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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2020

Meeting. The State Board of Education met virtually on September 17, 2020. The meeting was preceded by a virtual work session to hear from six Iowa educator preparation programs and discuss how those programs prepare educators to provide equitable instruction to a diverse group of students.

Director Ann Lebo introduced Earl Whipple, the new Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Education, and discussed planned restructuring of the Department's organizational chart. Director Lebo also briefly discussed the following:

- Planned changes to the Grimes Building to provide better security and better accommodate staff as they return to working on site.
- An update on federal pandemic-related funding and potential recommendations from the Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board that could impact education.
- Development of a status quo budget request for FY 2022.
- Pending litigation with three school districts regarding return-to-learn plans.
- A special meeting scheduled for September 25, 2020, to discuss concerns related to the Davenport school district.

Board Action. The Board voted to approve the following:

- Notice of administrative rule changes regarding mandatory computer science standards.
- Notice of administrative rule changes eliminating the cap on part-time enrollment in Senior Year Plus programs and making technical changes regarding the Summer College Credit Program.
- Notice of administrative rules changes regarding community college accreditation and faculty qualifications to teach career and technical education classes.
- Two open enrollment appeal decisions involving the Des Moines and Red Oak school districts.
- The practitioner preparation program at Briar Cliff University.

Board Discussion. The Board received updates and discussed the following:

- A draft of the Board's Equity Statement of Principles and Goals.
- Board policy development priorities for FY 2021.
- The Diagonal Community School District accreditation and the status of correcting noncompliance items.
- The State's Perkins V plan to receive federal funds for career and technical education.
- The Annual Condition of Secondary Career and Technical Education Report.

Additional Information. The agenda and related documents are available [here](#).

Next Meeting. The Board will meet in special session on September 25, 2020, to discuss concerns related to the Davenport school district. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 18, 2020. Agendas and materials for the meetings will be posted [here](#).

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