

MINUTES



Commissioner's Task Force on ESSER (II, and III) and EANS (I, and II) Distribution of Money - Friday, November 5th, 2021

Call to Order

Chairman Porter called the meeting of the Commissioner's Task Force to order at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5th.

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

Approval of Agenda

Bert Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 5th meeting with flexibility (if needed), and Adam Thomas seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
(00:14:33)

Attendance:

The following Task Force members attended by video conference:

Jim Porter	Frank Harwood
Janet Waugh	Roberta Lewis
Pat Pettey	Tracy Callard
Adam Thomas	Brad Bergsma
Simeon Russell	Janet Eaton
Lisa Peters	Nick Compagnone
Mike Argabright	Adam Proffitt
Jamie Rumford	

Approval of October 8th Minutes

Janet Eaton made a motion to approve of the October 8th minutes, and Adam Thomas seconded it. Motion carried (14-0-1) with Adam Proffitt abstaining.

Motion
(00:14:59)

ESSER II: Application Status Update – Doug Boline

(00:15:36)

Doug Boline started the meeting off by stating that 272 out of 286 ESSER II plans (95%) have been submitted; 11 additional ESSER II plans currently in progress as of November 5th, 2021. After today's task force meeting (if all ESSER II plans are recommended to the State Board by the task force), it will bring the total amount of ESSER II plans to be presented to the State Board of Education to 272 (29 from today and 243 from previous TF meeting batches). The recommendations from today will be presented to the State Board of Education during their monthly meeting on November 9th and 10th, 2021.

ESSER II: Summary & Discussion of Requests Deemed Eligible by KSDE – Doug Boline

(00:19:12)

Doug mentioned that the 29 districts represented in today's batch have requested \$7.4 million total (95% of their total allocations). The average eligible expenditures (requested) per district (for this specific batch) range from \$51,925 to \$1,500,447; average amount per district is \$256,337. The eligible planned expenditures (for this batch) per student average range from \$279 to \$1,543; average amount is \$619.

ESSER II: Discussion of Requests Deemed Ineligible by KSDE – Doug Boline

(00:20:33)

The KSDE review team deemed one request as ineligible, which was submitted by USD 237 Smith Center. USD 237 Smith Center's specific request was \$12,000 for an ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) para. The KSDE review team did not see the COVID-19 relation with this request and mentioned that there is other funding sources available to the district to provide these services to students in need.

ESSER II: Discussion of Change Requests – Doug Boline

(00:21:17)

There were 23 districts that had submitted change requests and were included in the November 5th meeting material. The eligible expenditures for the 23 change requests totaled to \$20,295,181 (cumulative). The net change for the eligible requests will be \$3,007,050. Specific details regarding the batch of change requests can be found on the Commissioner's Task Force webpage located here - [Commissioner's Task Force \(ksde.org\)](https://ksde.org).

Vote to Recommend the ESSER II Application and Change Requests Slate to Kansas State Board of Education – Doug Boline

(00:25:11)

Bert Lewis made a motion to approve the ESSER II Applications and Change Requests (as presented) and Mike Argabright seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion**EANS II: Discussion of Ineligible Requests – Tate Toedman**

(00:28:10)

(00:28:18)

Tate Toedman went through the 32 EANS II requests that were originally deemed ineligible by the KSDE review team and pulled for further review by the Task Force during their October 8th meeting. The total for the ineligible requests is \$478,786. An in-depth discussion took place during this time regarding the EANS II ineligible requests.

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

Janet Eaton made a motion to approve the EANS II requests as presented excluding request 8, 10, 16, 17, and 24 for cleaning supplies, and 9, 27 and 32 as they are not eligible. Bert Lewis seconded it.

Bert Lewis made a motion to amend the original motion to add the cleaning supplies requests (requests 8, 10, 16, 17, and 24). Adam Thomas seconded it. Motion carried (11-1).

Frank Harwood made a motion to add item number 26 to the list of excluded items to the original motion. Janet Eaton seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

The Task Force then took a vote on Janet Eaton’s original motion as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment – Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m. The next meeting will occur on Friday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m.

Motion

(01:27:45)

Amended Motion

(01:30:21)

Second Amendment to Original Motion

(01:31:28)

(01:31:29)