

Members participating:

- Col. Harry D. Hung..... Garrison Commander, Ft. Leavenworth (replaces Col. Marne Sutton)
- LTG (Ret) Perry L. Wiggins Governors Military Council
- Senator Jeff Longbine Legislative Appointee, Emporia
- X Amanda Buckingham..... School Liaison Officer, Fort Leavenworth
- X Sandy Johnson..... School Liaison Officer, Fort Riley
- X Kelly S. Graham School Liaison Officer, McConnell AFB
- X Keith Mispagel Superintendent USD 207, Fort Leavenworth
- X Reginald Eggleston Superintendent USD 475, Junction City
- X Heather Bohaty Superintendent USD 260, Derby
- X Craig Neuenswander MIC3 Commissioner, KSDE Finance Director

Notes from conference call on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 - 9:00 am

National Meeting Notes:

1. 1 of 4 Compacts adopted by all 50 states plus 1 (D.C.) (KS was 1st; 4/9/08)

2. Annual Business Meeting – Colorado Springs

The state commissioners spent day one reviewing policies in place for MIC3, along with expectations and the election process.

 - a. Executive Committee Elections

The chair and vice chair typically serve two-year terms, and remain the same as last year:
 Chair – Don Kaminar from Arkansas
 Vice-Chair – Laura Anastasio from Connecticut

Bob Buehn has served as treasurer for the past six years and decided to step down. Craig Neuenswander was elected to serve as the new treasurer. He is excited to serve at the national level and will have an opportunity to better serve Kansas on military compact issues.

 - b. MIC3 Strategic Plan – new goals

Goal 1: Clarity and Awareness

Are military families aware the Compact exists, why we exist, and how we can help them?
 Can the Dept of Defense play a role emphasizing the MIC3 and increasing awareness?

Kansas had no student issues reported to National Office. Kansas does a great job at the local level and there usually isn't a need to contact the state or national office for help.

The legislature is also aware of the important role of military families in our state and typically are supportive and willing to help.

Keith (Ft Leavenworth) is working with Mischel Miller (KSDE Director of Teacher Licensure) to help military spouses with teaching license reciprocity if they hold an active out-of-state teaching license in good standing so they can start teaching immediately while living in Kansas. The current teacher licensure process is lengthy and can eliminate a whole school year waiting to become licensed in Kansas.

Goal 2: Cohesive and Aligned

How well do we function at the national level as an organization of all states working together?

Goal 3: Foundation and Future

The finance committee will address revenue resources. FTE has been steadily declining, which leads to a decline in dues. Last year the state dues amount per student was increased after 10 years with no change.

c. Children of National Guard and Reserve

The question of when the Compact should serve students whose parent serves in the National Guard and Reserve is being discussed at the national level. Compact rules currently state that we help only when the parent is on active duty. There could be issues needing attention at other times when the Compact could assist. A committee has been formed to look at this issue and determine how to best represent these military students and families.

d. ABM Briefs and Documents on National website: <http://www.mic3.net/2018-annual-meeting.html>

3. Also on National website:

Updated Rule Book

Updated Rules Promulgation

4. Kansas Dues for 2020-21 = \$11,410

\$11,830 in 2019-20. Represents a decline of 365 students (3.7%).

Other Issues:

1. Any issues we need to address or be aware of as a state?

Impact of School Redesign on schools and military students

Home School - Virtual

A home school student wanted to take AP testing. She asked area USDs if someone would help and 3 offered. We need to continue to look at ways to help military students and families who home school. There may be potential for virtual school opportunities for home school students.

Temporary housing at enrollment

Some families returning from overseas hand carry school records to expedite enrollment. Temporary housing arrangements can create problems when trying to enroll in the district they want to attend.

National and State Websites:

<http://www.mic3.net/>

<http://www.militarychild.org/>

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/MilitaryFamilies.aspx>