KASB LEGAL SERVICES

The School Board’s January 2020 Leadership Election and Meeting Designation

The Kansas Legislature passed Substitute for SB 130 which became effective April 25, 2019. This new law changed the date school boards elect their board president and vice-president and the date when the board sets its annual meeting dates, times, and location.

Background Information on SB 130

1. Before April 25, 2019, school boards elected their president and vice-president and set the board’s annual meeting dates and time at the first board meeting in July.

2. The intent of Sub. for S.B. 130 was to provide school boards with flexibility to determine if they want to elect their board leadership in January or give the board the option to designate another date at their January board meeting.

3. Boards must act to either elect or set the election date of their officers as well as pass a resolution to set their meeting dates at the first board meeting on or after the second Monday in January of 2020. If the board decides to continue to make these decisions at their July organizational meeting, they would still need to act at their January board meeting to specify the date when they will be made.

4. The law still requires the terms of officers shall be for one year. Board motions to elect these officers should specify they will serve in these roles for one-year or until a successor is elected.

The law now requires boards of education to decide when they are going to elect their board president and vice-president and set their meeting dates and times at the first meeting on or after the second Monday in January, which is January 13, 2020, or to select another date during the year at which to make these decisions.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS:

At the first meeting of the board on or after January 13, 2020, school boards must adopt a motion or resolution to elect their president and vice-president or vote to delay that decision to a specified date later in the calendar year.

1. If the board voted at their July 2019 meeting to extend the terms of their current president and vice-president until the January meeting or to elect them to serve until a successor is elected in the following calendar year with the goal of holding elections in January, then the board would need to elect the board president and vice-president at this meeting.

2. If the board chose to continue the practice of selecting their board president and vice-president in July or select another month for so doing, then the board would need to adopt a motion or a resolution designating a meeting date in 2020 as the date to elect board officers.
SETTING MEETINGS DATES, TIME AND LOCATION:

On January 13, 2020 or the first board meeting thereafter, school boards must either pass a resolution to set the dates, times, and location for their meeting or pass a motion or resolution to make that decision at a specified later date in 2020.

The board can use the attached resolutions.

Please feel free to call the KASB legal staff at 1-800-432-2471 if you have any questions.