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SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 2021 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Action

- Approved allowing computer science to count as a core math or science credit within Kansas' minimum graduation requirements.
- Accepted recommendations to change the accreditation status of USD 368 Paola and Our Lady of Unity from Conditionally Accredited to Accredited.
- Adopted findings of the Professional Practices Commission and denied the applications of individuals in two cases.
- Made appointments to the Professional Standards Board and the Special Education Advisory Council to serve terms from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024.
- Continued the Board's previously declared time of emergency whereby any person holding a five-year substitute teaching license or an emergency substitute teaching license with a baccalaureate degree may teach through June 30, 2022.
- Approved inclusion of a new section to the Kansas State High School Activities Association Bylaws stating "Amendments to general classification shall not be subject to revision for the first three school years following initial application."
- Accepted recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approved the submission of school district expenditure plans for ESSER II federal COVID-19 relief funds as presented (76 applications) plus four change requests.

Presentations and Reports

- An update was provided on dyslexia and struggling reader initiatives in Kansas, including the development of a common definition to clarify what dyslexia is and is not.
- Several student finalists from the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge attended the meeting to showcase their products and YEC presentations. Students talked about their challenges and newly acquired skill sets.
- Board members began discussions on Fiscal Year 2023 budget recommendations for education state aid programs. They also discussed the State Board's Constitutional authority and plans to prepare the Board's 2022 legislative priorities agenda. They will continue discussions this summer to identify ways to improve partnerships with all education stakeholders.

Next Meeting – July 13 and 14, 2021 in Topeka.

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