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SUMMARY OF THE JULY 2021 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MTG

Action

- Accepted recommendations of the Accreditation Review Council (ARC) to change the accreditation status of Hope Lutheran and St. Paul Catholic from Conditionally Accredited to Accredited; and to award the status of Accredited to Remington-Whitewater USD 206.
- Accepted the redesign plans of Apollo and Apollo II schools prepared to launch in 2021-22.
- Adopted findings of fact and conclusions of the Professional Practices Commission and denied the application of the individual in case 20-PPC-16.
- Established the regular monthly State Board meeting dates for 2022 and 2023:

2022		2023	
	January 11 and 12		January 10 and 11
	February 8 and 9		February 14 and 15
	March 8 and 9		March 14 and 15
	April 12 and 13		April 11 and 12
	May 10 and 11		May 9 and 10
	June 14 and 15		June 13 and 14
	July 12 and 13		July 11 and 12
	August 9 and 10		August 8 and 9
	September 13 and 14		September 12 and 13
	October 11 and 12		October 10 and 11
	November 8 and 9		November 14 and 15
	December 13 and 14		December 12 and 13

- Accepted the recommendations of the Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER and EANS Distribution of Money and approved the submission of change requests and school district expenditure plans for ESSER II federal COVID-19 relief funds as presented.
- Approved increasing the true up amount from \$600 to \$625 per student to utilize additional ESSER III federal COVID-19 relief funds.
- Approved the following State Board budget recommendations for state Fiscal Year 2023:
 - support amount of Base Aid for Student Excellence (BASE) as presented for 2022-23 at \$4,846. (BASE amount established in state law and approved by the Kansas Supreme Court).
 - support amount of Supplemental State Aid as presented to fund the law.
 - support Capital Improvement State Aid estimate as presented to fund the law.
 - support amount allocated for Capital Outlay State Aid to fund the law.
 - support amount allocated for Juvenile Detention Facilities as presented to fund the law.
 - recommend a five-year phase-in for Special Education State Aid at an additional cost of \$74,143,547 each of the five years to reach 92 percent of excess costs, which is current law.

- support amount allocated for Parents As Teachers to fund program at current level.
 - fully fund Mentor Teacher Program at an additional cost of \$1 million.
 - fully fund Professional Development at an additional cost of \$3.6 million
 - fully fund current law for Transportation (2.5 miles) at no additional cost.
 - meet federal maintenance of effort requirements for School Lunch at no additional cost.
 - reinstate funding for National Board Certification at previous level for additional cost of \$360,693.
 - support amount allocated as presented to fund Pre-K Pilot at current level.
 - recommend funding Career and Technical Education Transportation at 100 percent (2019-2020 level) at an estimated cost of \$1,482,338.
 - recommend not funding discretionary grants for afterschool and middle school programs (federal ESSER money available for afterschool programs)
 - recommend expanding Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot Program in 2022-23 at an additional cost of \$3 million.
 - recommend funding statewide dyslexia coordinator position from State General Fund at an additional cost of \$100,000.
 - request funding in the amount of \$35,000 EACH for Communities in Schools, Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education and Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.
 - Motion failed to fund anticipated increase costs of ACT contract for ACT and WorkKeys Assessment program.
 - No action was taken to make new recommendations for JourneyEd contract; Juvenile Transitional Crisis Pilot (Beloit); Kansas Safe and Secure Schools.
- Approved sending the proposed response letter from KSDE's Division of Fiscal and Administrative Services explaining federal requirements to the Division of the Budget and Legislative Research on expenditures of federal COVID-19 relief funds.
 - Accepted the State Board's response statement to Critical Race Theory Claims and approved forwarding it to interested parties.

Presentations

- Summary of data collected by the 229 systems that chose to voluntarily pause from accreditation requirements during the pandemic. Survey information focused on measuring academic growth and addressing social-emotional needs of students as well as staff.
- Twelve schools were announced for the Apollo III cohort of the Kansans Can School Redesign Project. They will build their school systems around the four pillars of redesign.
- Clay County USD 379 shared highlights of their summer learning program, including field trips, hands-on learning and activities to address social-emotional deficits.
- Highland Park (USD 501) student Jaqui Ortega shared her insight and a class project on social-emotional character development.
- Introduction to Sunflower Summer App and free activities for Kansas students.

Next Meeting – August 10 and 11, 2021.