Board Summary Report

Kansas State Board of Education – December 2024 Meeting

Receive

- ERC Educator Preparation (Receive) Dr. Catherine Chmidling, Teacher Licensure

Action

- Action on Legislative Priorities Dr. Frank Harwood, Deputy Commissioner, Fiscal and Administrative Services (see attached)
- Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Student Screen time. Mr. McNiece seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. (Note: there was a substitution motion made by Mrs. Mah to change the word "recommendations" to "report." This passed on a 9-0-1 with Mrs. Arnold present not voting. However Mrs. Arnold changed her vote to a yes.)
- Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education sign an order of disorganization of USD 468 with attachment of its territory to USD 466 as contemplated in the resolutions adopted by each district's Board of Education. Mr. McNiece seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no.
- Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education revoke the license in PPC case 24PPC22. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.
- Mrs. Hopkins moved that the Kansas State Board of Education grant the requested license in PPC case 24PPC22. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Consent Calendar

Consent Items:

- Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the items on the consent calendar. Mrs. Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no.
    - Receive monthly personnel report and personnel appointments to unclassified positions
    - Act on recommendations of the Licensure Review Committee
    - Act on teacher licensure waivers
    - Act to approve Local Professional Development Plans
    - Act on request from USD 263, Mulvane, for capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid
    - Act on request from USD 263, Mulvane, to hold a bond election
    - Act to approve the (KSD) Kansas School for the Deaf 1-year negotiated agreement with Kansas National Education Association (KNEA)

Consent items pulled:

Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve items g. h. i. j. l. and m from the Consent Agenda. Dr. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

- Act to request contract with University of Kansas Medical Center to support the Kansas State Advisor of HOSA, a Career and Technical Student Organizations and a state affiliate of HOSA-Future Health Professionals
- Act on request to contract with a technical service provider to align to the new modernized National Career Clusters Framework
- Act to request to contract with an organization to conduct a literature review, update and develop Career and Technical Education (CTE) resources to measure and reflect student learning and support special populations in CTE
- Act to request contract with a Kansas college to support the Kansas State Advisor of Deca, a Career and Technical student organization preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marking, finance, hospitality and management
- Act on request to contract with eScholar LLC to continue to provide maintenance and support of the Uniq-ID PK-12 Student System.
- Act on request to contract with eScholar LLC to continue to provide maintenance and support of the Uniq-ID Staff system.

There was a discussion with Shane Carter, Teacher Licensure about item n. Kansas Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Grant Funds. After which Mr. Porter moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve item n. from the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Arnold seconded. Motion carried. 9-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no.

Note: Nickerson-South Henderson was added to the funds request list and included in the approval.

Presentations

- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) presentation by Bev Mortimer, Career Specialists, and students.
- Teacher apprenticeship update by Shane Carter and staff/apprentices from the 4 pilot districts: Syracuse, Dodge City, Tonganoxie and Salina.
- Formative Assessments: What are they and why are they an important part of a balanced assessment system? Beth Fultz and Julie Ewing.
- KESA Action Plan Review with Dr. Jay Scott, Hayley Steinlage and Dr. Brooke Wells.
- High Quality Instructional Materials with Dr. Ben Proctor.
- At Risk Accountability Plan Pilot Update with Dr. Frank Harwood.

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Jim McNiece District 10

Board Action on 2025 Legislative Priorities (voted December 10, 2024)

Act on Legislative Priorities (note – there are no "seconds" on the motions. The vote count is intended to guide the legislative process and liaisons.)

Academic Support Efforts:

Mrs. Mah moved to include "Student opportunities to gain workforce experience before graduation including: (1) Encouraging incentives to support school district expansion of public-private partnerships with business and industry to allow for internships, mentorships, and other opportunities. (2) Continued coordination and investment in career and technical education programs that are aligned with workforce needs" in the 2025 Legislative priorities. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no, Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mr. Porter moved to include "Reduced waiting time after retirement to return to teaching and reduce or eliminate the financial penalty" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 10-0.

Dr. Horst moved to include "The goal to move Kansas school employees currently on KPERS 3 to KPERS 2" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Additional funding to expand and enhance the current state assessment program and ensure adequate test security aligned with best practices" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 6-4 with Mr. Zeck, Mrs. Dombrowsky, Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Hershberger voting no.

Health and Safety:

Mr. Porter moved to include "The legislative recommendations of the School Bus Stop Arm Violation Committee" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Hopkins moved to include "The efforts to reduce human trafficking in Kansas" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mrs. Arnold moved to include "The ongoing work and recommendations of the School Mental Health Advisory Council, including, but not limited to, bullying prevention; efforts for suicide prevention and awareness; and child abuse and neglect program" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mr. Hershberger moved to include "Conducting a study of the funding necessary to fully implement the Safe and Secure Schools grant program, including necessary staff" to the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no.

Mr. Hershberger moved to include "Expansion of the Farm to Plate initiative to support student and family access to healthy foods in local communities" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no.

Funding:

Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Only using public education funds for public schools" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Hershberger voting no.

Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Following state statute and moving towards funding 92% of the excess cost of special education" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Arnold moved to include "Opportunities to expand and fund early childhood and kindergarten readiness" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 7-2-1 with Mr. Zeck and Mrs. Hopkins voting no, Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mr. Porter moved to include "Funding transportation for all students in all unsafe situations, regardless of mileage" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Dr. Horst moved to include "Continued funding for the teacher apprenticeship program" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 9-0-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mr. Porter moved to include "Increased state support on bond and interest" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 8-1-1 with Mr. Zeck voting no and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mrs. Mah moved to include "Financial support for school districts to enhance and improve their cybersecurity efforts" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 8-1 with Mrs. Dombrosky voting no. Mrs. Arnold was out of the room.

Mrs. Mah moved to include "Support universal free meals for Kansas public school students" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion failed with Mrs. Dombrosky, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Hershberger, Mr. Zeck, Dr. Horst voting no. Mrs. Arnold was out of the room.

Education Policy Governance:

Mr. Porter moved to include

1. "The constitutional authority given to the State Board of Education, the Kansas Legislature, and the Governor"
2. "The governance responsibilities assigned to the Kansas State High School Activities Association"
3. "The authority of local boards of education"

in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 9-0 with Mrs. Arnold out of the room.

Mr. McNiece moved to include "Changing statute to provide equitable compensation for State Board Members in line with recent changes in Legislative compensation" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 7-1-1 with Mr. Hershberger voting no and Mrs. Dombrosky present not voting.

Mrs. Mah moved to include "Amending the student data privacy act to allow for data sharing to participate in research and evaluation of student outcomes" in the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Motion carried 7-3 with Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Dombrosky and Mr. Zeck voting no.