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SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 2022 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Action

- Appointed Janet Waugh as representative on NASBE's Government Affairs Committee and reappointed Deena Horst as representative on the Public Education Position's Committee.
- On a 6-3-1 vote, approved a proposal to appropriate \$100,000 per year from federal ESSER set-aside funds to support Communities in Schools in FY 2022, FY 2023 and FY 2024.
- Failed to approve the consent agenda item (Evaluation Review Committee recommendations for Ottawa University-School Counselor). Approved all other items on the consent agenda.
- Adopted a Resolution establishing the 2022 State Board meeting calendar.
- Unanimously approved the following action: Due to the unprecedented shortage of substitute teachers available during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kansas State Board of Education authorizes an emergency declaration that allows the Kansas State Department of Education to issue a Temporary Emergency Authorized License to those applicants who meet the following criteria:
 - Must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma;
 - Must undergo and pass the KSDE background check and;
 - Must provide verification from a hiring education system's chief executive officer that they are willing to hire that person as a substitute teacher.

Such authorization shall be from Jan. 13, 2022 through June 1, 2022.

Reports and Discussions

- Commissioner Randy Watson described the five common themes arising from this fall's statewide tour to 50 locations, seeking input on the State Board's vision and outcomes.
- Members discussed KSDE's guidance and recommendations to school districts regarding cybersecurity following a report from Legislative Post Audit.
- KSDE and KDHE are partnering in a demonstration project to expand direct certification for free and reduced-price school meals to include children receiving Medicaid benefits.

Recognition

- Fort Leavenworth USD 207 shared the district's successful strategies for achieving the STAR Recogntion Program award for academically preparing students for postsecondary.
- Seven child nutrition professionals earned the Kansas Certificate in Child Nutrition Management, which included completing 120 hours in approved management classes.

Next Meeting - Feb. 8 and 9 at the Landon State Office Bldg.