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SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 2023 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Action

- Elected New Board Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative Liaisons (2) and Policy Committee Members (3).
- Appointed Board Attorney and Board Secretary.
- Approved 1 public school district ESSER II change request, 11 ESSER III expenditure plan applications and 7 ESSER III change requests as recommended by the Task Force for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- Approved the Accreditation Review Council's KESA Recommendation to grant the status of Accredited to USD 308 Hutchinson, USD 343 Perry and USD 463 Udall.
- Approved recommendations of the Professional Practices Commission.
- Approved Sunflower Summer 2023 proposal.
- In two separate votes, the Board approved all items on the consent agenda.

Presentations

- Commissioner Randy Watson continued discussing graduation and post-secondary effective rates, using Caney Valley USD 436, Ingalls USD 477 and Louisburg 416 for illustrative purposes showing the relationship between their assessment scores and significant increase in post secondary success rates. He concluded by stating the need for the Board establish clear goals for local school boards to discuss month and also clear, measurable goals to monitor at the state level monthly and yearly to advance movement in areas that will improve graduation and post secondary effectiveness.
- Jay Scott (KSDE) presented 6 school systems to be approved for accreditation status at the February 2023 meeting. Those systems are USD 250 Pittsburgh, USD 270 Plainville, USD 360 Hesston, USD 475 Geary County, USD 507 Satanta and the Kansas School for the Blind.
- Legislative Matters: Dr. Craig Neuenswander reported on the upcoming Kansas legislative session and reminded/introduced the Board to the information available on the website of the Kansas legislature.
- Bert Moore, Director of Special Education and Title Services, along with past chair of SEAC Trish Backman, gave the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Annual Report.
- Received presentations from the student state presidents of Career and Technical Student Organizations, Kansas MTSS co-director Todd Weidemann on the Kansas Mathematics Proficiency Program, and an overview of the work done by the Child Nutrition and Wellness Division.

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- Recognized 3 individuals with the Kansas Certificate in Child Nutrition Management and the 2023 Superintendent of the year, Mike Argabright.

Discussions

- Deputy Commissioner Dr. Ben Proctor continued his discussion from December on Academic Success. This month he discussed what the data gathered tells us and how it is used to inform the work that KSDE does.

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 14th and Wednesday, February 15th in Topeka.