Member) presented to the State Board on visual arts being an essential part of a well-rounded education. They maintain that visual arts provide opportunities for students to develop communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving which are essential, as outlined by the Partnership for 21st Century Learning, for increasingly complex life and work environments in today's world. They also touched on the social/emotional communication benefits of art education in addition to many other positive aspects. They asked the Board to not reduce the Fine Arts credit requirement for graduation.

ACTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTION REGULATIONS

(05:04:27)

In June 2022, the Kansas State Department of Education's General Counsel, Scott Gordon, shared proposed new language for the pending amendments to K.A.R. 91-42-1 and 91-42-2. Since that time, there have been no comments or suggested changes to the proposed language which is attached in the following pages. Any changes between last month and this month are formatting in nature and do not reflect any changed language. Mrs. Haas moved that the Kansas State Board of Education authorize the Kansas State Department of Education to submit the proposed amendments to K.A.R. 91-42-1 and 91-42-2 through the formal regulatory adoption process. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

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RECEIPT OF MATH ASSESSMENT STANDARD SETTING CUT SCORES INFORMATION

(05:06:00)

Beth Fultz, Assistant Director for Career Standards and Assessment Services, and Dr. Neal Kingston, Director of the Achievement and Assessment Institute (AAI), presented performance level and cut

score recommendations for the grade 10 math assessment. The performance levels and cut score recommendations were developed during a virtual standards-setting meeting on June 29 and 30. Twelve Kansas high school math educators with a range of 5-30 years of experience were led through the standard setting process by staff at the Achievement and Assessment Institute (AAI) at the University of Kansas as detailed in the assessment contract. Dr Kingston explained the process used to determine performance levels and cut scores. Mrs. Arnold and Mr. McNiece voiced concerns over the difficulty in explaining this information to stakeholders and the lay person. These recommendations will be on the agenda for action by the Board in August.

ACTION ON BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR for FY 2024

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Dr. Neuenswander then reviewed the process for the Board to consider possible options for education state aid programs as required by statute. Action for the following recommendations for state Fiscal Year 2024 occurred:

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- Mrs. Mah moved to recommend amount of Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) as presented for 2023-24 at \$5,006. (BASE amount established in state law and approved by the Kansas Supreme Court). Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mrs. Haas moved to recommend amount of Supplemental State Aid as presented to fund the law. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mrs. Mah moved to recommend Capital Improvement State Aid estimate as presented to fund the law. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Horst moved to recommend amount allocated for Capital Outlay State Aid to fund the law. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion passed 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mrs. Waugh moved to recommend the amount allocated for Juvenile Detention Facilities as presented to fund the law. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mr. Jones moved to recommend a five-year phase-in for Special Education State Aid at an additional cost of \$76,829,711 each of the five years to reach 92 percent of excess costs, which is current law. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion passed 9-1 with Mr. Porter opposing.
- Mr. Jones moved to recommend funding current law for Transportation (2.5 miles) at no additional cost. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion passed 7-3 with Mrs. Waugh, Mrs. Arnold and Mr. McNiece opposing.
- Mr. McNiece moved to recommend funding Career and Technical Education Transportation at 100 percent (2019- 2020 level) at an estimated cost of \$1,482,338. Dr. Horst Seconded. Motion passed 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mrs. Haas moved to recommend fully funding Mentor Teacher Program at an additional cost of \$1 million. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mrs. Mah moved to recommend fully funding Professional Development at an additional cost of \$1.9 million Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion passed 8-2 with Dr. Horst and Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mr. Jones moved to recommend funding the National Board Certification scholarships for teachers at current level. Mr. Porter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. McNiece moved to recommend meeting federal maintenance of effort requirements for School Lunch at no additional cost. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion passed 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mr. Porter moved to support KS Children's Cabinet's recommendation for an additional \$1,300,337 allocation for Parents as Teachers. Mrs. Waugh seconded. Motion passed 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.
- Mrs. Waugh moved to support amount allocated as presented to fund Pre-K Pilot at current level. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion passed 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mrs. Waugh moved to not recommend Discretionary Grant funding. No recommendation was made with a 5-4-1 vote.
- No motion was made to fund the Juvenile Transitional Crisis Pilot (Beloit).
- Mr. Jones moved to recommend additional cost of \$1M (for a total of \$5M which will replace ARPA SFRF with SGF for Kansas Safe and Secure Schools. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion passed 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.
- Mr. McNiece moved to recommend expanding Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot Program in 2023-24 at an additional cost of \$3 million to expand program. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion passed 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.
- Mr. Jones moved to recommend funding in the amount of \$35,000 EACH for Kansas Communities in Schools and Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Mrs. Clifford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Arnold moved to approve Consent Agenda items 19 a, b, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, and q. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 10-0. In this action, the Board:

- received the monthly Personnel Report for June.
- confirmed the unclassified personnel appointments of Mia Weiler to the position of Intern on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective June 2, 2022, at an annual salary of \$4,320.00 (Three-month program); Barbara Hughes to the position of Executive Secretary on the Office of the Commissioner team, effective June 13, 2022, at an annual salary of \$50,003.20; Janis Tolly to the position of Education Program Consultant on the Special Education and Title Services team, effective June 13, 2022, at an annual salary of \$56,118.40; Andrea Pagan to the position of Administrative Specialist on the Accreditation and Design team, effective June 12, 2022, at an annual salary of \$41,600.
- approved recommendations for Visiting Scholar licenses.
- approved recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee.
- approved recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for higher education accreditation and program approval.
- approved cut scores for licensure tests.
- approved Mental Health Intervention Team Program grants and applications for school year 2022-23.
- approved request from USD 311 Pretty Prairie to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid.

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- approved request from USD 460 Hesston to hold a bond election (postponed/revised projects).
- approved request from USD 460 Hesston to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid (postponed election/revised projects).
- approved request from USD 498 Valley Heights to hold a bond election.
- approved request from USD 498 Valley Heights to receive Capital Improvement (Bond and Interest) State Aid.

SEPARATE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Porter asked to vote consent items 19 c, d, j, k, and l as one group, but separate from the other submissions. Mr. Jones moved to approve consent agenda items 19 c, d, j, k and l. Mrs. Haas seconded. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky abstaining.

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In this action, the Board:

- approved RFP request for Annual Conference Keynote Presenters.
- approved a Preschool-Aged At-Risk program for USD 314 Brewster for 2022-2023.
- approved request for KSDE to Contract with a third-party entity to conduct a study of the effectiveness of the Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT) pilot program and suggest improvements to the program (As required by Sen. Sub for HB 2567 passed by 2022 legislature).
- approved Safe and Secure School grants and applications for school year 2022-23.
- approved request from USD 311 Pretty Prairie to hold a bond election.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(07:24:20)

Action on Board Travel —

Mrs. Waugh had an addition to the travel requests. Dr. Horst moved to approve travel requests and updates. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Committee Reports —

(07:25:19)

Updates were given on the following:

- Kansas Advisory Council for Indigenous Education Working Group (KACIE-WG) (Mrs. Mah) – The working group had their first meeting on Wednesday, June 29 with all but one position filled. The group is working on an application for tribes outside of Kansas wanting to fill that position with a representative. The group will next meet on August 19. Mrs. Mah also provided a written report to the Board.
- Policy Committee (Mrs. Clifford) — The Board's Policy Committee met during the lunch break at the June meeting to confirm the changes from the April meeting and review the next section. Will next meet over lunch on Tuesday, August 9.

Board Attorney's Report —

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson presented a written report to the Board and shared briefly about Supreme Court cases relating to education and also locally in Kansas any court cases that should be on the Board's radar as far as impact.

Requests for Future Agenda Items —

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Mrs. Mah brought up discussing last session's bills that affect the Board and their decisions. Mrs. Arnold requested more information on the history of the Math Assessment Cut Scores. Dr. Watson suggested he start by sending out information to Board members in an email. Mrs. Clifford inquired a lookback at ESSER money and its impact on schools more from a global sense and not a district level.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary

MINUTES



Kansas State Board of Education
Wednesday, July 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the Wednesday meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in the Board Room of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas.

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ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Betty Arnold	Ben Jones
Jean Clifford	Ann Mah
Michelle Dombrosky	Jim Porter
Melanie Haas	Janet Waugh
Deena Horst	

Jim McNiece was absent as he was traveling to Washington D.C. representing the Board at the Education Commission of the States.

REVOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA

During the Consent Agenda vote on June 12, 2022, the Board inadvertently removed the wrong items for separate action due to clerical error with item lettering so a revote was warranted. Dr. Horst moved to approve all consent items minus c, d, i, j, and k. Mr. Jones seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Following that vote, Mr. Jones moved to approve items c, d, i, j and k. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky opposing.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Horst moved to approve the day's agenda as presented. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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RECEIPT AND ACTION ON REDESIGN SCHOOLS READY FOR LAUNCH AND UPDATE ON REDESIGN PROGRAM

Jay Scott, Director of Accreditation and Design, and Sarah Perryman, Coordinator on the Accreditation and Design Team, gave what was the final official Redesign update as KSDE is now ready to transition to "Design" efforts through KESA. They gave a brief history and overview of the Redesign Project. Additionally, they presented the final group of schools for the board to approve

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for launch. After having participated in regional Redesign workshops and persevered through the complexities of COVID to maintain their redesign planning work, the following schools have been "cleared for launch" by a third-party Launch Readiness Committee made up of representative from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and Education Service Centers and the Committee recommended the State Board of Education approve them for launch:

Apollo Schools

eCademy, South Breeze, Frank Layden, Rossville Jr/Sr High, Hillcrest, Perry High School, Santa Fe Trail High School, Maple Hill

Apollo II Schools

Lincoln, Village

Apollo III Schools

Park, Timmerman, Graber, Hutchinson Middle School 8, Morgan, Whittier, Lowell Winfield Early Learning Center

These schools have also been approved by their local board of education to launch their redesign plans effective immediately, joining another 180 plus schools in 80 districts approved by the State Board for the launch of the Kansans Can Redesign Project plans. After discussion that the item was originally on the agenda as a "receive information" item and not an "action" item, it was decided to suspend Board Policy so that the vote can be held. Mr. Jones moved that the Board suspend its policy and allow a vote on the eighteen schools at the same time as receiving them for approval. Mrs. Mah seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. Jones next moved to approve the launch of the Redesign schools as presented. Dr. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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PRESENTATION FROM THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

(01:00:50)

Laura Downey, the Executive Director of the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE), provided the State Board of Education with an update on environmental education programs and projects in Kansas. She provided an update on the Kansas Green Schools program, the micro credentials offered, a natural resource leadership summit pilot in Garden City, KS and other upcoming projects and events.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE KANSANS CAN SUCCESS TOUR DATA

(01:33:20)

Commissioner Watson and Hayley Steinlage (Senior Education Research analyst) continued their presentation to the Board on the Kansans CAN Success tour data (originally provided to the State Board of Education in January 2022) and led Board members in a discussion about the findings of the three research teams that the tour data independently: R12 Comprehensive Center (McRel), Kansas State University and the Kansas State Department of Education. The three entities collaborated and by consensus, identified five core themes that Kansans feel are necessary in supporting schools' needs in producing successful high school graduates:

- Community Relations and Engagement
- Educator-Centered Supports
- System-wide Needs
- Leadership and Policy
- Enhance Student Learning and Success

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

The next regular meeting for the State Board of Education is August 9 and 10, 2022

Jim Porter, Chair

Barbara Hughes, Board Secretary