

State Board of Education Highlights September 2016

Commissioner's Report –

Commissioner Randy Watson announced appointees to the Blue Ribbon Task Force Teacher Supply and Vacancy Subcommittee:

USD 202-Turner: Deb Ayers-Geist

USD 282-DeSoto: Dustin Mortenson

USD 259-Wichita: Don Dome

USD 309- Nickerson South Hutch: Trissa McCabe*

USD 466-Scott City: Dr. Shawn Roberts

USD 501-Topeka: Jacquette Ramirez-Jennings

USD 509 South Haven: Lynn Archer

USD 542 Shawnee Mission: Monique Goodeyon*

* KNEA member

Annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program review, Jay Scott

KSDE's CTE team shared with the State Board of Education more about the CTE and how these programs help move towards the new vision. Lynette Yevak, chair of the Kansas Advisory Committee for CTE, shared revised Career Clusters, reviewed essential components of a quality career education, and gave targeted timetables for the development of related Individual Plans of Study (IPS) for students in all Kansas middle and high schools.

History/Government/Social Studies Assessment performance levels and cut scores

In August of 2016, the Kansas State Board of Education received performance level and cut score information for the Kansas College and Career Ready Assessments in History, Government, Social Studies, which will be applied to the 2016 assessments in grades 6, 8 and 11. The Board voted to approve these new cut scores 9-1, with Steve Roberts in opposition.

Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) regulations to Department of Administration

During the August meeting, the State Board had received a draft prepared by KSDE staff of amendments to ESI regulations. These changes include clarification that physical escort and time-out are not emergency safety interventions. The board voted 10-0 in favor of submitting the proposed amendments for review by the Department of Administration and the Office of the Attorney General. Once those reviews have been completed, the State Board will set a public hearing date for comments on the proposed regulations.

Kansas Curricular Standards for Library/Information and Technology

Field educators leading the review process for Library/Information and technology presented to the State Board the draft of standards being reviewed. The State Board will act on the proposed standards by December.

Advance Ed accreditation protocol and standards

Future recommendation to inform districts of their options for using Advance Ed Accreditation in conjunction with the newly adopted Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) possibly at the October or November State Board meeting.

Update on Transition to College Algebra Pilot Program

Melissa Fast, KSDE Math Consultant provided an update on the Transition to College Algebra pilot initiative. The goal of this project is to provide high school seniors one more opportunity to gain the math knowledge necessary to enter credit-bearing math classes at postsecondary institutions across the state.

PPC Recommendations: Based on recommendations from the Professional Practices Commission, the board approved the granting of four educator licenses and one license revocation.

The next Kansas State Board of Education meeting is scheduled for October 18 & 19, 2016