



Tuesday, October 12, 2021

KCKPS-USD 500 Board Meeting

Awards & Recognition

The Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education was presented with two checks in the amount of \$160 and \$8,277 from the Metropolitan Baptist Church from funds that were raised from a benefit concert held on September 19th on behalf of the McKinney-Vento program. Lorretta Shields, CTE Teacher at Arrowhead Middle, School and the Executive Administrative Assistant to Dr. R. L. Baynham at Metropolitan Baptist Church was present for check presentation to the Board.

Communications

Dr. Anna Stubblefield, Superintendent of Schools shared a few topics covering:

- The hiring of Security Officers,
- Upcoming Listening and Learning Session dates,
- National Bullying Prevention Month and Dyslexia Awareness Month,
- KCKPS District celebration of Indigenous People Day,
- The recruitment of Nutritional Services employees.

Foundation for Excellence

Christal Watson, the Executive Director of the Foundation of Excellence, announced and recognized this year's 2021 *Reasons to Believe* Honorees: Thomas Alonzo, Porcia Block, Kayron Bradley, Susan Byrd, James McConnell, Darian Nave, Stan Parker, David Patterson, and Dayoonne Richardson

KCK Library

The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Director Carol Levers provided the Board with a report on the several events that were hosted during the past couple of months. Library in the Park event held on September 25, 2021 had 776 guests to attend, which included a book sale, take home craft kits, live music, library activity tables, and a vaccine clinic.



More than 300 patrons attended the 16th Annual Lawson Roberts Butterfly Festival held on September 18, 2021. The event included 4th and 5th grade students from six schools; Quindaro, Stony Point North, TA Edison, Noble Prentis and Lowell Brune.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the renewal of the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Grant Renewal (PAT). The contract between KDHE and Grantee provides evidence-based home visiting services in Wyandotte County. The funds are intended to improve the health and development outcomes for at-risk maternal, infant, and early childhood populations from birth through 5-years of age.

Also approved were the purchase of six New 71-conventional passenger school buses (KS Bus Purchasing Program) made available through the Kansas Bus Purchasing Program. The Kansas Bus Purchasing Program is designed to assist Kansas Unified School Districts in purchasing quality buses as part of efforts to upgrade fleet at competitive prices.

Also approved was a professional services contract with RSP & Associates to compile a present-day extensive demographic study that outlines student enrollment, comparability models and forecasting, development in the community, and extensive enrollment and residential projections.

The Board approved a proposal to digitize the historical documents and records maintained in the store room for the board library.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Education Association-Kansas City, Kansas regarding educational attainment. The MOU allows for teachers who qualified for a higher class by July 31, 2021, and provide the necessary notification to the Human Resources Department -as required under Article XII (A)(3) -be granted education attainment while both parties continue to negotiate to reach an agreement for the 2021-22 school year.

New Business

Environmental Scan/Academic Review Proposal - Dr. Anna Stubblefield

The Board of Education approved an agreement with the University of Kansas Center for



Research, Inc in the amount of \$65,000.

Board Updates & Approvals

The Board of Education voted to "highly encourage" all eligible staff and on-site volunteers to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or agree to weekly testing. The safety and health of our students, staff and the community were the driving force behind tonight's decision. All vaccinated staff members will be asked to file their immunization record on or before December 3rd, 2021.

The Board voted to approve an amendment of the District's Athletic Eligibility Policy to the following:

- Any High School or Middle School student below a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or any failing grades of "F" on the mid-quarter and quarter grade reports will be required to participate in the Student Support Plan (SSP) at his/her school site in order to practice or play.
- Students who do not follow their SSP will not be allowed to practice or play.

The Board approved the Wyandotte Health Foundation grant in the total amount of \$125,000. The funding will be used to create a trauma sensitive school district and build resilience within the youth served.

Board Reports

School Name Change Discussion - Dr. Anna Stubblefield

For the past few years, the nation has been undergoing a racial reckoning. Among other efforts, this has resulted in many schools changing their names and mascots. Racist school and mascot names are major aspects of school climate that leads to students feeling undervalued and underrepresented. Studies have shown that symbols and images have a direct impact on students' self-esteem and motivation.

Board Policy Discussion - Dr. Anna Stubblefield

In an effort to ensure that the KCKPS board policies and handbooks comply with applicable laws, the Board approved recommended changes to address recent school district legal and policy issues based on the KASB Policy updates.