

MINUTES



Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER (II, and III) and EANS (I, and II) Distribution of Money – February 10, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Porter called the meeting of the Commissioner's Task Force to order at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2023.

The meeting was conducted via video conference and was live streamed for the public to observe and listen.

Approval of Agenda

Melissa Rooker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented for the February 10 meeting and Janet Eaton seconded it. Motion carried (11-0).

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Attendance

The following Task Force members attended by video conference:

Jim Porter	Cathy Hopkins
Adam Thomas	Simeon Russell
Lisa Peters	Roberta Lewis
TinaRae Scott	Brad Bergsma
Janet Eaton	Nick Compagnone
Adam Proffitt	Melissa Rooker

Approval of January 6 Minutes

Adam Thomas made a motion to approve the January 6 minutes and Bert Lewis seconded it. Motion carried (11-0).

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(00:08:42)

ESSER II: Change Application Status Update

Doug Boline started the meeting off by stating that there are 19 ESSER II change requests being reviewed in today's meeting and if approved, the change requests will be recommended to the State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, February 14. The ESSER II change requests consist of 367 individual budgeted expenditures totaling a value of \$5.8 million (eligible net change is \$399,154).

Most of the requests are smaller total amount, as districts try to use the remainder of their ESSER II allocation.

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Vote to Recommend the ESSER II Change Requests Slate to Kansas State Board of Education

Adam Proffitt made a motion to approve the ESSER II change request as presented. Bert Lewis seconded it. Motion carried (12-0).

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ESSER III: Summary & Discussion of Request Deemed Eligible by KSDE

Doug Boline mentioned that the 21 districts represented in today's ESSER III application batch have requested \$21.8 million (for eligible expenditures): 85% of their total allocation. The average eligible expenditures (requested) per district (for this specific batch) range from \$76,104 to \$8,172,631; average amount per district is \$885,211. The eligible planned expenditures (for this batch) per student range from \$626 to \$2,471; average amount is \$1,376.

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ESSER III: Discussion of Change Requests Deemed Eligible by KSDE

The eligible expenditures for the 18 ESSER III change requests totaled to \$38,902,791 (cumulative). The net change for the eligible requests total to \$6,827,522. Specific details regarding the batch of change requests can be found on the Commissioner's Task Force webpage located here - [Commissioner's Task Force \(ksde.org\)](https://ksde.org).

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Vote to Recommend the ESSER III Change Requests and Applications to the Kansas State Board of Education

Melissa Rooker made a motion to approve the ESSER III change requests and applications. Brad Bergsma seconded it. Motion carried (12-0).

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EANS Update

Tate Toedman provided the Task Force with an update on EANS funding. Since spring 2021, KSDE has received 300 change requests for EANS funding, 221 of those were deemed eligible and approved for an increase in \$1.6 million in those changes. Tate Toedman stated that the majority of the changes consisted of price increases for supplies, increase in number of students who needed services, or different (more updated) version of a computer, etc. The \$1.6 million does **not** include any services private schools have requested but have **not** yet received (such as summer school programs for 2023). Twenty-six private schools throughout Kansas applied for EANS and was awarded funding. The funding average per student was \$2,769. After the EANS funds were requested, we still had 10.9 million left and due to the time requirement Congress put into law, it was re-categorized as GEER money, which made it available to benefit both private and public-school students. With the majority of the funds, the Sunflower Summer program was expanded. In addition, the other investment made was with the Kansas Preschool Pilot, which is open to both private and public-school students.

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Bert Lewis made a motion to set a deadline for ESSER II change requests to be submitted to the task force; the proposed deadline is Thursday, June 1, 2023. Adam Thomas seconded. Motion carried (9-0).

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Adjournment

Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m. The next meeting will occur on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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