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SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 2023 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Action

- Approved the Licensing Test Change Recommendations.
- Approved the Accreditation Review Council's KESA Recommendation to grant the status of "Accredited" to 329 Wabaunsee (Alma), Z0029-5801 Maur Hill – Mount Academy, Z0029-8556 Most Pure Heart of Mary Elementary and Z0029-9015 Good Shepherd School.
- Approved the Accreditation Review Council's KESA Recommendation to grant the status of "Conditionally Accredited" to 216 Deerfield, 261 Haysville, 314 Brewster, 334 Southern Cloud, 369 Burrton, 403 Otis-Bison, 500 Kansas City Kansas, and Z0066-9929 Life Preparatory Academy.
- Approved request to contract with Kansas Educational Leadership Institute (KELI) for mentoring services.
- Approved AP Seminar: English 10 Assessment Funding.
- In four separate votes, the Board approved all items on the consent agenda.
- Approved the National Association of State Boards of Education dues for 2024.

Presentations

- Dr. Randy Watson's monthly Commissioner's Report to the Board focused on district accountability reports, which the board will receive next month for every district in their area and LETRS training.
- Michael Koonce, Director of Administrative Services, Greenbush Education Service Center provided an overview of the 2023 Sunflower Summer program. During the review, Mr. Koonce presented attendance comparisons for the last three years of the program.
- Amanda Petersen provided an update to the Board on the Early Childhood Transition Task Force. During her update, she informed the board the work the task force is charged with, which includes reviewing Kansas' early childhood programs and developing a roadmap for the creation of a new state, cabinet-level agency focused solely on supporting the success of our youngest Kansans.
- Angie Stallbaumer, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel (KASB) and Dr. Ben Proctor, Deputy Commissioner (KSDE) provided an overview to the Board of recommended policies for instructional materials use.

Discussions

- The Board had a discussion centered around critical considerations regarding the utilization of technology devices among children and youth.

Next Regular Meeting – October 10 and 11, 2023 (Landon State Office Building).