Kansas State Board of Education – March 11, 2025, Meeting

Action

TUES 1. AGENDA Passed 10-0
TUES 2. CONSENT AGENDA Passed 10-0
TUES 3. MINUTES Passed 10-0

TUES 7. FAFSA Mr. Hershberger moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the proposed amendments to its accreditation regulation KAR 91-31-35 removing the Free Application for Federal Scholarship Aid requirement for graduation. Roll call vote: Porter, Arnold, voted no; Dombrosky, O'Brien, Zeck, Hershberger, Hopkins, New, Potter and Haas voted yes. Motion carried 8-2.

TUES 8. ERC Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education accept the recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for educator preparation provider accreditations for Fort Hays State University and Wichita State University, and program approvals for Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University and Washburn University. Dr. New seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

TUES 15. PPC Mrs. Arnold moved that the Kansas State Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law in order to issue the license in 24-PPC-29. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

Travel Requests: Mrs. Dombrosky moved to approve the Board Travel Requests of February. Mrs. Haas seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. O'Brien was absent.

TUES. 16. Mr. Zeck moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve the appointment of Dr. Renee Nugent as Deputy Commissioner of Learning Services, Kansas State Department of Education. Mr. Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 9-0. Mrs. O'Brien was absent.

Receive Items

TUES 9. Receive request to contract with Kansas State University to support Kansas FFA (Future Farmers of America) Natalie Clark, Assistant Director, Career, Standards and Assessment Services
TUES 10. Receive request to contract with Kansas Association of Broadcasters for Public Service Announcements (PSA) to advertise summer meals, Kelly Chanay, Director, Child Nutrition and Wellness
TUES 13. Receive Item and Presentation: Seal of Literacy List, Science of Reading and Blueprint for Literacy, Shane Carter and Dr. Lane
TUES 14. Receive recommendations for funding Kansas Parents as Teachers grants for 2025-2026, Amanda Peterson, Director, Early Childhood

Presentations

- Legislative Update: Dr. Frank Harwood
- Commissioner's Report
- Recognition of 2024 National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Distinguished Schools: Sterling Grade School and Overbrook Attendance Center
- State Assessments, TAC Technical Advisory Committee: Dr. Cara Cahalan Laitusis, Senior Associate at the Center for Assessment
- Seal of Literacy, Science of Reading and Blueprint for Literacy: Shane Carter and Dr. Lane
- Final Report on ESSER Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds: Dean Zajic, Assistant Director, Special Education and Title Services
- Opt In/Opt Out Discussion led by Scott Gordon

Future Requests from Board Members

Mrs. Haas: leadership at administrative level with focus on teacher retention, messaging to schools about FAFSA
Mrs. Arnold: IPS presentation, especially looking at Derby
Mrs. Potter: How to access revenue/expense reports on the district level
Mrs. Dombrosky: Issues at the Kansas School for the Deaf (reading)
Mr. Zeck: Longitudinal Database

WEDNESDAY March 12, 2025: The State Board of Education visited the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe, and the Kansas State School for the Blind in Kansas City. Both schools provided tours and extensive reports on their activities, initiatives and students.