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## SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 2023 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

### Action

- Approved 19 public school district ESSER II change requests, 21 ESSER III expenditure plan applications and 18 ESSER III change requests as recommended by the Task Force for use of federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- Approved licensure regulations K.A.R. 91-1-200, 91-1-201, 91-1-202, 91-1-203, 91-1-204, 91-1-209.
- Approved the joint resolution with the Kansas Board of Regents regarding dual credit courses.
- Approved the Accreditation Review Council's KESA Recommendation to grant the status of Accredited to USD 250 Pittsburgh, USD 270 Plainville, USD 460 Hesston, USD 475 Geary County, USD 507 Satanta and S0604-0000 School for the Blind.
- Approved recommendation of the Professional Practices Commission.
- In three separate votes, the Board approved all items on the consent agenda.
- Approved the Board Attorney contract renewal for the final eligible 1-year extension.

### Presentations

- In his Commissioner's Report, Dr. Randy Watson talked about the actions the State Board has taken to help Kansas high school graduates become successful, such as establishing rigorous academic standards; and establishing, with the assistance of the Kansas Legislature, a dyslexia position at the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to assist school districts in implementing the science of reading. The Board also set aside more than \$16 million to train teachers in the science of reading and math. Watson highlighted Chetopa-St. Paul Unified School District 505 for the district's improvement in the areas of high school graduation rates and postsecondary effectiveness.
- Jay Scott (KSDE) presented 13 school systems to be approved for accreditation status at the February 2023 meeting. Those systems are USD 208 WaKeeney, USD 244 Burlington, USD 249 Frontenac, USD 289 Wellsville, USD 375 Circle, USD 378 Riley County, USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden, USD 448 Inman, USD 477 Ingalls, USD 505 Chetopa-St. Paul, USD 506 Labette County, Z0064-9898 Annoor Islamic School (Redetermination – Conditionally Accredited to Accredited), USD 349 Stafford (Conditionally Accredited - Voted on by the ARC in December 2022).
- Legislative Matters: Dr. Craig Neuenswander gave a summary of each of the bills that involve education and are being followed by the department.

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- Scott Gordon, KSDE's General Counsel, presented proposed amendments to K.A.R. 91-31-31 and 91-31-35. Further discussion on the proposed amendments will take place at the March meeting.
- Received presentations from the 2022 Miss Kansas Outstanding Teen, Niomi Ndirangu; KSDE's Dr. Laurie Curtis (Kansas Science of Reading; and KSDE's Amanda Petersen (Early Childhood department overview).
- Recognized the 2 Kansas recipients of the 2022 National ESEA Distinguished Schools award.

### Discussions

- Board members participated in a retreat held at the Kansas State High School Activities Association offices that was facilitated by Dr. Doug Moeckel and Dr. Brian Jordan of Kansas Association of School Boards that helped the Board begin to build the framework for the focus of the Board over the next two years.

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (regular location – Landon State Office Building) and Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (Board retreat held at Kansas State High School Activities Association)