June 13, 2022

Below are highlights from the State Board of Education’s June 9, 2022 meeting. Recording of prior meetings are on YouTube.

**Social Media and Cell Phone Use Best Practices**
Legislation passed in 2021 requires the Board to "establish best practices for social media and cellular telephone use between students and school personnel, including teachers, coaches, and counselors."

The best practices adopted by the Board draws from existing policies established by Arizona public schools, national research, state discipline cases and public comment. The Board’s aim is protect student safety while ensuring educators and students can continue to make use of the technology that is essential to learning and the workplace.

Schools are encouraged, though not required, to adopt the best practices which can be reviewed https://azsbe.az.gov/resources/policies-resolutions-and-reports.

**Educator Discipline Lookup**
Prior to hiring both certified and non-certified educators, schools are required to check the Arizona Department of Education’s (ADE) public-facing and internal systems for possible discipline or open investigations for immoral or unprofessional conduct.

To assist schools, the Board is providing a list of many of the educators who were disciplined at the most recent meeting. Please note that this information is only a snapshot of most educators who were disciplined at the most recent Board meeting and does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for schools to check ADE’s systems described above prior to hiring. Because educators have the right to appeal their disciplinary action, there may be an approximately 30-day lag in reporting some disciplinary action. To view the list please use this link: https://c0abe837.caspio.com/dp/5a506000251753529c6846539a08

**Meeting Schedule**
The Board is planning a special meeting to be held the week of July 11th to approve performance levels for ACT and AzSCI. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 26th and 27th. This will include the Board’s annual retreat which will be held outside of Maricopa County most likely.