

# MINUTES



## Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER (II, and III) and EANS (I, and II) Distribution of Money - Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Call to Order

Chairman Porter called the meeting of the Commissioner's Task Force to order at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The meeting was conducted via video conference and was live streamed for the public to observe and listen.

### Approval of Agenda

Mike Argabright made a motion to approve the agenda as presented for the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and Bert Lewis seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion  
(00:04:01)

### Attendance:

The following Task Force members attended by video conference:

Jim Porter	Melissa Rooker
Janet Waugh	Frank Harwood
Brenda Dietrich	Roberta Lewis
Pat Pettey	Jason Winbolt
Simeon Russell	Brad Bergsma
Lisa Peters	Janet Eaton
Mike Argabright	Nick Compagnone
Jamie Rumford	Adam Proffitt

### Approval of February 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Jason Winbolt made a motion to approve the February 4<sup>th</sup> minutes and Mike Argabright seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion  
(00:04:19)

**ESSER II: Change Application Status Update – Doug Boline**

(00:04:46)

Doug Boline started the meeting off by stating that 1 ESSER II change request application will be reviewed in today's meeting and if approved, the application will be recommended to the State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The ESSER II change request application consists of 32 individual budgeted expenditures totaling a value of \$1.1 million.

**ESSER II: Discussion of Change Requests Deemed Eligible by KSDE – Doug Boline**

(00:05:45)

The eligible expenditures for USD 418 McPherson's change request totaled to \$1.1 million (cumulative). The net change for the eligible requests total to \$638,708. Specific details regarding the change request can be found on the Commissioner's Task Force webpage located here - [Commissioner's Task Force \(ksde.org\)](https://ksde.org).

**Vote to Recommend the ESSER II Change Requests Slate to Kansas State Board of Education – Doug Boline**

(00:07:01)

Bert Lewis made a motion to approve the ESSER II change request submitted by USD 418 McPherson, as presented. Adam Thomas seconded it. Motion carried (13-0).

**ESSER III: Summary & Discussion of Request Deemed Eligible by KSDE – Doug Boline**

(00:08:00)

Doug Boline mentioned that the 15 districts represented in today's ESSER III application batch have requested \$25 million total (91% of their total allocations). The average eligible expenditures (requested) per district (for this specific batch) range from \$267,866 to \$13,573,376; average amount per district is \$1,664,315. (Please note, USD 497 Lawrence is included in this batch, which has an effect on the average expenditures per district.) The eligible planned expenditures (for this batch) per student range from \$498 to \$2,186; average amount is \$1,302.

**ESSER III: Discussion of Requests Deemed Ineligible by KSDE – Doug Boline**

(00:22:42)

The KSDE review team deemed two requests as ineligible, both were submitted by USD 325 Phillipsburg. USD 325 Phillipsburg's specific requests were for an activity bus to separate students during travel to sports events to lower the spread of COVID-19, this request totaled \$180,000; their second request was for playground equipment to accommodate all students while socially distanced, this request totaled \$205,000. The KSDE review team did **not** see the COVID-19 relation with these specific requests (this decision is reflective of the narrative the district provided for each request).

**Vote to Recommend the ESSER III Application Slate to Kansas State Board of Education – Doug Boline**

Adam Thomas made a motion to conditionally approve the ESSER III applications (with the addition of requiring further proof of stakeholder engagement; funds will become available as the requirements are met) and Jason Winbolt seconded it. Motion carried (14-3).

Immediately following this motion, Chairman Porter asked for the number of votes. It was incorrectly stated that the votes for this motion was (11-3). After further review, the vote for this motion was (14-3).

**Adjournment** – Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m. The next meeting will occur on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**Motion**  
(00:35:03)