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Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER (II, and III) and EANS (I, and II)
Distribution of Money - Friday, October 8th, 2021

Call to Order

Chairman Porter called the meeting of the Commissioner's Task Force to order at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8th.

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

Approval of Agenda

Mike Argabright made a motion to approve the agenda for the October 8th meeting, and Tracy Callard seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Attendance:

The following Task Force members attended by video conference:

Jim Porter	Frank Harwood
Janet Waugh	Melissa Rooker
Adam Thomas	Mike Argabright
Pat Pettey	Nick Compagnone
Jason Winbolt	Janet Eaton
Roberta Lewis	Tracy Callard
Lisa Peters	Jamie Rumford
Simeon Russell	

Motion
(00:13:56)

Approval of October 1st Minutes

Adam Thomas made a motion to approve of the October 1st minutes, and Bert Lewis seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
(00:14:22)

EANS II: Application Status Update – Tate Toedman

(00:17:40)

Commissioner Watson started the meeting off by stating that the Federal Government issued guidelines for the use of EANS II; which states that a private school must have a 40 percent poverty rate or higher to be eligible for the funds. The Kansas State Dept. of Education has amended the poverty rate in our state’s application from 40 to 20 percent and we are awaiting approval from the Federal Government. All of the EANS II applications included in today’s material, are subject to the approval of our state’s EANS II application and the poverty threshold.

Tate mentioned that the EANS II application window closed on September 27th at 3:30 p.m. 26 EANS II applications were received and 1,304 individual requests totaling \$15,723,031 (including both eligible and ineligible requests). The majority of requests have been deemed eligible (81 percent; estimated at \$12.7 million). The 19 percent of requests deemed ineligible had an estimated value of \$3 million.

Majority of the requests came from smaller private schools with 22 applicants (85%) having 200 students or less. The largest pool of grades served is elementary (K-5th, K-6th and K-8th).

EANS II: Summary & Discussion of Requests Deemed Eligible by KSDE – Tate Toedman

(00:26:26)

With the requests deemed eligible, 4,684 students were represented, an average of \$489,699 was requested per school, and there is a \$2,718 value for each student (for the length of the program). The total of requests deemed eligible is \$12,732,301.

EANS II: Discussion of Requests Deemed Ineligible by KSDE – Tate Toedman

(00:32:22)

The KSDE review team deemed a total of \$2,990,852 ineligible. The ineligible requests fell into categories such as technology (30 percent), curriculum and professional development (21 percent), personnel (27 percent), social-emotional learning and mental health (6 percent) and sanitization (16 percent).

EANS II: Vote to Recommend Slate to Kansas State Board of Education – Tate Toedman

(00:51:43)

Jason Winbolt made a motion to conditionally approve the 26 EANS II applications (dependent on whether the United States Department of Education approves the change in poverty rate on our state’s EANS II application), and Bert Lewis seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment – Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting will occur on Friday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m.

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