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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION — MARCH 2019

Meeting. The State Board of Education met on March 28, 2019, in Des Moines. The meeting opened with public comment, a legislative update, and a report from Director Ryan Wise. The Director discussed the use of a voluntary statewide instructional rubric, the upcoming launch of the online work-based learning clearinghouse, and the new statewide assessment.

Hamburg Community School District. Prior to 2011, Hamburg Community School District operated as an independent school district. In 2011, the district entered into a whole grade sharing agreement with Farragut Community School District. Hamburg high school students attended Farragut and Farragut middle school students attended Hamburg. In 2016, Farragut Community School District was dissolved, and Hamburg high school students began to attend Sidney School District. Representatives from Hamburg Community School District presented enrollment, staffing information, and the impact of current flooding as part of their request to the Board to grant them high school accreditation, so they could reopen the high school in Hamburg. The Board asked questions and discussed accreditation scenarios and voted to not grant high school accreditation to Hamburg Community School District at this time.

Practitioner Preparation Program Approvals. Summaries of the reviews of the Morningside College traditional and alternative practitioner preparation programs were presented and discussed. The Board awarded full approval to both programs.

Governor Kim Reynolds. The Board and Governor Kim Reynolds discussed their goals and priorities for the State's education system and the role of education in the Future Ready Iowa initiative.

Career and Technical Education (CTE). The Department of Education has formed an advisory group to assist with transition plans for the fifth iteration of the federal Carl D. Perkins Act called the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, which goes into effect July 1, 2019. The law allows state-determined performance levels and the expansion of federal funds to be used for career exploration, development activities, comprehensive guidance, and academic counseling for all students, not just those enrolled in CTE.

Iowa Community Colleges Joint Enrollment. Highlights from the 2017-2018 Joint Enrollment Annual [Report](#) were presented. Joint enrollment has increased 2.3% from 2017 with 51,001 total enrollments.

Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency (MBAEA) Accreditation. Amy Williamson, Chief of the Bureau of School Improvement, spoke about the November 2018 accreditation site visit which was completed at the Board's request. The recommendation was given to grant conditional accreditation based on the following:

- The use of an outside expert mentor to provide leadership and financial guidance.
- Progress toward financial corrective actions to eliminate the negative ending fund balance and maintain an ongoing positive budget.
- The use of supports provided by the Department of Education to properly allocate resources.

The Board agreed to grant the MBAEA conditional accreditation and supported its decision to connect with the Iowa Association of School Boards to receive additional help and support.

Physical Education and Health Standards. The Physical Education and Health Standards Review Team presented its [report](#) to the Board for approval. The recommendations include voluntary standards to be used in physical education and health classes for students in kindergarten through high school. The Board adopted the physical education and health standards as presented in the report.

Additional Items: Additional items on the Board's agenda included approval of the renewal for the West Central Charter High School located in Maynard, approval of the accreditation of Iowa Lakes Community College, and approval of the annual budget for the Area Education Agencies (AEAs).

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the State Board of Education is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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