

## **Missouri NEA Missouri State Board of Education Report**

*Notes from April 16, 2019 meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education  
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

### **Missouri NEA member Therese Shain, 2018-2019 Missouri Milken Educator**

Therese Shain was recognized by the Milken Family Foundation at an all-school assembly February 13, 2019. Ms. Shain, a special education teacher with Special School District of St. Louis County has worked at Bayless Elementary School since 2008. The Milken Educator Award is the nation's preeminent teacher recognition program. More than 2,700 exemplary teachers, principals and specialists have been surprised with individual, unrestricted \$25,000 prizes since 1987.

### **St. Louis Public Schools governance structure**

In February 2007, the State Board of Education, pursuant to authority under Missouri Revised Statute, adopted a resolution to reestablish the Transitional School District of St. Louis, effective March 25, 2007. The continuation of operations of the Transitional School District of St. Louis was authorized in May 2008, November 2010, April 2014, and, again in February 2016 (effective until June 30, 2019) by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education determined that the transitional district has accomplished the purpose for which it was established and is no longer needed. Areas of concern noted in 2007 have been addressed. The district has been classified by the State Board of Education as fully accredited since January 2017. The district's finances have steadily improved from a negative ending fund balance in 2010-11 to maintaining a positive ending fund balance for the past seven years. The district's leadership has remained stable under Superintendent Adams' tenure for the past ten years. Therefore, the State Board of Education approved the termination of the Transitional School District of St. Louis and return of district governance to the elected school board of education, effective July 1, 2019.

### **State Board of Education receives the final report on the K-12 Fine Arts Learning Standards**

The State Board of Education follows the process outlined in Section 160.514, RSMo, whenever the board develops, evaluates, modifies, or revises learning standards. In accordance with the law, the State Board convened two separate work groups (K-5 and 6-12) to develop and recommend new learning standards for Fine Arts. The State Board also solicited comments and feedback on the academic performance standards or learning standards from the Joint Committee on Education and from academic researchers. The Department received comments from these sources, as well as from educators and the public. The State Board held three public hearings and received public testimony at those hearings in January, August and December 2018. The public comment period was open from December 6, 2018 - January 31, 2019. The comments and feedback were incorporated into the work groups' final report where appropriate. The work groups revised the existing GLEs in dance, music, theater, visual arts and new media arts. The new media arts broaden the definition of art in animation, film and gaming along with GLEs in interactive and computer-based art-making.

## **State Board of Education receives updated report on MSIP 6 standards**

DESE explained the additions to the draft from the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was an addition to the section on Success-Ready Students: Beginning in high school, students demonstrate postsecondary readiness through any of the following:

- A combination of a career readiness assessment score that meets the state standard combined with an Industry Recognized Credential (IRC) or Career and Technical Education Certificate (CTEC).
- A combination of a college readiness assessment and an IRC or CTEC.
- A combination of a college readiness assessment score that meets the state standard.
- Successful completion of an advanced professional studies program, Registered Youth Apprenticeship, department approved internship, or other department-approved work-connected experience.
- Participation in the Pre-Employment Transition Service Program through Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Confirmed postsecondary employment, college application, or other postsecondary training, and military commitment.
- Completion of early college or associate degree or Core 42
- Completion of stackable credentials through career technical education.

## **Actions taken by the State Board of Education**

- Approved termination of the Transitional School District of St. Louis and return of district governance to the elected school board of education effective July 1, 2019.
- Approved the Fine Arts Learning Standards.
- Approved authorization of publication in the *Missouri Register* of an order of rulemaking to rescind Rule 5 CSR 20-400.250, Certificate of License to Teach Content Areas. The rule is being rescinded due to all content area certification requirements being contained within 5 CSR 20-400.510-20-400.680.
- Approved authorization of publication in the *Missouri Register* of an order of rulemaking to rescind Rule 5 CSR 20-400.280, Required Assessments for Professional Education Certification in Missouri. This rule is being rescinded due to current requirements being contained in 5 CSR 20-400.510-20-400.680.
- Approved authorization of publication in the *Missouri Register* of an order of rulemaking to amend Rule 5 CSR 20-400.540, Certification Requirements for Teacher Secondary Education (Grades 9-12). The rule is being amended to remove areas of Unified Science: Biology; Unified Science: Chemistry; Unified Science: Earth Science; Unified Science: Physics; and General Science. These areas have been removed due to low numbers of completers.
- Approved Authorization of publication in the *Missouri Register* of an order of rulemaking to amend Rule 5 CSR 20-100-670, relating to Virtual Instruction Program. This revision was necessitated by the passage of legislation in 2018.

## **In other business, the State Board of Education:**

- Received a legislative update.
- Received the FY 2020 Budget Report.
- Moved the report on Critical Needs Flexibility to the May meeting.

The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be May 14, 2019. Missouri NEA will be there! If you have any questions, contact Brent Fullington or Ann Jarrett at 800-392-0236. Details of state board agenda items can be found at <http://dese.mo.gov/state-board-education/agendas-minutes>.

Respectfully submitted,  
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