

Arizona State Board of Education

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Below are highlights from the State Board of Education's February 27th meeting. Recordings of prior meetings are on YouTube. The Board received public comment from numerous individuals particularly related to school safety grants administered by the Department of Education and the Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. The Board also received a presentation from the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) to explain the panel's structure, roles, and work.

<u>Uniform System of Financial Records</u>

The Board determined that the Pine Strawberry Elementary School District was not compliant with the Uniform System of Financial Records based on the findings of the Auditor General and directed the Department of Education to withhold 3% of the district's state aid until the Auditor general reports that the district is in compliance.

Certification Appeal

The Board denied the appeal for certification for reasons that do not involve immoral or unprofessional conduct, for Dr. Lori Riegel.

Move on When Reading Rulemaking

The Board opened rulemaking procedures for A.A.C. R7-2-318 related to Move on When Reading to conform with legislative changes.

Independent Accounting Responsibilities Rulemaking

The Board opened rulemaking procedures for A.A.C. R7-2-902 related to Independent Accounting Responsibility to conform with legislative changes.

Certification Actions

The Board took action to approve the voluntary surrender of educator certificates, approve the revocation of relevant educator certificates pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-534.04(C), and approve the Negotiated Settlement Agreements of educators. Additionally, the Board adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC) to revoke/suspend the certificates of relevant educators.

Meeting Schedule

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20th, 2023.